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## FIRST LOT HOGS SHIPPED MONDAY

Twenty-two Farmers Receive \$3,667.24 For 163 Head Sold in Richmond; Hogs Were Loaded in Smithfield

Monday of this week saw the first shipment of hogs to leave Johnston county this season. These hogs were loaded in Smithfield and came from various sections of the county. This shipment consisted of 163 head weighing 32,750 pounds and belonging to twenty-two different farmers. These hogs were sold in Richmond Tuesday and brought a total of \$3,667.24, which is the net sum received by the farmers for these hogs. J. B. Slack, county agent, went to Richmond and attended to the selling of these hogs.

This is the first of several shipments that will be made from the county this spring. Another shipment will be made within the next two or three weeks.

Most of the hogs being shipped are demonstration fed and a complete record is being kept of the amount of feed used and the gains made. These records show that most of the men who are feeding hogs will receive a profit of from four to six dollars for every 100 pounds gain that these hogs put on. At the present price of hogs those farmers feeding hogs in this way are receiving a little more than \$1.50 per bushel for their corn.

## WOMANS CLUB ACTIVE DURING PAST YEAR

The Smithfield Woman's club held its annual business session at the club room Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. Annual reports were made by the chairmen of the various departments and by the treasurer which show that the club is an active force in the community. The treasurer's report showed that \$615.09 was expended by the club during the past year, \$411.25 of which was invested in Building and Loan. The amount shown to be in the tuberculosis sale fund on March 4, was \$54.46. Of the total amount in the fund, \$26.89 had been previously sent to Dr. McBrayer for state and national work, and \$50 had been spent locally. The club has on deposit in a savings account \$429.67. The club during the year increased its shares in building and loan from 25 to 40. Among the expenditures for the year was for a set of reference books donated to the school library. The report of the civics department was outstanding for its work in the two cemeteries, and also for conducting a yard and garden contest.

The membership of the club for 1929-30 totaled about eighty. After the reports were heard, Mrs. H. B. Marrow, chairman of the nominating committee, took the chair, and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President, Mrs. H. L. Skinner; vice-president, Mrs. A. H. Rose; recording secretary, Mrs. W. Ryal Woodall; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. S. Stevens; treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter; chairman literary department, Mrs. D. H. Creech; library, Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt; civics, Mrs. Kirby Rose; American Home, Mrs. W. H. Lyon; social service, Mrs. T. S. Ragsdale; club committee, Mrs. E. J. Wellons.

Before the club adjourned, Mrs. D. H. Jones gave a demonstration of a special type can opener, and a scissors and knife sharpener. The club voted to purchase a can-opener.

## St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

There will be services at St. Paul's church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and Sunday evening at 7:30.

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## Shop-Girl Peers



Lady Doria Lois Pelham-Clinton-Hope, daughter of the Duke of Manchester, worked for several months behind the counter in a New York store without disclosing her identity.

## CO. BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT HERE

Four Oaks Boys Win Over Selma In Class A; Wilson's Mills Boys Defeat Cleveland In Class B; Corinth-Holders Girls Win Over Princeton

The Johnston county basketball tournament participated in by teams from the long term schools of the county ran off in a smooth and efficient manner at the armory here last week, the final games being played Saturday night in the presence of a large crowd. County Superintendent H. B. Marrow presented loving cups on Saturday night to the championship teams, Four Oaks boys winning over Selma in Class A with a score of 34-21, Wilson's Mills boys winning over Cleveland in Class B, and Corinth-Holders girls winning over Princeton.

The Class A group for the boys embraced six teams—Four Oaks, Selma, Princeton, Micro, Smithfield, and Corinth-Holders. The loving cup which now goes to Four Oaks had been held for two years by the Princeton team. The school which holds the cup for three years in succession is allowed to keep it. The boys constituting the winning teams which played in the finals for this group were: W. Massengill, Williams, R. Massengill, and Eandy. Substitutes: Hockaday, Barbour, Upchurch, Allen, Stanley, Moore and Lewis.

Class B group for the boys included Cleveland, Pine Level, Wilson's Mills and Meadow. It was the third season that the Corinth-Holders girls team had gone to the finals. Princeton was also the finals' opponent last year when Princeton won. Miss Matilda Johnson coached the Corinth-Holders championship team this year which included: Misses Rachelle O'Neal, Swannanoa Eason, Imogene Cooke, Sadie Hought, Grace Richardson, Viola Harris, Beatrice Eason and Annie Milta Nowell.

The committee from the association of school principals in charge of the tournament was composed of Harry Kellar of Corinth-Holders, O. A. Tuttle of Micro and H. Bueck of Selma. This committee commends very highly the work of the referees for these games which were played Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon and night and Saturday. The referees were: Delma Brown of Smithfield, Noble Peedin of Selma, and Mr. Neighbors of Kenly.

## DR. POTEAT TO BE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, of Wake Forest College will speak at the Baptist church here next Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. He comes on invitation of the church to discuss church music and hymnology, a field in which he is a recognized authority, having written a book on the subject. He is himself a finished musician and a vocalist of a high order, and it is expected he will sing at both services. It is understood that the Methodist congregation will call in their evening service in order to hear Dr. Poteat, and a general invitation is given to all the congregations not having services to take part in the service with a view to boosting the cause of good music in the churches. Church choirs are specially invited.

It will be recalled that Dr. Poteat delivered the commencement address here last spring, and he is remembered as a speaker of uncommon ability.

## SUPREME COURT RENDERS DECISION

Rules In Favor Board of Education In Budget Controversy Appealed From Superior Court

The Supreme court of North Carolina handed down a decision Wednesday in the case: Board of Education of Johnston county vs. the Board of County Commissioners, upholding the decision of Judge N. A. Sinclair, who heard the case in Superior court last fall and who ruled in favor of the board of education. This controversy between the two county boards concerned the amount needed to operate the six months schools of the county. H. V. Rose, clerk of the Superior court of Johnston, first heard the case, and decided in favor of the board of education. An appeal was taken to the Superior court, where again the decision favored the education board, and an appeal was made to the Supreme court. The case was heard in Supreme court on February 19, and its decision was rendered Wednesday of this week. Judge W. J. Adams writing the opinion. This is the first case of the kind to come before the Supreme court, and the decision is therefore of interest.

The board of education was represented by Abell and Shepard, and Mr. Shepard, the junior member of the firm argued the case before the Supreme court. The board of county commissioners was represented by James Raynor, Ezra Parker and W. H. Lyon, and Mr. Lyon argued the case before the Supreme court. Since the case involved state funds, Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general, appeared as amicus curiae, but neither of these made any argument in the Supreme court.

The opinion as written by Judge Adams is as follows: "On July 10, 1929, the plaintiff submitted to the defendant a proposed budget of the necessary expenses of operating the public schools of Johnston county for a term of six months. The defendant rejected the budget in part and suggested certain reductions. The parties held a joint session on August 6, 1929, the plaintiff voting to adopt the budget and the defendant to amend it. The clerk of the Superior court was called upon to act as arbitrator of the issues raised by the disagreement. C. S. 5608. The clerk held that the amount proposed in the budget was essential to the maintenance of the schools and ordered the defendant to levy a tax sufficient for this purpose. The defendant appealed to the Superior court and the jury under a directed instruction found in response to the issue that \$10,175.00, the amount in controversy, was needed to maintain the schools for a term of six months. Judge Sinclair rendered judgment that the defendant levy a tax sufficient, with sums received from other sources, to produce the following amounts: for current expenses \$399,348.89; for capital outlay \$3,550.50; for debt service \$156,176.46. The three items aggregating \$559,176.46, C. S. 5596. The defendant excepted and appealed to this court. To prevent delay beyond a reasonable time for levying the tax, the judge directed the defendant to levy a tax for the ensuing year at a rate sufficient to raise \$156,176.97 for the debt service fund and an amount, which with funds derived from other sources, would total \$405,541.15, which was the current expense fund for the previous year. The defendant excepted and appealed.

"The presiding judge made this order pursuant to the authority conferred by section 5609. In consequence the defendant levied a tax sufficient to produce a debt service fund and current expense fund in excess of the amount which would have been collected for these purposes under the budget. The tax, or a large part of it, has been collected and applied to the support of the schools and the term of six months has almost expired. A new trial or a reversal of the judgment would not alter these conditions. The appeal therefore raises a question which is abstract or academic. It would be useless to consider the bare question whether there was error in ordering the levy of a school tax which has been collected and paid out. It is the custom of appellate courts to disregard matters which have no relation to concrete fact. Wikel v. Commrs., 120 N. C., 451; Harrison v. Bryan, 146 N. C., 315; Pickler v. Bd. of Education, 149 N. C., 221; Wallace v. Wilkesboro, 151 N. C., 614; Moore v. Monument Co., 166 N. C., 11; Kil-

## REGULAR SESSION CO. COMMISSIONERS

Routine Business Characterizes First Monday Meeting; Rocky Mount Auditing Firm Selected to Audit County Books

The Johnston county board of commissioners met in regular session here Monday, March 3, with the following members present: J. T. Edgerton, chairman; J. T. Creech, M. B. Pleasant, L. D. Mitchell and E. R. Temple. The session was characterized by routine business, consisting mostly of tax releases, approving of bills, and consideration of outside pauper calls.

Among the tax releases were the following: Ordered that Mrs. Jesse C. Ellis be released of 350 valuation prior to May 1929, timber having been cut on the property.

Ordered that D. H. Wallace, in Boon Hill township be released of \$450 valuation for 1929 taxes, the timber on the property having been cut.

Ordered that D. C. Rhodes be allowed a release of \$250 valuation in 1929, timber having been cut on the land.

At the special meeting held on February 17, certain corrections in the listing of land belonging to Miss Bettie E. Vinson were ordered made. It appearing to the board that a tract on record as being 231 acres, contains only 206 1/2 acres, and that a tract listed as being 230 acres, consists of only 220 acres, it was ordered that this property be listed correctly and tax reduction be made accordingly.

At this same meeting, it was ordered that the Skinner warehouse be reduced \$4,000 on account of machinery being moved. The auditing of the county books was awarded to James M. Williams and company of Rocky Mount.

It was ordered that the county auditor be instructed to have auditor check out 1928 delinquent tax collector.

## Enjoys Early Radishes.

Mr. F. H. Brooks, one of Smithfield's best gardeners, has been enjoying early radishes from his garden for several days. He sowed the seed early and has kept the young plants protected by canvas. Mr. Brooks states that he has lettuce up and it is growing nicely. Some of his strawberries are blooming, but he is afraid the recent cold snap has not been good for them. Although Mr. Brooks is one of Smithfield's foremost gardeners, he believes in a live-at-home garden, and has one every year.

## WELL KNOWN COLORED MAN PASSES AWAY

On February 10 Walter Lassiter, a well known negro mechanic and brick mason died at his home here at the age of 59. His trade had brought him in contact with numbers of white people, as well as those of his own race, and he was highly respected by those who knew him. He was sick about four months before his death. He was a prominent member of the Piney Grove Baptist church, and he built the church of which he was a member.

Prices on the tobacco markets of Columbus county averaged four cents a pound above the price received last season and farmers expressed satisfaction at the outcome.

Patrick v. Harvey, 170 N. C., 668; Glenn v. Culbreth, 197 N. C., 675.

"We do not mean to say that there was error in the judgment. In objecting to the budget the defendant proposed reductions amounting to \$25,275.62. The plaintiff agreed that this amount should be reduced by deducting \$14,000 as the charge for fire insurance; and the defendant agreed that from its proposed reductions the items of \$500 and \$600.62 should be eliminated. The remaining question was whether the difference (\$10,175) was needed to maintain the schools for six months and it was determined under an issue which was submitted to the jury. Under the last clause of section 5608 the jury was permitted to consider "all papers and records relating to the case," including the verified budget. It is contended by the plaintiff that there is no exception to the admission of the papers and records, no competent evidence to impeach the items embraced in the issue, and that the directed instruction was correct. In any view of the record we find no error."

## CLEAR CALENDAR OF NUMBER CASES

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Paul A. Creech For Murder and Brad Massengill For Assault With Intent To Kill

The calendar of the criminal term of Superior court in session here this week and presided over by Judge Clayton Moore has been cleared of a number of cases. Perhaps a dozen cases have been non-pressed, and a number have come up for trial. In quite a number of cases the defendants have been called and failed.

Those cases that have been tried include the following:

State vs. Sylvester Horton, colored, charged with larceny. Horton was found guilty and sentenced to jail for a term of two years and assigned to work the roads of Johnston county.

State vs. Lonnie Bagley charged with larceny of watch, property of T. E. Talton. The defendant was found guilty and sentenced to jail for six months and assigned to work the roads.

State vs. Lump Matthews, charged with operating car while drunk. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and was taxed with the cost.

State vs. Jim Moore, colored man of Wilson's Mills, charged with assault with deadly weapon on Remus Frazier. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and the defendant was sentenced to jail for eight months to be assigned to work the roads. This judgment is to remain suspended until the December 1930 term of court, at which time the defendant will be discharged provided he shall have paid the cost of this action. His appearance bond was fixed at \$200.

State vs. Mrs. Rufus Allen and Herman Strickland, charged with false pretense. It appearing to the court that these actions grew out of a controversy over a debt, the plaintiffs were permitted to enter a plea of guilty as to trespass, which plea was accepted by the state, and the defendants were discharged upon a payment of the debt.

State vs. Arthur McLamb, charged with assault with deadly weapon. The defendant waived jury trial and submitted the case on the facts to the court. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

State vs. John McLain, colored, charged with larceny of an automobile on February 8, 1930, the value of said car being \$500. The jury could not agree on a verdict and the court declared it a mistrial. He then entered a plea of guilty of trespass which was accepted. He was discharged upon a suspended sentence.

State vs. Alonzo Parrish, David Capps, Millard Pilkington and Harvey Pendergraft, all of Selma, charged with larceny of tobacco. Parrish, Capps and Pendergraft each appeared and entered a plea of guilty. Judgment was deferred until the end of the term of court. Pilkington was not in custody.

State vs. Claud Evans, charged with trespass. Jury trial was waived. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost and he was given until December term to pay cost. The defendant is to reappear at said term under present bond.

State vs. Rob Stanley, charged with forgery. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

During the week, the Grand Jury returned true bills against Paul A. Creech for the murder of Garland Price on February 3, 1930, and against Brad Massengill for assault with intent to kill O. H. Barefoot.

## Preaching Appointments.

Appointments for Elders W. H. Oaks and W. T. Osborne are as follows: Angier, Monday, March 10, at night. Rebooth, Tuesday, March 11, at 11 o'clock. Salem, Wednesday, March 12, at 11 o'clock. Smithfield, Wednesday, March 12, at night. Four Oaks, Thursday, March 13, at 11 o'clock. Benson, Thursday, March 13, at night. Bethel, Friday, March 14, at 11 o'clock. Fellowship, Saturday, March 15, at 11 o'clock. Angier, Sunday, March 16, at 11 o'clock. Coats, Sunday, March 16, at night.

## Birth Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lee of Four Oaks, route 4, announce the birth of a son on February 27. Mrs. Lee was before her marriage Miss Lethea Coates.

## AMERICA RICHEST NATION OF WORLD

Average Wealth of Each Man, Woman, and Child in United States Is \$3,000 In Actual Property

By CALEB JOHNSON

We are the richest people in the world. Almost everybody knows that, but few realize just how rich we are and what our wealth consists of.

The National Industrial Conference Board has just figured it out. The national wealth of the United States is \$360,100,000,000. Three hundred and sixty billion, one hundred million! The figure is too large for anyone to grasp. Nobody ever saw that much money. There never was any such amount as that in money anywhere in the world at any time.

It would take a whole year for a thousand regiments of a thousand men each, every man collecting a thousand dollars a day, to gather so much money together, even if it existed.

But the figure of the Conference Board leaves out money entirely. Wealth is one thing, money is another. Money is merely a symbol of wealth. Counting all of the Treasury notes, Federal Reserve notes, National Bank notes, gold certificates, silver certificates and gold, silver and copper coins, we have only about five billion dollars of money in circulation in America. That is all we need for the purpose of exchanging one form of wealth for another. The rest of our business is carried on by means of bank checks and credits. But what makes our money worth its face value is the wealth behind it, nearly \$72 of assets back of every dollar in circulation.

There are no very exact figures of the wealth of other nations. The total assets of the entire British Empire, including Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India and the rest of the British possessions, was estimated a few years ago at about one half of the present American figures, and no other nation begins to compare with ours.

The biggest single item in the list of things which make up our national wealth is real estate. Land and improvements in the United States are valued at \$198,100,000,000, more than half of the total wealth. That does not include real estate owned by railroads and public utilities.

Those institutions, together with shipping and canal facilities, account for another \$4,900,000,000 of land value, with improvements worth \$22,100,000,000 and equipment which has a value of an additional \$12,500,000,000.

Farms and factories, including all property and equipment, constitute \$27,200,000,000 of our national wealth, according to this latest survey.

Manufactured and natural products total \$40,600,000,000. This includes everything from carpets to gold in the mine blocked out but not yet mined.

Personal property constitutes about one-ninth of the total wealth. Furniture, clothing, jewelry and items of that sort owned by the people of the United States are worth \$44,700,000,000. And that doesn't include automobiles, which are a comparatively small part of the whole. Less than ten billion dollars covers the present value of the nation's automobiles.

Gold and silver bullion—that is gold and silver which have not been coined or made into jewelry, tableware or other commodities—held in the United States is worth around \$9,000,000,000. More than half of that is gold held by the United States Treasury, the Federal Reserve Bank and other banks as a reserve against currency. This gold reserve alone constitutes the largest amount of the precious metal ever gathered under one flag in the history of the world.

Out of the entire volume of national wealth about one-sixteenth, or \$23,000,000,000 worth, is exempt from taxation. This includes all property used for public purposes by the Federal, state and local governments, and the property of religious, charitable and educational institutions exempt by law from taxation.

The total wealth of the country, divided by the number of inhabitants, gives us the average per capita wealth. And this is also far in excess of that of any other nation, amounting to around \$3,000 for every man, woman and child.

The wealth is unequally distributed among the states, however. Nevada has the greatest wealth per person, not because it has the smallest population, for there are seventeen states having fewer inhabitants, but because of the im-

## TO DISCUSS TAX REDUCTION HERE SATURDAY.

Fred P. Parker, Jr., of Goldsboro, prominent young attorney, will speak in the courthouse here Saturday afternoon immediately following an address by Dr. Clarence Poe. Mr. Parker, representing the Tax Reducing League of Goldsboro, will discuss tax reduction. It is the aim of this league to organize Eastern Carolina into a protective association. A large audience of men and women and especially landowners is desired. The public is cordially invited.

## LIGHT DOCKET IN RECORDERS COURT

Few Cases Tried This Week In Local Court; Several Fines and Road Sentences

A light docket was disposed of in Recorder's court here on Tuesday of this week. The following cases came up for trial:

Andrew Sanders was found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Herbert Fowler received an eight months road sentence for possession and transportation. He is to be discharged at the end of six months if the cost is paid.

H. P. Perry was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for operating a car while intoxicated. The defendant was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during the next 90 days.

Marvin Stokes was found guilty of violation of the prohibition laws and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Oscar Creech, convicted of possession and transportation, received a 60 day road sentence. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost. He was given time in which to pay.

Sam Clark was found guilty of abandonment and non-support. He was sentenced to the roads for eight months, the sentence to be suspended during good behavior and upon condition that he provide adequate support for his family. He was given time in which to pay.

Harvey Coley was sent to the roads for 90 days for larceny of license plate. He is to be discharged at the end of 60 days if the cost is paid.

Jake Johnson was in court on a capias for the non-payment of the cost in a previous case. He was ordered confined to jail for a term of 60 days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston county.

## Presbyterian Services.

Rev. A. G. Link of Raleigh, will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at Oakland church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

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## PRISONER FALLS TO DEATH FROM JAIL

Negro, Dean Gaffney, In Jail Charged With Murder Meets Death In Attempt to Escape From Prison

Whether justice has been meted out or not is a question, but there is one case less on the criminal docket of Johnston county Superior court because of the tragic ending of Dean Gaffney, colored, who met death instantly sometime Monday night as he attempted to break jail where he had been confined pending trial for the murder of a negro, Johnston Hayes, in Selma, in May, 1927.

Tuesday morning about five-thirty o'clock, J. W. Weaver, who fires the furnace at the courthouse, went out to empty some ashes, when he found the dead body on the courthouse square on the east side of the building. Blankets and sheets tied together three or four feet of which dangled from a window on the top floor of the courthouse told the story. In an effort to make his escape the rope of blankets had given way and he had fallen a distance of about forty feet to a cement pavement below. A pool of blood indicated the spot where he hit the pavement, but the body was found a few feet away where evidently, the negro had managed to crawl before he expired.

Mr. Weaver gave the alarm and the corner, Dr. G. E. Parker of Benson was sent for. An inquest, however, was deemed unnecessary, and the body was turned over to the colored undertaker here to prepare for burial. In accounting for the attempted jail breaking, the jailer, W. T. Davis, stated that on Monday the prisoners were released from their cells and allowed to be at large in the corridors of the jail while the cells were being scrubbed. When the prisoners were re-confined, he failed to check up on Gaffney who remained in hiding until night when he planned to escape, in the execution of which plan he met his death.

Gaffney, who killed Hayes in 1927 had never been arrested until a few weeks ago when he was apprehended in Richmond, Va., and brought here to answer to a charge of murder. One of the last acts of the Grand Jury before adjournment Monday afternoon, was to return a true bill against the negro charging him with murder.

The occurrence created considerable interest among persons who came to town Tuesday and even Wednesday and crowds were to be found at the scene of the tragedy throughout those days.

## JESSE ELLINGTON'S COPY WINS AWARD.

Jesse Ellington, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Ellington of this city, is given credit by "Editor & Publisher" for writing advertising copy that helped to win the Harvard award for Cyrus Curtis. According to this publication, "The Squibb advertisement which won recognition for its effective use of a display line was written by Jesse Ellington of the Copy Department of N. W. Ayer Son, Advertising Agency, of Philadelphia. The line 'The cry that will wake any mother' is held to contain great human appeal."

## Freewill Baptist Church.

Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:30. F. C. Fitzgerald, superintendent.

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night at 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Alford. Special music by male quartette at night service.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

## Aunt Roxie Says

"Some of dese movie gals have a mighty reel look."

