

P. L. Rea Found Guilty; Atkinson Turns State Evidence

Clerk of Court Gives Explanation

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. C. McGowan spent Sunday in Bethel.

Smoot Smith spent Sunday in Greenville.

Dr. R. L. Whitehurst was in Rocky Mount Saturday.

R. W. Johnston and Lue Read were in Cherry Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edmonds were in Evans Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Swain of Durham was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Barhill of Everett spent Monday in town.

Everett Burgess of Elizabeth City was in town this week.

Sheriff Reid and Lue Read were in Greenville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Horne spent Sunday in Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor spent Sunday in Rich Square.

Rev. W. G. Lowe spent a few days of this week in Durham.

C. T. Roberson and Lue Read were in Greenville Wednesday.

Misses Elizabeth Ramsey and Francis Warren spent Sunday in Conetoe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark and family spent the week-end in Norfolk.

Mrs. P. M. Arps spent the week-end with her parents in Columbia.

Miss Lenore Stone spent the past week-end with her parents in Grifton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Jackson of Rosemary spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Norman left Wednesday to spend a few days in Norfolk.

Miss Evelyn Cahoon of Greenville spent the week-end here with her mother.

Miss Sallie B. Dickens of Enfield is spending this week with Mrs. C. V. W. Ausbon.

Quite a number of out of town lawyers have been attending court here this week.

Major W. S. Privott of Edenton has been in town this week on professional business.

Judge William L. Grady of Clinton has been holding Superior Court here this week.

Mr. Bobby Martin returned home last Friday from an extended trip around the world.

O. H. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Hubble and Miss Betty Coburn were in Rocky Mount Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Ausbon left today for Raleigh and Clayton, where she will visit friends and relatives.

Gordon and James Norman of State College, Raleigh, spent the week-end here with their parents.

Onward Davis Lloyd E. Gilbert and Miss Margaret Ward Jackson were in Williamston Sunday.

Misses Esther Tarkington and Miriam Morgan of Hertford were the week-end guests of Mrs. J. S. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Winslow, Mrs. Nell Winslow and Miss Helen White of Greenville spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Williford, and Mesdames Minnie Johnston and Jewel Ayers were in Washington Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon left Monday for Rocky Mount where Mrs. Lyon is under treatment at Parkview hospital.

IS IT INDEPENDENT?

The word "Independent" seems a sweet morsel under the tongues of our Republican politicians, but so far it has proved a misnomer. Just used to fool folks.

A few years ago a newspaper was financed by them here under this name, but under the abject slaying of republican domination and dictation it soon died.

And now comes out a county ticket under the name "Independent" with all the earmarks of republicanism. We say this advisedly since observing that the candidates are none opposing a regular republican, and that they have been habitually conferring and "hobnobbing" with the republican candidates during the campaign, seeming to look to them as their campaign managers.

Maybe we are wrong, we hope that we are, for there are some mighty good men on this ticket. The answer will be given next Tuesday, when it will be seen whose names will be solicited to fill the blanks upon their ballot.

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mr. Jesse Smith of Pinetown was a visitor in this community Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Nichols of Durham held services at Oak Grove church Sunday.

Mr. Jack Swain of Raleigh spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Henrietta Swain.

Mr. Linwood Cook of Newbern spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Roland Spruill.

Mr. C. L. Everett and Rev. Mr. Nichols attended service at Mount Pleasant church Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of Rehoboth members attended the fourth quarterly conference in Creswell Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and daughter, Margie, attended services at the W. E. Church in Roper Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. Everett and family, Mrs. Matilda Aumack and Mrs. M. J. Elliott were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Chesson Sunday afternoon.

Miss Esther Tarkington of Portsmouth, Va., Miss Miriam Morgan of Hertford, Misses Miriam Ausbon, Evelyn Brown, Margaret Brown and Mrs. W. F. Ausbon were visitors at the home of Mrs. C. V. White Sunday.

Nearly 80,000 disabled veterans are assisted by the American Red Cross on an average every month. Care of the disabled veteran is a foremost responsibility of the Red Cross, in which the people can share by joining its ranks during the Tenth Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 25.

The American Red Cross is the official agency of the United States for disaster relief at home or abroad. Join during the Tenth Annual Roll Call from November 11 to 25 and share its services.

Mrs. Claude Read moved this week in the house in Washington street formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson.

Mesdames Mable Leggett and A. R. Dupree were called to Norfolk Thursday on account of the illness of Mrs. C. L. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Latham, Mrs. Ruth Litchfield and children of Raleigh and Mr. Roy Litchfield of Creswell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Brinkley Sunday.

HALLOWE'EN AT ALBEMARLE

A very attractive Hallowe'en party was given at Albemarle school on Friday night, October 22nd, sponsored by Misses Mary Brinson and Mary Spruill.

A color scheme of orange and black was carried out effectively. Pumpkins, autumn leaves, black cats, witches, owls, bats and autumn cornstalks were used as decorations. Overhead were festoons of orange and black streamers caught with Jack O' Lanterns at intervals.

The fun began by two ghosts meeting the guests at the door and ushering them in to be measured, admission being a penny a foot. There were many attractions consisting of side shows, fish pond Bingo, fortune telling and several appropriate contests. A cake was sold by votes and won by Miss Mary Brinson.

Punch, ice cream and candy were served throughout the evening.

The proceeds, which amounted to \$71.00, will go for the benefit of Albemarle school.

Quite a number of people from Newbern, Plymouth, Roper, Mackeys, Creswell and Columbia were in attendance and pronounced it a most delightful event.

WESTOVER NEWS

Miss Mildred Robbins is visiting relatives near Jamesville.

Mr. Dossie Jenkins has recovered from a slight attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Barton Sitterson spent the past week-end with friends in Williamston.

Mr. Lee Rawlins of Norfolk, Va., has returned home after spending a few days with Mr. Clyde Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swain and little son Jack, Jr., of Plymouth were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Robbins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Davenport and children and Mrs. Sarah Sitterson and grandson, Walter Gilmer Bateman, spent Sunday with friends in Williamston.

SCOUND SIDE NEWS

Mrs. Hugh Patrick has been very ill for the past week.

Miss O'la Chesson spent Saturday with Miss Blanch Collins.

Mrs. Sallie Hartley spent Saturday night with Mrs. E. W. Patrick.

Mrs. Frank Tarkenton was the guest of Mrs. Mary Dunbar this past week.

Miss Elizabeth Hartley spent Monday night with her friend, Miss Connie Stillman.

Mrs. Frank Tarkenton and daughters entertained quite a number of their friends Monday.

Mr. Rolan Chesson returned home Monday from Lee Hall, Va., and will spend the winter with his parents.

Mr. Earl Simpson of Lee Hall, Va., spent the past week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Simpson.

Mrs. F. H. Jethro and Mrs. John R. Stillman and children were the guest of Mrs. Joe Pritchard Thursday.

MRS. BLOUNT ENTERTAINS

The home of Mrs. Joe Blount, near Mackey's, was the scene of a pleasant meeting on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Blount entertained the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club. The living room was attractively decorated with autumn flowers and a huge log fire added cheerfulness to the occasion.

Mrs. W. H. Clark, the president, presided over the meeting. Mrs. B. G. Campbell, chairman of the finance committee, reported that the "Trip around the World" had been a highly successful entertainment and from which the club had cleared the sum of \$31.57. The club gave a rising vote of thanks to those who helped to make the entertainment a success.

The president appointed Mrs. Jim Blount to act as treasurer of the Library Association.

Mrs. P. W. Brinkley reported that Major Thorpe, a representative of Edwards and Broughton Printing Company, of Raleigh, had presented to the club a valuable indexed record which will be used in the library.

Mrs. Clark gave an account of the recent district meeting of Federated Clubs, which convened at Belhaven.

The subject for the afternoon's program was Bjornson; a dramatist of social problems. Mrs. J. R. Campbell gave an account of Bjornson's life and works. Mrs. James Williamson read an interesting paper concerning the play. The Gauntlet. Mrs. R. P. Walker led in a discussion of the plays of Bjornson.

At the conclusion of the program the hostess served a delicious salad course, consisting of chicken salad, crackers, olives, pickles and hot coffee.

Little Daughter Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cahoon are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a seven pound baby girl, Mary Corinne Cahoon, who was born last Friday morning at the home of Mrs. Cahoon's mother, Mrs. J. H. Smith, on Third street.

Enlarges Plant.

To make room for its increased business, Mr. A. L. Owens is adding 35 feet to the building on Washington Street now occupied by the Buchanan Motor Co., which now gives this company a plant 100 feet deep.

Mrs. Whitley Entertains

Honoring her house guest, Miss Martha Misikofski of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. W. L. Whitley entertained at a charming combination bridge and rook party at her home in Main street on last Friday afternoon.

Eight tables were arranged and high score prizes were won by Mrs. A. L. Alexander and Mrs. H. A. Williford, which were a bottle of perfume and a box of stationery. Consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. A. T. Leary and Mrs. J. F. Ausbon, and were attractive cutex sets. The honorore was presented with a combination toilet set.

Hallowe'en favors were used and refreshments consisted of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, hot rolls and coffee.

LIGHT VERDICTS GIVEN REA AND ATKINSON

The only case of importance to be tried this week in the criminal court was that of state against P. L. Rea and Gus Atkinson, charged with the burning of Rea's Beach on August 11th of this year.

When the trial began Tuesday morning Atkinson pled guilty and went on the stand and testified against his co-defendant, stating that Rea was the instigator of the whole plot and hired him, Atkinson, to set fire to the buildings, offering to give him a hundred dollars and one acre of land to do this.

Rea was charged with two counts in the bill of indictment, accessory before the fact and that of setting fire to his own dwelling. Late Thursday afternoon the jury brought in a verdict against him of guilty, as to the first count.

This morning Judge Grady imposed a sentence of five years upon Rea and two years upon Atkinson, same to be suspended for ten years upon both defendants on the payment by Rea of a fine of one thousand dollars and cost, and the cancellation of the six thousand dollar fire insurance policy.

MT. TABOR NEWS

Miss Virginia Haire spent the week-end with Miss Adelia Ambrose.

Mr. Joe Cahoon and Miss Aileen Furlough were in Creswell Saturday.

Mr. Jordan Davenport killed a large bear near his home last Thursday.

Mrs. L. E. Davenport spent Saturday with Miss Harriet Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Phelps spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Phelps.

Mr. Winton Oliver and Miss Auliza Ambrose motored to Plymouth Sunday.

Sammy and Bruce Phelps attended the movies in Creswell Saturday night.

Miss Wilma Davenport was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davenport Friday.

Mr. Alex Davenport was the guest of his brother, Mr. Silas Davenport Sunday.

Misses Elsie and Lina Ambrose attended Sunday School at Mt. Tabor Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Furlough and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ambrose.

Miss Annie Mae Davenport has accepted a position as cashier in Child's restaurant in Norfolk.

Mrs. Blanche Furlough and little daughter spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Joe Furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phelps of Roper were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Phelps Saturday.

Mr. Jordan Davenport and nephew, Silas Ernie Davenport, motored to Creswell Saturday afternoon on business.

Miss Edith Phelps and Mr. McCoy Davenport attended services at the Christian Church in Cherry Saturday night.

Mr. J. E. Haire, who has been connected with the State Highway Commission at Jamesville, has returned home on account of illness.

NOW READ THIS

In the paragraph referring to me in the Elizabeth City Independent today, I wish to say the following, which is well known by those who instigated the write-up.

The figures of the audit are not denied, but were not claimed by the auditors to represent actual indebtedness, same being subject to certain credits to be adjusted between the commissioners and me. Among these credits are a great many insolvent and uncollectable accounts; cash paid by me in rearranging thousands of papers confused by moving office during building of new court house, and which was recommended by several Grand Juries and by the Solicitor; difference in amount allowed and a just and proper salary as clerk of Recorder's court; and a proper salary for that most important and aggravating position of Judge of the Juvenile court, which has been running unpaid since April 1, 1919, with the exception of about three months—this last item has cost me as high as \$35.00 per month in actual expenses alone. Judge Sinclair assured me that the charges I claimed were reasonable and that he would recommend the allowance, but that if we could not get together, he would recommend a friendly action for a jury to fix same. And I contend that the very lowest just allowance of credit will over-balance the apparent shortage shown by the audit quoted.

Immediately after Judge Sinclair was here the commissioners notified me that they would meet me on a certain day. None of them appeared, but rather a summons was served upon me from a court three counties away, charging me with everything bad in the Statutes, fully knowing that they could go down into the general county fund and pay big lawyers large fees, while I, being a poor man, would be unable to meet them on an equal basis. And they all knew this when they had the write-up say that nothing had ever been done.

The one who follows me may never make an error. I have, and the chances are that I will make others, but I have tried hard to give you good service since being in office, but rest assured of this: If I had treated the people of Washington county dishonorably I would never ask you to support me for anything.

For twenty years my life has been an open book before you, and it is now for you to credit or discredit me next Tuesday.

Every word of this is the honest truth—All I ask is JUSTICE.

C. V. W. AUSBON.

Gives Vote of Thanks

At the regular meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Literary Society a rising vote of thanks was given to every person who contributed in any way toward making a success of the recent entertainment "A Trip Around the World."

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Groves and little daughter, Joan, returned Tuesday from a visit to Findlay, Ohio. They were accompanied home by Mr. Groves' father, Mr. L. E. Groves of Findlay.