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## Recorders Judge Makes Wise Cracks During Court Jurors Work For Nothing

Recorder's court at Plymouth, Tuesday had the appearance of Superior court, judging by the attendance. The Negro side of the court room was practically full while the white side was half full.

During the procedure of the work of the court, the case wherein C. H. Oliver, of the Mill Pond section had D. O. Patrick, also of that section, arrested for allowing his hogs to run loose and on his property. Mr. Patrick asked for a jury in this case, and in the process of the trial, which was handled in a very commendable manner by Judge Sawyer, it came to light that the whole trouble was a neighborhood misunderstanding.

The jury retired after having been duly charged by Judge Sawyer, and returned with a verdict of guilty. While passing his verdict, both Oliver and Patrick stated that they held no malice against each other and that they would like to have avoided bringing this matter before the court. The verdict was that Mr. Patrick pay the costs of the court and that he make some arrangements to take care of his hogs.

Then one of the most unusual things ever occurred in the courts of Washington county happened. No one present had ever heard of such a proceeding. H. M. Williams, acting as spokesman for the entire jury, rose and addressed the judge. He said, "We returned a verdict of guilty, but we want the result to be as inexpensive to Mr. Patrick as possible, so, before returning, we agreed among ourselves that we give our services as jurors free, thereby cutting the cost of the procedure." Judge Sawyer highly commended the jurors for their action.

Other cases coming before Judge Sawyer for trial were: Dan Marrow, Jr., Nathan Hassell and Nathan Peacock who were charged with and found guilty of forcible trespassing of the property of W. Med. Peacock. Nathan Peacock had not been found. The two defendants were ordered to pay the costs. It came out in this trial that the young men mistook some grape vinegar for wine and went to Mr. Peacock's barn, which was not locked, and appropriated same. Nathan Peacock is a nephew of Mr. Peacock. In this case Judge Sawyer used some more of his dry wit for which he is noted. When asked whether it was wine or vinegar, Mr. Peacock stated that it was plain grape juice being kept to sour and that no sugar had been added to it. In answer to this Judge Sawyer said, "That's a bad way to treat grape juice ain't it?"

William Moye of Williamston was brought up charged with beating his wife in front of Babe Towe's cafe Sunday night. His wife who was States witness seemed to have decided that she still loved her husband and denied that he struck her. He was fined \$10 and costs.

"I don't know what to do with these Negroes who are brought up here for giving bad checks. Signing a check is like getting married—you don't know how much trouble you are getting into until you have signed your name," said Judge Sawyer after finding Frank McNair guilty of giving a bad check, and ordering him to pay the \$3.50 check, \$10 and costs. Henry Watson was found guilty of nonsupport

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAR CHAIRMAN T. J. SWAIN ON PLYMOUTH SCHOOL CHARTER AT MEET MONDAY

The Washington County Commissioners met in regular session at the courthouse Monday. The budget for the Plymouth City Schools was presented to them for approval. A discussion arose as to the nine months term. T. J. Swain, Chairman of the County Board of Education stated to the board that it was mandatory to both the board of education and the commissioners to approve the nine months budget and that they had attempted to get the city board to surrender their charter which was refused.

"There is only one way that we can get the charter from Plymouth High School," stated Chairman Swain, "That is by appointing members to the city board who think our way." As a member's time expires on the city board, the county board appoints someone to take their place in this way every new member can be felt out and their attitude ascertained. It is not necessary for Plymouth to surrender its charter in order to be an eight months school. They can retain their charter and go to eight months. The entire state of New York has recently adopted a 10 months school term. Were Plymouth made an eight months school, it would be a step backward. Some have said to keep Plymouth nine months and pull the rest of the county up to that standard. The tax payers of Plymouth alone pay for this extra month.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their sympathy and kind assistance, and for the beautiful floral tributes sent during the hours of our greatest sorrow, the deaths of our dear husband and father, C. Edgar Swain and his brother, Rufus Swain.

Mattie Rollins Swain and Children

and given six months on the roads.

Jack Peele was called in a bad check case and failed to answer to his name. It was ordered that he be arrested and put under a \$100 bond to appear next Tuesday for trial. Aaron Pettiford was found guilty of taking one coon and four opossum hides out of season and given 30 days on the road. He took an appeal and was placed under a \$100 bond. Pettiford was also found guilty of failing to list his taxes and fined \$15 and costs. He took an appeal in this case also. James Boston was placed under a \$200 bond to appear in court for trial next Tuesday and answer to a charge of driving while under the influence of whiskey. At this time Judge Sawyer announced that there would not be any court during Thanksgiving week.

George Smith was found guilty and ordered to pay the costs of the court for allowing his hogs to run loose. One of the witnesses was asked what kind hogs were allowed to run loose and the witness said, two shoats and a barr. Judge Sawyer asked what was a barr. The Negro explained in a very feeble way and the judge said, "You mean a hog that has lost his social prestige."

### MRS. T. W. ARMSTRONG URGES WOMEN TO JOIN LEGION AUXILIARY; FIDDLERS CONVENTION AT COLUMBIA

Those that are eligible to become members of the American Legion Auxiliary are most earnestly and urgently asked to join immediately. If for no other reason than to show your appreciation and give support to the fine work the Legion and the Auxiliary are doing. The war has been over for eleven years, but should we forget that there are many veterans whose pain-racked bodies remind them of it every day. So why not become a member now and help those who so nobly helped us. The dues of the organization are very reasonable for the amount of work carried on. In other words Legion Auxiliary Membership is a Priceless Privilege. Those that are eligible, are Mothers, Wives, Sisters and Daughters of members of the American Legion, and to those women who of their own right are eligible to membership in the American Legion.

Again asking you that are eligible to give your name in to any member of the Legion Auxiliary or see Mrs. T. W. Armstrong, Membership Chairman, Legion Auxiliary.

Columbia:—Wednesday Evening 27th, the day before Thanksgiving, there will be assembled at the High School Building in Columbia, all the old time Fiddlers, Banjo Pickers, Guitar Players and the boys both young and old who excel with the mouth harp. All in the counties adjoining the Albermarle are invited to participate in the general good time, and compete for the substantial prizes.

This is the first time, that a fiddlers convention has been promoted in this section, and it promises to be one of the biggest attractions ever put on in Columbia for amusement. To those who like old time fiddling, clog dancing and old time songs, a hilarious time awaits you.

This contest is being sponsored by the Local Post of the American Legion. All contestants are requested to send their names to Dr. W. Johnson, Columbia, N. C. and please state the instrument you play.

#### GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector  
Mr. Frith Winslow, Lay Reader.  
Sunday School at 10 A. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon 7:30 P. M.

#### CHEVROLET WINS FIRST PLACE AT AUTO SHOW

Tribute to its leadership as an automobile producer is again paid the Chevrolet Motor Company in the announcement by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce that Chevrolet has again been awarded first place at the 1930 national automobile shows.

The award is given annually to the member company doing the largest annual volume of business, and is one of the most coveted honors that the automobile industry can bestow on an individual automobile manufacturer.

In addition to the distinction that goes with the award, Chevrolet is given first choice of exhibition space at the national automobile shows in New York and Chicago.

### CITY COUNCIL RECONSIDERS PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK; MANUFACTURER REFUSES TO RELIEVE TOWN OF CONTRACT

Mayor Walker received a letter yesterday from the American LaFrance people refusing to relieve the city council from a contract to buy a new fire truck. Town can't buy truck without popular vote on bond issue.

The Plymouth City Council met in regular session last Friday night and were informed that Mayor Walker would not resign. Mayor Walker was present for the first meeting in some time.

Members of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce met with the City fathers and urged them to reconsider their purchase of a \$12,500 American LaFrance fire truck and equipment. The Commercialists did not ask that they refrain entirely from purchasing any new fire equipment but that they purchase a smaller truck. After deliberating for some time the city fathers decided to ask the American LaFrance people to allow them to withdraw their purchase.

"To purchase this new fire truck would be like buying an automobile without any possible chance of getting any gasoline," said one of the commercialists. The water supply of Plymouth is practically exhausted. The pumps on the water tank has been running continuously for over 12 months and the tank has not been filled during this period. Plans are now being made to pipe the water from Hampton's well to the power house and into the tank as the old well has almost gone dry. This will take care of the situation for about five more years. At the expiration of this time, it will be absolutely necessary to put in some kind of filtering system. All of the wells will have been drawn dry.

With these facts in view, what good will a pumper truck be that will pump the tank dry in no time? The salesman stated that he could hoop on one of the hydrants and pull it out of the ground with the force that the pump has.

### Farm And Home

Schedule for week beginning November 18th.

Monday, Jackson, Tuesday, Pleasant Grove, Wednesday, Swain Thursday, Creswell, Friday, Alba, Saturday, Curb Market.

Dr. A. J. Osteen and Dr. N. B. Tyler were with R. E. Dunning Wednesday, making making an inspection of the livestock in Washington county.

Farmers of this section will meet in Belhaven November 20, 10:30 to organize a livestock organization. Governor O. Max Gardner will be the main speaker at this meeting and will speak at 11 o'clock.

Midnight Show at Watts Theatre Sunday night. Mr. Watts is celebrating the installation of Movitone equipment with the "Fox Movitone Follies" starting at 12:05 Sunday Night Williamston, N. C.

#### ALMO THEATRE

TONIGHT

Harry Gibbon

IN

"Honey Moon"

COMEDY

Saturday Night

Maurice Chevalier

IN

"Innocents of Paris"

Second Episode

Eagle Of The Night

DON'T MISS IT

### PLYMOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO REORGANIZE; SEVEN DIRECTORS BE ELECTED; WILL PERFECT BUILDING LOAN AT BANQUET

#### YOUNG PANTHERS OUTPLAY WILDCATS; PLYMOUTH WON AT SCOTLAND NECK; GAMES AT PLYMOUTH AND ROPER

The Panthers of Roper High School threw the fear of God in the Wildcats of Plymouth High School Friday afternoon in the first half of the football game played here. This half of the game was played in Plymouth's danger zone and at no time did Plymouth even threaten the Roper goal.

When the first whistle sounded, Roper received the kickoff and carried the ball for a firstdown. The Plymouth boys held and Roper kicked. Plymouth fumbled and Roper recovered. Roper again had to kick and Plymouth fumbled. The Plymouth boys were playing as though they had planned a run-over and were so surprised that they didn't know what to do. Mizell for Roper received excellent interference on his endruns and seldom failed to gain. The whole Roper team outplayed Plymouth from the beginning to the end of the game, but inexperience lost the game for them. Roper made more firstdowns against Plymouth than all the rest of the first downs made against the local boys during this season.

At the beginning of the second half, quarterback Gurganus for Plymouth began playing the game in the air. It looked more like a basketball game than it did football. The only real gains made by Plymouth was with the forward pass and the young and inexperienced Roper team did not know how to break them up. Gurganus and Chesson worked together excellently, scoring the three touchdowns in the second half by forward passes. Gurganus kicked the pigskin for two extra points making a total score of 20 to 0.

After the Roper game, Plymouth had piled up a total of 145 points this season to their opponents 0.

The Wildcats added another victory to their string when they met and defeated Scotland Neck Armistice Day. The game being won by Gurganus kicking the extra point as both teams scored a touchdown. Plymouth again resorted to the air and completed a series of passes in the first half of the game which resulted in their only touchdown. Dick Chesson carried the ball around the end to make the final necessary advances.

Friday will be a full day for football fans of Washington county. Enfield will come to Plymouth and Ahoskie will come to Roper, then on Tuesday, Edenton will come to Plymouth.

At the regular meeting of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Monday night, President Z. V. Norman appointed C. L. Groves, A. L. Alexander and A. H. Stear as a committee to solicit new members. This committee will call on the various citizens of the town next Monday soliciting their membership and will make their report at the regular meeting Monday night.

At the meeting Monday night, a nominating committee will be appointed. The duty of this committee will be to nominate 14 candidates from which will be elected seven directors for the organization to serve during the coming fiscal year. The names of these 14 will be printed on ballots which will be mailed to the various members. These ballots will be voted by mail only and will be examined by an election committee. The results of this election will be announced at a banquet to be held soon after the election.

At the banquet, which will be held at some convenient place in Plymouth, a program of work will be planned by the new and old members for the coming year. The main endeavor of this organization, as will be explained at this meeting, will be the perfecting of a Building and Loan Association. This is a much needed organization in the town of Plymouth and has been being considered for some time by the commercialists.

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce needs you and you need the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

#### SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. ELEXEZENA BASNIGHT

By MISS EVA WHITE  
Skinner'sville:—Funeral Services were conducted for Mrs. Elexezena Basnight from the Oak Grove Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Richard Lucas of Belhaven. Mrs. Basnight was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the Community, who died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Hugh Patrick, Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, at the age of 82 years. She was a member of Oak Grove Church, and has donated a great deal in building the new church. Mrs. Basnight suffered for only a few days and was a very active lady up until a few days ago. She passed out like blowing out rays from a candle stick. She was a faithful church worker. She leaves to mourn two sisters, Mrs. W. T. Hatfield and Miss Sarah Davenport of Creswell, and several nieces and nephews, her nieces acted as flower girls at the grave. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

### POET AND PEASANT

"Folks in Plymouth surely don't have much patriotism," said the Peasant as he and the Poet were discussing Armistice Day.

"I don't think that you are right," said the Poet. "If the United States were to call for volunteers tomorrow there would be as many young men go from Plymouth and Washington county as any other part of the nation."

"Maybe you're right," said the Peasant, "but I doubt it. There were probably two flags up in the residential section of Plymouth Monday and only one in the business section and this was on the corner of Washington and Water streets and was put out by Nelson Mercantile Company. In fact there is only a few holes in the sidewalk where a flag pole can be placed."

"After all," said the Poet, "it isn't a question of patriotism but rather that the American people are easy to forget. It has been 11 years since that nasty war ended and Armistice Day has never been made a legal holiday therefore it hasn't been impressed on us so much. Every American citizen was glad when he heard that the war had ended. He is still glad that it has ended, or rather that he thinks that it has ended."

"Say boy," said the Peasant, "you surely do talk crazy. The war has been ended 11 years."

"Yes," said the Poet, "directly the war has ended, but indirectly it is continuing. Now instead of using men, the nations are using dollars to carry on their war."