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## COMMITTEE VOTES ON JARVIS BILL

### Joint Bodies Unfavorable Report New County Measure

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The bill to allow the voters in the territory affected to hold an election on the question of establishing the county of Jarvis was read by a committee of the General Assembly on counties, cities and towns. This was the largest delegation that has attended any hearing upon a legislative matter during the present session came here yesterday to register their opposition or favor to the bill.

An hour before the committee was scheduled to meet, the gallery was packed and jammed, and soon after 12 o'clock the delegation that came up on a special train from Dunn and Duke had filed into the Capitol and crowded the rotunda and galleries of the House and Senate. Sampson, Johnston, Cumberland and Harnett had delegations here to oppose the bill, while delegations from Duke and Dunn and Sampson county were here to ask for the election. Smithfield doubled seat by the largest individual delegation, including, perhaps, the fairest delegation of the opposite sex that has graced the gallery of the House during this session. And they didn't fail to express their sentiment when the opposition scored a point.

But the Jarvis delegation, prominent with ribbon badges of white, came here to fight for the bill and fight they did. Never were speakers more vociferously applauded or more warmly cheered than were the Jarvis proponents who appeared before the committee. At times innocent bystanders could imagine without difficulty a sensational line being rally, after two were "out" by the encouragement offered the speakers. Cries of "Now you got em!" "Go to it, Nat!" and "That's the old staff" were heard frequently during the argument before the joint body that held the fate of the new county in their hands.

Mr. P. H. Dwyer, of the opposition, drew first blood when he declared that "the advocates of the new county have mutilated three counties in the proposed bill and are swinging the butcher's knife over Cumberland." It was then that the Smithfield delegation made themselves prominently known.

The argument on the merits of the bill began with Representative Grantham's speech, he "who started all this row," when the Representative formally introduced the bill to the committee that would take away parts of Sampson, Johnston and Harnett and make Dunn the capital of the county that would bear the name of the lamented ex-Governor of North Carolina.

Following Mr. Grantham, Ernest F. Young, called "the father of Dunn," began the argument for the new county. His plea was that the county seat of Harnett, Lillington, was now 28 miles away from Dunn by nearest highway of sand and mud, "mostly mud" and 52 miles by railroad. Distances to the county seats of government from the proposed sections of Sampson that would be dismembered by a creation of the new county were longer and equally disadvantageous to travelers. He explained that Dunn and Duke, with their rich back ground, were thickly populated and that 75 per cent of the criminal litigation of Harnett county originated in the proposed detached sections of Harnett; that the advocates of Mr. Grantham's bill did not ask for the establishment of the new county but only that the question be submitted to the voters residing in the territory that would be affected. Of the political aspect, he said that Harnett was Republican to start with and would be republican if the new county were created, although he, as a born Democrat and would be when he died" hoped to redeem Jarvis. The new county would make Johnston safely Democratic and give Sampson a fighting chance, he said.

Hon. Charles Ross, of Lillington, who led the opposition, paid a beautiful tribute to the character and integrity of Representative Grantham. "We appreciate well that this is not a local measure and know that Geo. Grantham is not bound by the conventions that govern local matters," he said. He praised Mr. Young for his valiant service to the Democratic party but rapped down hard on the "lobby that the proponents of the new county have maintained at a heavy cost." He referred to this as the third effort of the Dunn people to create a county and detailed the respective total taxable property in Harnett and in the would be detached sections. "Harnett is an even county in area, taxable property and population, with the other 99 counties of North Carolina and the State

does not need any addition. The number is even and it should remain so."

E. M. Stringfield, of Fayetteville, and Clerk of the Court Will Walker, of Cumberland, next spoke in opposition to the bill, as also did Senator John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, who said that "Cumberland doesn't want 75 per cent of the criminals of Harnett county segregated to themselves, but does want to lend them a protecting wing."

Mr. P. H. Dwyer followed Mr. Oates with a speech that continually drew the cheers from the anti. Mr. P. H. Dwyer stated that there were 709 voters in the townships that would be taken away from Johnston, and of this number 472 had protested against the dismemberment proceedings. "There are 14 or 15 blind tigers in these townships who want to get in a new county because they can begin business with a new slate," he said.

Mr. N. A. Townsend for the proponents clearly presented the political complexion of the new move and it was he who received the encouragement that told the earnestness of the big delegations in the House.

Judge F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield spoke against the bill. Nathan Berfoot, of Sampson spoke for it and said "that he had been coming to Raleigh every time the proposition came up and expected to come until they got Jarvis county. I have read my Bible from Genesis to Revelations and not one time have I seen any decree that limits the number of counties in North Carolina to 100."

Mr. J. R. Baggett, of Lillington, followed for the opposition and introduced Col. Dan Hugh McLean, "the silver tongued orator of the Cape Fear and the war horse of her Democracy." Colonel McLean closed for the opposition and J. C. Clifford for the proponents.

## WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES.

The tea room will be opened Friday and the usual menu will be served.

Remember that the Woman's Club will have a flower show again this fall and let us all plan to have some Lysanthemum entered.

The business meeting of the Woman's club last Tuesday was an interesting one. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. L. J. Best, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called and seven new members enrolled.

The Civic Department reported having turned in \$5.15 from the Tea room. The Music Department has 30 members enrolled meets once a month and cleared \$4.50 from Tea room. The Health Department reported having sold 3095 of the 5000 seats—sending Dr. McBrayer 25 per cent \$7.74 leaving a balance of \$23.22 for local work. The Department has also been instrumental in having Miss Cabiness director of Public Nursing, address the club and Dr. F. Hicks to speak to the school children along health lines \$1.70 proceeds from the Tea room had been turned over to the Treasurer.

Mrs. C. J. Smith resignation, as chairman of the Civic Department, was accepted and the Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Thornton was appointed to hold this vacancy until April. Mrs. J. R. Butler resigned as chairman of Health Department but decided to keep the place until the April meeting when officers for the year will be elected.

It was further moved and seconded that the President find out if the club is eligible to join the Federation of Clubs and if so to join it.

A Women's Club Exchange and the matter of using our rooms as a Rest room was discussed but nothing definitely was decided.

A committee, consisting of Mesdames Primrose, Thornton and Stephens, was appointed to see if larger quarters could be secured for the club. A nominating committee of five was appointed by club; Mesdames Best, Whitehead, J. J. Wado, Ed Smith and Holliday.

The club then adjourned to meet the second Tuesday in March.

Mr. Earl Westbrook left Tuesday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will spend a few days as guest of the Hearst Sunday American. Earl earned this trip as a live wire representative for this paper, and we extend to him our congratulations.

The Queen Theatre has on an attractive contest and the Literary Ladies of the town should put on their thinking caps and give the old Queen a new and appropriate name. There is something in it for the winner.

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## GODWIN LOCALS.

Godwin, Feb. 19.—Our village has been treated to an epidemic of measles for the past month.

Mr. T. A. McNeill of Lumberton was a visitor here the past week.

Mrs. J. B. Connelly and daughter Miss Eloise, of Statesville, N. C., are spending some time with Mrs. C. W. Spell.

Miss Mattie Rae Porter, a charming young lady of Columbus Ga., has accepted the position of teacher in the department of music and domestic science in the Godwin school.

Our road lozes, owing to the very adverse weather, have not been able to do much road building, but have done a good deal of "patch-work," keeping our roads in a very creditable condition.

The domestic science class of the Godwin school gave a valentine party at the school house on the night of February 14. A splendid musical programme was rendered and games indulged in. The class served chicken salad, sandwiches and hot tea from which they realized quite a neat sum, which will be used in furnishing their kitchen.

The relatives and friends of Mr. C. C. McEllan were treated to a reminded of real old-time hospitality on Friday evening, February 16th. This date being the anniversary of Mr. McEllan's seventieth birthday, about sixty guests were served to a most beautiful dinner, cooked and served in true Southern style.

The home was beautifully decorated in native evergreens and red and white carnations.

Many of the old songs were sung and played and reminiscence of other days exchanged around the older of the company. We trust that the genial host may live to see many more years as the three score and ten through which he has past have dealt kindly with him and he is today an active, and I do not hesitate to say the best informed citizen in our community.

## LEON GODWIN HELD UP AND BEAT NEAR FAYETTEVILLE.

Soon After and Near Where Burglars Robbed Typewriter

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 19.—Unidentified persons, supposed to be negroes and Christians, burglarized two stores on the east side of the Cape Fear river exchanged shots with Sandy Strickland, who lives across the road from one of the stores, and held up and assaulted Leon Godwin, son of Deputy Sheriff Claude Godwin, last night. Sandy Strickland heard the noise made by the burglars, and when he investigated they opened fire on him. He returned the fire but does not know whether or not he hit any of the party. He was not hurt.

Young Godwin, on his way home, was held up about two hours later and when he resisted the attempt to rob him, was beaten and most of his clothes torn from his body in the struggle. A posse, headed by the young man's father, Deputy Godwin, was quickly organized, and a thorough but unsuccessful search for the marauders was made.

## FRANCIS WILLARD SOCIETY.

The Francis Willard Literary Society of the Dunn High School met in the school auditorium for its regular meeting Feb. 16, 1917. The president called the meeting to order by having the roll call and the minutes of the last meeting. This was followed by a very interesting program as follows:

Story of the Life of Edgar Allan Poe—Myrtle Jones.

Recitation from Poe—Sadie Pittman.

Story of one of Poe's writings—Hilma Lewis.

Recitation from Poe—Lottie Strickland.

An original Story—Geneva Barnes.

Essay—Characteristics of Poe's Poetry—Lottie Howard.

Piano—Margaret Taylor.

Naylor Quartette.

Current Events—Lila Godwin.

Debate: Resolved that, Monday would be a more suitable holiday than Saturday: Affirmative Jessie Holliday and Minnie Taylor. Negative—Grace Crookette and Ruth Westbrook. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative with Miss Minnie Taylor the best speaker.

We were dismissed by the president and adjourned to meet again Friday March 2nd, 1917.

ELENE POPPE, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Johnson left Saturday night for Northern points. Mr. Johnson will buy the spring stock for the firm of Johnson Bros.

Messrs. James Sykes and Willie Lee of A. and M. College, spent Sunday in town with friends and relatives.

## BOY SCOUTS MEET.

Troop No. 1 of the Dunn Boy Scouts held its regular meeting last Friday night at Scout Post Newberry. A highly successful and most interesting meeting was held in which practically all the Scouts attended. An applicant for membership who was considered at this meeting was Clyde Wade and he was voted unanimously into the organization. With the addition of this new member there will be a total of fifteen scouts in the patrol here which is enough to form two troops, instead of one as formerly. Another patrol leader for the troop No. 2 was elected and Jake Wade was elected to this office. Both patrol leaders were asked to meet with the Scoutmaster later to decide just who would be in the new troop and who should remain in the old one. These troops will from now on work against each other for membership to see which troop will get the most members for the local patrol.

Mr. Freeman, Scoutmaster, made a most interesting talk on "Taking Advantage of your opportunity" and in his talk he gave two excellent examples of "Grasping" and "Falling to Grasp," emphasizing throughout his talk the value of school life and the advantages offered which should be taken.

Various suggestions were offered by various Scouts for the betterment of the local organization and some mighty good points were scored. After collecting dues amounting to \$3.30 and taking advantage of the delightful refreshments that were served by the host, the troop adjourned to meet again in two weeks.

## A GOOD WIFE, BY HARVARD STANDARDS.

Boston, Feb. 14.—What Harvard graduate students think are the desirable traits in a marriageable girl has just been discussed and the composite opinion is expressed in the following:

She is attractive, graceful and healthy, but not necessarily pretty.

She can dress tastefully and entertain anyone and make him (or herself) at ease.

She can make bread as well as fudge, and cake as well as "rarebit."

Her dancing is not necessarily the latest, her tennis is not necessarily up to the standard, but she is appreciative of the dance and of the sports worry.

She is broad minded, sympathetic, tactful unselfish, optimistic thrifty; of good disposition and moderate in all things.

She can stand reverses without a whimper.

She is gentle to children and kind to older folks, especially her parents.

She has a broad education, but not necessarily a college one.

She is modest and true and home-loving.

She has good social standing, is of a religious nature and is not too proud to pray.

## CHILDREN'S MEETING.

The regular February meeting of the Bright Jewel Missionary Society will be held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The subject of the program Japan will be represented to the little folks by an illustrated poster which has been arranged for them by the leader, portraying Missionaries to Japan. A Japanese God or Shrine, A Ride in a Jirikisha, Bible Women and the costume of Japanese Women. A number of children will take part in the program.

The Bible Lesson will be read by Ralph Moore and "Birthday of Boys in Japan" by Bruce Cromarie.

## TO THE PUBLIC:

Notice is hereby given that after March 1st, the banks of Dunn will not be open for business on Saturday nights as has been the custom heretofore.

The First National Bank  
The Bank of Cape Fear  
The State Bank & Trust Co.

Mr. William R. Johnson, who has held a position for several weeks with Wilson and Lee, left Monday for Raleigh where he is attending Page's School of Pharmacy.

## DUKE LOCALS.

Duke, Feb. 17.—Thursday night at the home of Rev. W. L. Maness Miss Jennie Belle Colette and Mr. Joe Wood were quietly married in the presence of a very few friends and witnesses. Rev. W. L. Maness performed the ceremony. Mr. Wood is an substantial farmer living near here and Miss Colette has been with the Erwin Cotton Mills Company for many years and is held in high respect by them.

Friday night the officers of Washington Duke Lodge No. 165 Knights of Pythias were duly installed by E. S. Yarbrough deputy grand Chancellor. The officers installed were L. R. Starnell C. C.; F. L. Wilson, V. C. J. W. Lockman P.; J. M. Hawley, M. of W.; G. Woodworth M. at A.; W. M. Crawford M. of F.; E. S. Yarbrough K. of K.; E. P. Davis M. of E.; E. M. Henty I. G.; E. R. Thomas O. G. The installation services were well attended and much enthusiasm was demonstrated.

Friday night at the head quarters in the Rank Building the Boy Scouts and Troop No. 1 gave an oyster supper and invited a few of their friends. Prof. E. M. Dalton has recently been elected scout master, with E. S. Yarbrough, W. A. White and Rev. V. L. Maness executive committee.

O. R. Simpson was Friday called to Monroe to be present at the funeral of his mother. Mr. Simpson had only recently returned from the bedside of his mother with the hopes that she was better.

The farmers throughout the section are using every spare moment getting ready to start their crops for the ensuing year. Much fertilizer is being hauled out and some clearing and plowing is being done.

Duke, Feb. 20.—Mrs. John Bolton died Monday night of heart failure. She leaves a husband and nine children, the oldest being a girl of sixteen. Mr. Bolton recently moved here from Lillington, but being a new comer has not deprived him of the sympathy and help so much needed in a case of this kind. The burial will probably take place Tuesday afternoon near Lillington.

Coy Sykes is carrying his gun in a scabbard on his back and is cranking a Hudson this time and it kicked, striking his arm just above the wrist slightly cracking the larger bone. While the injury is not very serious it was indeed painful. Coy was able to be back in school Monday morning, the accident happening Saturday afternoon.

The Fraternal order, Daughters of Liberty, gave a fruit supper to their members and friends Saturday night in the Pythian Hall. Various kinds of fruits were served and many short speeches were made. About sixty members and visitors were present.

Rev. H. E. Spence, Sunday school Field Secretary of the Methodist Conference will be in Duke Sunday and assist in carrying out a very elaborate program. At 9:45 he will visit the Sunday School, which is a well organized and working school and is a standard school. At 11 o'clock he will dedicate the four new Sunday school rooms recently added and will deliver an address with the subject "Making Most of Things" with special reference to Sunday School work. Sunday night he will preach on Home Religion.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Harriet Reporter.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds W. H. Faucett since last week.

J. F. Gregory to T. H. Stuart 3 lots in Buie's Creek, consideration \$100.

H. R. Blalock to W. J. Morris 280 acres in Anderson's Creek township, consideration \$9,000.

George Matthews to Arthur A. McDonald 70 acres in Neill's Creek township, consideration \$100.

M. F. Morris to Sallie C. Morris 3 lots in Angier, consideration \$19 and other valuable considerations.

H. D. Byrd to J. W. Byrd 4.8 acres in Stewart's Creek township, consideration \$600.

H. D. Byrd to J. W. Byrd lots in Dunlevel consideration \$500.

A. B. Wade to Archie Knight 1 acre in Upper Little River township consideration \$12.50.

Mrs. Della A. Smith and others to W. C. Marshburn 4.45 acres in Hector's Creek township, consideration \$150.

Sarah Dule and others to J. A. McLeod 200 acres in Johnsonville township, consideration \$10 and other valuable considerations.

Robert Faucett to C. J. Bright 19 acres in U. L. R. township consideration \$25.

W. L. Dodd to W. C. Marshburn 4.45 acres in Hector's Creek township, consideration \$100 and other valuable considerations.

N. S. Green to Margaret P. Green 1-4 acres in Lillington, consideration \$380 and other valuable con-

## JARVIS COUNTY BILL DEFEATED BY COMMITTEE: VAST MOST OF UPHOLDERS AND OPPOSERS AT THE MEETING.

(By J. J. WADE.)

A special train carried Dunn and Duke, or rather a majority of these two towns to Raleigh last Friday afternoon for the purpose of witnessing the argument for and against the proposed Jarvis County. At the same time the House was filling with throngs of opposers of the bill; Smithfielders, Lillingtoners, Beasconians, and many other Jarvis chasers from all the neighboring counties.

Fayetteville was there, a jealous Fayetteville, and although the new bill would not have effected whatever the Fayetteville county of Cumberland these Fayetteville traitors took a look into the future of Dunn and decided that they wanted Fayetteville to be the largest town at the present anyhow. Lillington was there, supporting a pathetic plea for poor old Harnett and Lillington. They knew what the taking of Dunn from Harnett would mean and those Lillington lawyers had the heart to get up and work against the Grantham Bill, when they KNOW what Lillington offers to Dunn lawyers and standers of court when they visit the county seat. Smithfield was represented with a pure "million" who fought like five hundred, or rather with five hundred against the Bill of Progress. We see only one reason why they registered such an opposition, and that is because it stands for progressiveness and other such things that Smithfield doesn't approve of. Well, they all sent in their best oyster of everything and nothing against the bill; everything, from the alleged debt of Dunn, to the big and progressive city that Dunn really is. Ross of Lillington may be congratulated on his talk, although he ended a good many facts that the committee might have been interested in. If it had been recommended for his talk as he registered all opposition that he could think of from every standpoint. The Fayetteville attorneys admitted behind the fan her plea because she was afraid Dunn would get ahead of her. If it had a chance, while the

Samuelson of Deep River opposed the bill because the Duke and Fayetteville was Dunn that was putting it up. But on our side we wish to congratulate all the workers for the justifiable plea, which was made by Goldstein, Townsend, and the others also those attorneys who didn't mind working for something which was for the good of the people generally, the some are blind to see it. Mr. Grantham should be complimented for bringing forth the bill and letting the people everywhere know that Dunn is still on the map and is still worthy of that slogan, "Dunn, Livest Town Under the Sun."

But we lost—it's hard to give in to a cause which we know is a just cause—but all men don't think alike, and counties always were beastly hard to get. But we will go on for two more years and then bring it up again—and get it.

been killed on a wholesale scale. In this connection the State Board of Health calls attention to the fact that twice a year or oftener a similar tragedy is enacted in North Carolina from this same cause—a mad dog—and that where only two or three deaths occur annually, nearly two hundred people every year have to make a trip to Raleigh to take the anti-rabic treatment. "The cost of two or three human lives and the time and expense of 175 or 200 people making a trip to Raleigh every year for anti-rabic treatment is not little drain on the State," says the State Board of Health, "and yet a nuisance or a tax on a dog is too much to ask as a means of preventing this waste of human life and the thousands of dollars spent in taking the treatment, to say nothing of the time lost or the anxiety felt."

One woman is dead, another was reported sick, and seven people including the sick woman are now in Raleigh, or have been taking the treatment for rabies, all on account of a dog that went mad and ran a muck in Henderson county several days ago. According to the French Broad Hester, it was a sad, distressing situation for the McFall Family and their neighbors at Rugby last week. Mrs. McFall died of hydrophobia leaving a tiny baby a few hours old, and the neighbor woman who volunteered to nurse the child, she too had a young baby, became ill a few days later. Probably she was only alarmed, however, she and her baby, Mr. McFall and four children, also the physician who attended Mrs. McFall hastened to Raleigh a distance of several hundred miles, to take the Pasteur treatment. Prior to this two other of the McFall children who had been bitten by the dog had been rushed to Raleigh for treatment.

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score Co 119 acres in U. L. R. township consideration \$2,000.

M. T. Spears commissioners to W. C. Marshburn, 4.45 acres in Hector's Creek township, consideration \$89.

J. C. Clifford to Marvin Wade Co. L. H. Adams lot in Dunn, consideration \$310.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEETS.

The Woman's Auxiliary Society of the Dunn Presbyterian church held its regular meeting last Monday afternoon at the church. Owing to the absence of the President, the vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Clifford, conducted the meeting. The subject for the afternoon was "Christian Education and Ministerial Relief" and Mesdames R. M. Pearnall and Ernest Jeffries read interesting papers on the theme.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows:

Miss Berta Robertson—President.

Mrs. J. C. Clifford, Vice President.

Mrs. J. W. Pardie, Treasurer.

Mrs. H. A. Parker, Sec. Foreign Missions.

Mrs. R. O. Primrose, Sec. Home Missions.

Mrs. N. A. Townsend—Sec. Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Miss Margaret McQueen, —Sec. Young Peoples Work.

## MAD DOG CAUSES DEATH OF WOMAN.

Two or More Similar Tragedies Enacted Every Year. Near Two Hundred People Take Pasteur Annually.

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## EIGHTH PART OF THE SCOUT LAW.

A scout is cheerful.

The Boy Scout forever goes about with a smile on his face, never grumbles at hardships and is a great optimist. He makes the best of anything should it go wrong and is at all times cheerful. He laughs when a funny thing has been said having deep sense of humor, and is never grouchy or disagreeable. This characteristic is a chief point about the real Scout's life. He is happy, doesn't know what the "blues" are, and is always laughing and cheerful. His scout badge signifies cheerfulness and happiness; and he is as slender by his badge. The Boy Scout is a cheerful being.

Mr. Worth M. Pope has opened up a line of Pennsylvania tires, tubes, patches, etc., for automobiles, in the Dispatch Building on Railroad street. He is now ready for business and will sell for cash or on time. He will be glad to have his friends call around and examine his line.

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