

# County Home a Disgrace Says Grand Jury Report

Orders Commissioners to Purchase Site And Build New Home

EMPLOY EXPERT ACCOUNTANT

To Make Thorough Investigation of the Charges Against W. A. Forbes, Superintendent Convict Gang.

North Carolina, Pitt County, In the superior Court, January Term, 1914.

To the Honorable F. A. Daniel, Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jury for the above named term of this court, beg leave to submit our report as follows:

We have examined into, and passed upon all matters brought before us have reported same into this court and have made due presentment of such violations of law as have come to our knowledge.

We have made careful inspection of the Convict Camp, the County Home, the Court House, and the offices of Superior Court Clerk, the Sheriff, the Register of Deeds and the County Treasurer. The County Jail we did not inspect on account of a case of small pox in the jail. We have had the Sheriff, the Superintendent of Health and the entire Board of County Commissioners to appear before us and have made diligent inquiry into charges against and criticisms of certain members of the Board of County Commissioners and of the Superintendent of the County Home. With one exception, we find no cause whatever for complaint against any member of the Board of Commissioners. There may have been some technical violations of the law, but we find no attempt to defraud or exploit the County.

On the contrary, in the matters complained of, these men were, we believe, trying to serve to themselves and at some personal inconvenience. The one exception noted above was a matter that we consider of such grave importance that we have brought it into this Court in the form of an indictment of Mr. W. L. McLawhorn, former Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. W. A. Forbes, Superintendent of the Convict Road Gang, and Dr. P. B. Loftin. It has been charged before us that Mr. W. A. Forbes, Superintendent of Convict Road Gang, has misappropriated moneys, feed stuff, and meat, the property of the County. In the limited time at our disposal we could make no thorough investigation of this charge, as such investigation would entail an examination into all transactions connected with the work on the roads for a long period. We have taken this matter up with the Board of Commissioners however, and have been assured by them that they will promptly employ an expert accountant and probe the matter to the bottom.

We find the Convict Camp in good condition at this time. The convicts appear to be properly fed and cared for except that three or four of them claim to have no shoes. We are assured that, if this be true, shoes will be immediately provided for them. The teams are in most excellent condition.

We find the Court House in good condition, except for some accumulation of trash and filth in the corridors, the basement and, to a lesser degree, in the Court Room. We fear

that this condition is largely due to a lack of appreciation, on the part of the general public, of this building which has been provided for, and should be the pride of all the people of the County. We earnestly urge the utmost diligence on the part of the officers in charge of this building.

We find conditions at the County Home most deplorable. Such an institution is a shame on humanity and a disgrace to the County of Pitt. We are informed by the Superintendent of Health that, with the present situation and equipment, there can probably be no material improvement in these conditions. If this be true, and these conditions must continue, we think it would be merciful to painlessly destroy those who have no home and no hope rather than doom them to such an existence as this place affords.

We have discussed at great length with the Board of County Commissioners this matter and have insisted on a definite promise from them that, no matter how great the cost, they would take immediate steps to procure a suitable site and build a home where these poor, unfortunates may be kept in reasonable comfort.

After the criticisms, we have felt obliged to make, it is a pleasure to this Grand Jury to take up the subject of the offices of the Clerk of this Court, the Sheriff, the Register of Deeds and the County Treasurer. We find the work of the County, in the hands of these several officers, being conducted in a most thorough going and systematic manner and all their efforts as to elicit our heartfelt commendation.

In concluding our labors, and asking to be discharged, we wish to express to your Honor, and to the officers of this court, our sincere appreciation of the courteous treatment we have received from you all.

G. E. HARRIS,  
Foreman of the Grand Jury

### Marriage Licenses.

Last week Register of Deeds, Brascoe Bell, issued marriage licenses to the following couples:

#### WHITE

J. H. Taylor and Margie Smith, Murry K. Porter and Bertha Stokes, Johnnie Smith and Bessie Coward, Roy W. Sutton and Lillian Sawyer, Jesse Smith and Barbara Jones.

#### COLORED

Silas Moore and Pearl Hudley, Wm. Joyner and Mary Joyner, Henry Brown and Mary Solomon, Johnnie Bryant and Lena Coward, Austin Jones and Henrietta Coward.

Forest Whitaker and Francis Jordan, Amos Wooten and Lucy Daniel.

#### killed in Runaway.

A serious runaway accident occurred at Bethel this morning about eleven o'clock that resulted in the death of Charlie Jones, a young white man about thirty years of age.

He was driving through Bethel when his team became frightened in some unknown way and dashed out and after running for some distance he was thrown out and his back broken and body horribly mangled. The unfortunate man was from Coatee and was in the employ of Mr. Edgar Warren.

Because business looks good is no reason that the man who does not try for it will get much.

### AN OPEN LETTER.

Mr. C. L. Wilkinson, Agent,  
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Dear Sir:

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Yours very truly,  
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### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 2, 1914, at 12 o'clock the Pest Houses at County Home known as number one, two and three will be sold at public sale, at the court house door in Greenville, by Julius Brown, county attorney.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Pitt county.

This January 6th, 1914.

B. M. LEWIS, Chairman.

BRASCOE BELL,  
Clerk of the Board.

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### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held Monday, January 5, 1914, petition was presented asking that a road be made out and established in Contentnea township, leading across the lands of J. R. Turnage and J. M. Dixon, leading from a point about half way from Ayden to Harrington's Cross Roads and connecting with the road leading to Robert McLawhorn's, same will be heard at the regular meeting of the board February 2, 1914.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Pitt county.

This January 6, 1914.

B. M. LEWIS, Chairman.

By BRASCOE BELL,

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### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on Monday, January 5, 1914, petition was presented asking that a public road be laid out and established in Contentnea township beginning at the bend of the public road, leading from John Pierce's place to Ayden near Joe McLawhorn's place crossing the lands of Joe McLawhorn's, F. C. Turnage, Ed McLawhorn, Josephus Gaskins, J. M. Dixon and J. R. Turnage's place to Third street in Ayden, same will be heard at the regular meeting of the Board February 2, 1914.

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### SCHOOL BONDS FOR SALE.

#### Non-Taxable.

Grimesland School District, Pitt County, North Carolina, offers for sale to the highest bidder, SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS of bonds, bearing date January 1st, 1914, to run for thirty years, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable annually, on the 1st day of January of each year. These bonds will be issued by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly, Extra Session, 1913, and ratify by a unanimous vote of the said District at an election held under said Act, and will be sold in denominations of \$100 and \$500 respectively.

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W. H. RAGSDALE,  
Chairman Board of Trustees.  
Dec. 15, 1913. 12 16 ttd 11w

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## JANUARY 13th, 1914

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$665,774.03
N. C. Bonds	6,000.00
Banking House	
Furniture and Fixtures	24,928.63
Overdrafts	8,951.90
Cash and due from Banks	133,593.20
	<u>\$839,247.76</u>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 91,600.00
Surplus and Profits	29,118.00
DEPOSITS	718,529.76
	<u>\$839,247.76</u>

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### JANUARY 13, 1914.

### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$644,516.40
Overdrafts	7,364.00
Real Estate owned	4,200.00
Furniture and Fixtures	9,966.12
United States Bonds	25,000.00
Exchanges	11,821.98
Cash and due from banks	171,130.13
	<u>\$873,998.63</u>

### LIABILITIES

Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus	11,000.00
Profits net	12,041.93
Circulation	25,000.00
Bond Account	10,000.00
Dividends unpaid	25.00
Deposits	715,931.70
	<u>\$873,998.63</u>

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