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Some Interesting Cases In Court

Court of general sessions for Pickens county which convened Monday morning, September 25, adjourned Friday evening. Most of the cases disposed of were for violation of the prohibition law.

A case which created considerable interest was that of The State vs. E. M. Duncan, charged with violation of the prohibition law. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve twelve months on the chaingang and pay a fine of \$1000. His attorneys will appeal to the supreme court. The evidence brought out during the trial showed that Duncan and Elzie Durham owned and operated an illicit distillery in the Six Mile section about two years ago. According to the testimony the still was at first located on Duncan's place but was later moved near Durham's home and that after the still was moved Duncan reported it to officers who cut it up and arrested Durham. Durham has served six months on the chaingang and paid \$100 fine for his part in the affair, but in some way the case against Duncan was not brought up until this term of court. A short while after Duncan reported the still he was appointed constable or deputy sheriff at Catechee and Solicitor Smoak contended that the "turning up" of the still by Duncan had something to do with his being appointed an officer of the law. Duncan denied all charges against him. The jury was out only a few minutes in reaching a verdict of guilty. Duncan was formerly a policeman at West Greenville, the town made famous by Stub Turner.

Another interesting case was that of The State against Rhett Riddle and Frank Haskins, charged with violating the prohibition law. Riddle, a Spartanburg man, and Haskins, a Canadian, were recently caught near Georges Creek church by Rural Policeman Julian after an exciting automobile race of about fifteen miles in which Mr. Julian's stripped-down Ford overtook the high-powered Stoddard-Dayton car of the suspected rum runners. Policeman Julian searched the car and found forty gallons of whiskey in it, arrested Riddle and Haskins, confiscated the whiskey and car, the body of the car, to all appearances, being especially built for hauling whiskey. The case came up for trial Friday. Defendants' attorney, Sam Nichols of Spartanburg, made a powerful argument before the court contending that the search of his client's car without a warrant was unconstitutional and evidence obtained by reason of such illegal search could not be used against defendant. The State contended that Haskins gave permission for the car to be searched, but the defense contended that Haskins had no right to give permission since it was not his car. In charging the jury Judge Scase said an officer had no right to search a car for whiskey without a search warrant unless the whiskey was in plain view of the officer and that evidence unlawfully obtained against any one could not be used. He then told the jury it must decide whether Policeman Julian had obtained sufficient permission to search the car of the defendants. After deliberating several hours without reaching a verdict the jury was dismissed and a mistrial ordered. Haskins then pleaded guilty to the charge against him and the case against Riddle was not prosed. Haskins' sentence was twelve months on the chaingang and a fine of \$1000, but upon serving four months balance of sentence suspended during good behavior. Although the amount of whiskey involved in this case was the largest of the week the sentence was about the lightest.

Jeff Harris was found guilty of violating the prohibition law and sentenced to serve twelve months on the chain gang and pay \$1000 fine, but upon serving six months balance of sentence is suspended during good behavior. Harris was found by officers in a path near a still. He claimed he was out hunting, but The State brought out evidence that he was interested in the still and was "on watch" when found. The operators of the still have already been tried and sentenced by a former court.

Folger Hill, George Hill and Harry Hill, colored, was found guilty of petty larceny and sentenced to serve thirty days each on the chaingang. They were charged with having stolen an automobile tire from a Mr. Jones of Dacusville.

Eugene Morton, 18-year-old white youth, pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition law. Solicitor Smoak asked the judge to show leniency in this case and Morton was sentenced to serve three months on the chaingang or pay a fine of \$150.

Will Wardlaw, colored, plead guilty of stealing a dog and was sentenced to serve six months on the gang.

Lonic Mauldin and Thomas Cantrell, violation of prohibition law Case against Cantrell not prosed. Mauldin plead guilty and sentenced to serve twelve months and pay \$1000 fine. Upon serving six months balance of sentence suspended during good behavior.

Johnson Bayne, charged with malicious mischief, failed to appear for trial and was found guilty and given a sealed sentence. The case grew out of the shooting and killing by Bayne of a dog belonging to H. A. Lopez of Dacusville.

Mollie Phillips plead guilty of violating the prohibition law. Sentenced to serve twelve months in state penitentiary, but after serving six months balance of sentence suspended during good behavior. She is a white woman and sister-in-law of J. H. Blackwell who was found not guilty of violating prohibition law last week.

J. F. Edwards, Wesley Curry and Ernest Frazier, charged with violating prohibition law, failed to appear for trial. Case against Frazier was not prosed. Defendants later appeared in court and were each sentenced to serve twelve months, all but five months each being suspended during good behavior.

School Progress In Pickens County

For the past several years Pickens county has been taking on renewed life in her school work. She has departed from the old beaten paths of "let well enough alone," or even of marking time, to new enterprises or new thoughts and methods of running her schools. Having kept in touch with the more progressive schools of the state and nation, watching with intense interest their methods, to see whether they were successful or a failure, and realizing that in almost all their endeavors they met with success, it has been thought proper to try these same things in Pickens schools, for, according to the old adage "what is good for Paul is good for Silas."

Consolidation has been the educational watchword in almost all of the progressive school states. With this idea predominating, they have gone forward with leaps and bounds, accomplishing much for the education of their future citizens. South Carolina has caught the spirit of the movement and she, too, is going forward with great strides. It is a pleasure to know that Pickens county has been doing her part in carrying forward her share of this movement.

The first consolidation in Pickens county was the Carpenter Creek school with the Dacusville school district No. 17. This was brought about several years ago, and as a result a good school was established at Dacusville, giving the boys and girls of that community a much better chance than they had been accustomed to.

The next consolidation was the uniting of the Clemson school district in Oconee county with the Calhoun District in Pickens county, with the school house located on the Pickens county side. As a result of this the school has advanced from a small two-teacher school to one of the recognized high schools of the state. Good work is being done in this school, the work in the class room and the building being a credit not only to Pickens county but to the state as well.

Following this the Garvin school district was consolidated with a part of the Kings school district. The result in a material way was the advancement from a one-teacher school to a three. Also, from a ten-minute

class period to twenty and thirty class period. This community has taken on new life, and much more good is being accomplished than before.

Probably the biggest consolidation was that of the Lenhardt and Mauldin school districts with the Easley school district No. 13. This consolidation has placed one of the best high schools in the state in reach of a large number of children that before did not have that advantage. It made possible the floating of a \$50,000.00 bond issue without the increasing of the mill levy, providing ample class room space.

In connection with this consolidation school busses have been put on in the Lenhardt section and the children that are from one to three miles from school are being transported to school. Good roads make this possible, and from the testimony of many of the patrons in this section, is the biggest boon that has ever come their way.

Still another consolidation is that of the Flat Rock school district No. 4 with the Brushy Creek district of Anderson county. This will mean, besides the increased efficiency in the class room, the advancement from a three-teacher school to a five-teacher school.

The last consolidation was finished last week when the Mt. Carmel school was merged with the Dacusville school. Heretofore these two schools have been running within a few miles of each other, the Mt. Carmel school having two teachers and the Dacusville school having three. The most time that could be given to any recitation in either school was about ten and fifteen minutes. Now the periods will range from twenty to thirty minutes. To accommodate these school children a school bus has been put on and the pupils will be transported from the Mt. Carmel section to the Dacusville school.

These consolidations have all proven successful, being 100 per cent more efficient than before this work was done. It is the hope of all that are interested in education that this good work will continue, that the wheels of progress will ever be well oiled, and Pickens county will continue to head the counties of the State in an educational way.

MR. PRICE WINS CASE

Turkey Creek Coal Co. Returns Money Obtained From Price.

The case of The State against J. R. Watts, J. R. Ketchum and W. M. Barnett was begun in the court of general sessions at Pickens, on Wednesday, the 27th of October, the defendants having been charged with obtaining \$3,000 by false pretenses and representations from Mr. W. R. Price, a merchant of Pickens county. After all of the evidence was in on behalf of the State, the defendants offered Mr. Price, the prosecutor, the sum of \$3,105, the amount which he alleged in the indictment had been obtained from him through false pretenses and representations, and the said amount was accepted by him and the case not prosed by the Solicitor.

The case grew out of a sale to Mr. W. R. Price of 300 shares of stock in the Turkey Creek Coal Co., a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware but doing business in the State of Kentucky and having its principal office at Barbourville, Ky. According to the witnesses the defendants represented to Mr. Price that they paid \$200,000 for 1000 acres of land in which there were millions of tons of the finest coal in the country, and that John D. Rockefeller and Henry Ford owned valuable lands near the property of the Turkey Creek Coal Company, and that they were selling stock in the sum of \$100,000 to build a railroad to the property; and that Mr. J. W. Hendricks of the city of Pickens had purchased \$1,000 worth of this stock from them.

It developed from the testimony that these representations were false concerning the coal in the said property, the price paid for the land, and the owners adjoining the land, and the buying of stock by Mr. Hendricks in the sum of \$1,000. It was brought out that the land was actually worth \$3,000 or \$4,000.

The defendants exchanged the said 300 shares of stock that Mr. Price purchased for 30 shares of J. K. Orr Shoe Company stock, of the City of Atlanta, Ga., of the par value of \$3,000, and it was proved by one of the officers of the J. K. Orr Shoe Company that the stock, at the time of the exchange, was worth par with an accrued dividend.

The citizens of Pickens county are very much elated over the fact that Mr. Price obtained his money back, and this will be a warning to stock salesman hereafter, who are selling worthless stock, to stay away from Pickens county unless they expect to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Jas. P. Carey, Jr., assisted D. W. Smoak in the prosecution of this case. J. G. Leatherwood of Greenville, and Craig & Keith of Pickens represented the defendants.

ALONG PICKENS ROUTE 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alonzo Brown of Catechee and Mr. L. W. Hill of Liberty visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown on Pickens route 4 last Sunday.

Mrs. Edd Chastain of this section has been visiting her son Earl Chastain of Calhoun.

Mrs. Mimmie Chastain of route 4 has been visiting her brother George Edens of Clemson.

Miss Lizzie Edens is visiting relatives at Clemson this week.

Mrs. S. W. Howard, widow of the late Stephen Howard, has just returned home after spending several weeks with the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brown.

Miss Ruby Chastain is at home for a few weeks vacation from her school.

Our school has closed a successful term with Miss Merle Hendricks and Mr. Richard Hallum as teachers. Mountainer.

STUB TURNER GUILTY

"Stub" Turner, former West Greenville policeman and well-known in Pickens county, was found guilty in Greenville county court last week of having 17 gallons of whiskey in his possession unlawfully, and was sentenced to serve six months on the chaingang. He appealed to the supreme court for a new trial.

Miss Zoe Boyles of Anderson is visiting Miss Ora McFall.

Pickens Association Meets Oct. 13

The next meeting of the Pickens Baptist Association will be held with Ooleney Baptist church, commencing Friday, October 13th, and continuing through Sunday.

The executive committee has arranged the following as a suggested program on the order of business: Friday, 13th.

10:00 a. m.—Devotional services led by the pastor, Rev. F. S. Childress.

10:30—Enrollment of delegates.

11:00—Introductory sermon by Rev. W. D. Hammett.

Afternoon.

2 p. m.—Report on the spiritual condition of the churches, and Public Morals.

3 p. m.—Report on Sunday Schools.

4 p. m.—Appointment of committees to report at this session; miscellaneous business and adjourn.

Saturday, 14th:

9:30 a. m.—Devotional services conducted by Rev. B. P. Mitchell.

10:30 a. m.—Report on Aged Missions.

10:30 a. m.—Report on Religious Literature.

11:30 a. m.—Report on Christian Education.

12:00—Announcements. Miscellaneous business and adjourn for dinner.

Afternoon

2:00 p. m.—Report on Orphanage.

2:45 p. m.—Report on Hospital.

3:15 p. m.—Report on Woman's Work.

4:00 p. m.—Miscellaneous business and adjourn.

Sunday, 15th.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional services conducted by Dr. J. H. Mitchell.

10:00 a. m.—Reports on State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions. These three reports to be read in the order stated and considered together.

11:30 a. m.—Sermon by Dr. C. E. Burtis.

Afternoon.

2 p. m.—All other reports to be made at this session; resolutions and miscellaneous business.

3:00 p. m.—Report on Obituaries. Adjourn.

At the last meeting of the association the Committee on Time and Place recommended that at this meeting Sunday be made "Rally Day" and that all the churches of the association close and dispense with preaching on that day so that all the pastors, deacons and others could attend. It is earnestly hoped that all the churches will observe this recommendation. Executive Com.

PROF. WEAMS COMING

By special request Prof. W. McD. Weams will be at the Pickens County Singing convention at Cross Roads church October 7 and 8. Prof. Weams, the famous singer, conductor and composer, is a native of Pickens county but for the past several years has made his home in Georgia. He is the best singer, teacher, director and composer in the South and his equal would be hard to find anywhere. We know whereof we speak. Crowning Hymns No. 2, his 1922 book, is the best all-round book for all occasions to be found. His friends will be delighted to see and hear him again. A Lover of Song.

ADVANCES ON COTTON

Columbia, Oct. 2.—The South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association has paid out in advances to its members over \$1,500,000. Cotton is pouring into concentration points, warehouses and receiving stations daily in large lots and the great organization which the farmers of the state have set in motion for the purpose of marketing their crop is functioning in a splendid manner.

BIG SCHOOL PICNIC AT LIBERTY

The School Improvement Association of the Liberty high school announces a big school picnic on Oct. 13, at 2 o'clock. Everybody interested in our school come. As we are going to serve dinner to our five hundred pupils, we ask the ladies to all bring in their baskets, meat, bread, peanut butter sandwiches and cake.

Come! Let's have a big school rally. Mrs. R. E. Bowen, Sec.

GRACE CHURCH SERVICES

Preaching every day this week at Grace Methodist church at 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended by the pastor and church to the community to come and worship with us. The attendance and interest has been good. Prof. B. L. Fowler of Greer is song leader. He is fine. Rev. J. M. Steadman, the presiding elder of the Greenville district will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and hold the fourth quarterly conference at the close of the morning service.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

Services at Pickens Baptist church next Sunday morning are as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching by Pastor, 11 a. m. There will be an important business meeting at the close of the service for the election of delegates to the association, etc. It is important that all of the members of the church be present. The night service will be given over on account of the meeting at the Methodist church.

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ALONG LIBERTY ROUTE 3

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bolding, September 15, a fine boy.

The many friends of Mr. Luther McQueen are sorry to know that he is in the Greenville hospital. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Sorry to report that Mr. Jim Crowder is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Garvin McQueen of Central were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright last Sunday.

Miss Allie Smith spent the week-end with her uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Holden spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright. G.E.W.

Announcement will be made in next week's paper of the fall examination for Pickens county school teachers.