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## Robbers Steal Car In Custody of Sheriff

Enter Jesse Stanley's Garage In Smithfield and Carry Off Ford That Was Confiscated With the Arrest of Major Mitchell.

The under-world crowd seems to have put one over on the sheriff of the county last Thursday night when they went to the garage of County Jailor Jesse Stanley in the town of Smithfield and stole the Ford car which Major Mitchell was driving at the time of his arrest, and which was placed in custody of the sheriff of the county awaiting further developments in the case. The thieves are said to have been seen driving the car from the garage about 9 o'clock Thursday night by Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Honcutt who happened to pass the garage about that time. They are said to have thought the car was being driven away by some of the garage men and thought nothing more about it then. The car was later reported as having been seen at the filling station of Tom Scott, several miles north of Selma, and it is further reported that Red Stanley and Red Dixon, who are alleged to be deeply implicated in the wholesale robbery proceedings in this vicinity, were also seen at Mr. Scott's filling station that night, each of whom had a car and bought gasoline.

Other developments in connection with these robbery cases since our last issue was the finding of the iron safe stolen from Claude Beasler's store at Bentonville in Neuse River at a point somewhere between Selma and Wilson's Mills. Officers are still working on various clues, but as a whole things are much quieter than they were a few days ago.

## Furious Winds Do Damage At Wendell

Wendell, March 29.—Wind of nearly cyclonic violence accompanied by torrential rains and an electric storm very unusual for the time of year did damage in the town of Wendell and vicinity Sunday night amounting to several thousand dollars.

Many homes were seriously damaged, and for several hours the town was plunged into darkness as the power line poles crashed; and telephone communication, and telegraph service were crippled all day yesterday. Hundreds of small items of damage, such as chicken houses blown over, etc., have been reported, representing in the total a respectable sum. Much damage was also reported to the canvas with which tobacco plant beds are covered at this time of year.

## Dunn Wins Third Game In Contest

Third Game of Five-Game Series of Bridge Played At Brick Hotel Wednesday Night Was Won by Dunn.

Messrs. H. D. Hood, G. K. Grantam, Jr., James E. Davis, W. M. Bailey, Russell Bassford and Dr. C. L. Corbett, representing Dunn, and Messrs. Wilbur Perkins, Roger Strickland, Moses Godwin, Walton Booker and Sherwood Schuler, of Selma, were the participants in the third game of bridge of a five-game series to decide the championship of Dunn and Selma played at the New Brick Hotel in Selma on Wednesday night. The Dunn boys won the game by more than 1500 points. The second game of the series, played in Dunn last week, was won by the latter by only 14 points. The first game was won by Selma by 1200 points. This puts Dunn in the lead by about 400 points.

This contest is sponsored by H. D. Hood, of Dunn, and H. H. Lowry, of Selma. The fourth game will be played in Dunn on next Wednesday night.

## Sunday School Association to Meet

We have been requested to announce that the Johnston County Sunday School Association will meet at Carter's Chapel church on April 3, at three o'clock P. M. As the weather was so bad no meeting was held on the date set for the last meeting. Let every Sunday school be represented.

## Recorder's Court Has Another Busy Session

Tuesday, March 15th.  
State vs. Willie Thomas, colored laborer, aged 20, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Defendant is given 60 days on public roads.

State vs. Preston Hughes, white laborer, aged 33, for violation of the prohibition law, is found guilty of possession of 6 pints of whiskey and 22 bottles of home brew for purpose of sale, and is given 90 days on the roads.

State vs. Buck Bass, white farmer, aged 30, for abandonment and non-support. Guilty, and given 60 days on the roads, sentence to remain suspended during next two years upon condition that defendant is of good behavior during next two years and pays cost. Defendant ordered to report to Recorder's Court on April 5th, 1932, and show that he has been of good behavior.

State vs. John Taylor, white laborer, aged 23, for abandonment and non-support of wife and child. Guilty. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost and upon condition that defendant pays into court \$2.00 per week for use and benefit of wife, and defendant ordered to report to Recorder's Court on April 5, 1932, for further judgment.

State vs. Garfield Gardner, colored laborer, aged 29, for operating car while intoxicated. Guilty. Defendant given 90 days on roads.

State vs. J. R. Barrett, white salesman, for operating car while intoxicated. Called and failed. Judgment nisi nisi fa and capias.

State vs. Louis Lee, white farmer, for operating car while intoxicated. Called and failed. Judgment nisi nisi fa and capias.

State vs. Everett Eason, white farmer, for house burning. Probable cause found and defendant is bound to Superior Court. Bond fixed at \$500.00.

Wednesday, March 16th.  
State vs. Garland Horton, white farmer, aged 29, for larceny of meat, value less than \$20. Guilty. Defendant given 6 months on roads.

State vs. Alton Barefoot, white farmer, aged 18, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Twelve months road sentence, suspended upon condition that defendant does not violate prohibition law or any criminal law for a period of two years and pays cost. Capias to issue at request of solicitor.

State vs. Marvin Horne, white person, for housebreaking and larceny. Probable cause found and defendant bound to Superior Court.

State vs. B. A. Bailey, Benjamin Boykin, Lect Horne and Isaac Bass, for housebreaking and larceny. Not probable cause as to Isaac Bass and he is discharged. Probable cause as to Bailey, Boykin and Horne and each bound to Superior court under bond of \$300.00 each.

State vs. Benjamin Boykin, for assault with deadly weapon. Probable cause found and defendant is bound to Superior court.

State vs. Benjamin Boykin, for operating car while intoxicated. Not guilty.

Tuesday, March 22.  
State vs. Henry Best, white farmer, aged 46, for assault on wife. Plea of guilt. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost and on further condition that defendant is of good behavior during the next two years.

State vs. Josiah Stancil, white farmer, aged 60, for obstructing officer, etc. Defendant not guilty. Prosecution adjudged to be frivolous and malicious and not brought in good faith and prosecuting witness, Charlie Knight, taxed with the cost.

State vs. V. A. Goodroch, white farmer, for larceny of tobacco sticks value less than \$20.00. Guilty. Sixty day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost. Appeal.

State vs. Charles C. Lee, white lawyer, aged 51, for operating car without proper license plate, obstructing public highway with auto and operating car while intoxicated. Defendant adjudged guilty of operating car without proper license plate and obstructing public highway with auto. \$10 fine and cost as to the two counts above. Verdict as to operating car while intoxicated is withheld until March 30th, 1932.

State vs. Nathaniel Durston, colored blacksmith, aged 39, for larceny of mule shoes, value less than

## Special Meeting of Johnston Baptist Asso.

To Be Held With Selma Baptist Church On Tuesday, April 5th—An Interesting Program To Be Given.

There will be a special meeting of the Johnston Baptist Association at Selma, N. C., on April 5th. It will be held in the Baptist church, commencing at ten o'clock, and closing in the afternoon. No matters of business will be considered, but the day will be devoted to inspirational addresses, reports from the churches and consideration of the future work of the churches.

Geo. E. Lovell, Moderator of the Association and Supt. of the Pythian Orphanage at Clayton, will preside. Drs. L. E. Barton, of Wilmington, N. C., and Chas. E. Madry of Raleigh, and Rev. E. N. Johnson, of Mt. Olive, will deliver addresses. In the afternoon session a conference on "The Life and Work of the Churches" will be led by Rev. Theo. B. Davis, clerk of the Association.

Each church in the Association is asked to send just as many of its members to this meeting as possible. It is hoped no church will be unrepresented. Bring a basket or sandwich lunch. The ladies of the Selma church will serve hot coffee and spread the dinner. The pastors and superintendents of Sunday Schools are asked to announce this meeting at the services next Sunday.

### PROGRAM

10:00 A. M.—Praise and Prayer.  
10:10 A. M.—Devotional Message—Rev. H. N. Massey.

10:30 A. M.—Recognition of delegations from the churches.

10:45 A. M.—Address, "My Church"—Dr. L. E. Barton of Alabama.

11:25 A. M.—Address, "The Expectant Christ"—Dr. Chas. E. Madry, of Raleigh.

12:10 A. M.—(bring box lunch, turning same over to local Ladies Committee on your arrival).

1:15 P. M.—Praise and Prayer.

1:30 P. M.—"The Life and Work of the Churches" Roll call and verbal reports from the churches, by the pastor or other member as selected by the church on—

(a) The Spiritual Life of the Church.

(b) Church Attendance.

(c) Status of Sunday School—B. Y. P. U.; W. M. U.

(d) The Every Member Canvass.

(e) Following Up the Canvass.

Getting Pledges Paid

Keeping Treasurers Book

2:25 P. M.—Conference Period On Above, directed by Rev. Theo. B. Davis.

3:00 P. M.—Address, "A Closer Walk With God"—Rev. E. N. Johnson of Mt. Olive.

4:00 P. M.—Singing, Prayer, Adjournment.

NOTE—Please have this read at the morning service, Sunday, April 3, by the Pastor or Sunday School Superintendent. If delegates to this session have not been selected, do so at this time, and be sure your church is represented without fail. Bear in mind that this meeting is open to all and that large delegations are urged to be present from all of our churches.

—Geo. E. Lovell, Moderator.

\$20. Guilty. Defendant is given 90 days in county jail and assigned to work at County Home.

State vs. J. D. Simpson, colored laborer, aged 36, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession and transportation of one-half gallon of whiskey. \$10.00 fine and cost.

State vs. Charlie Morris, white farmer, aged 32, for interfering and obstructing officer in the discharge of duties. Guilty, and given 60 day road sentence, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. Joe Medlin, white farmer, aged 39, for operating car while intoxicated and operating car without proper license plate. Plea of guilty as to both counts. Defendant given 60 days on roads. Capias not to issue until further order of this court. Defendant ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in the State of North Carolina during next 12 months. The car being operated by defendant ordered confiscated and P. S. Pulley, policeman of Kenly, N. C., is ordered to sell car after due advertisement and apply the proceeds derived from said sale toward payment of cost of action. Any excess to school fund.

## U. S. Commissioner Massey Hears Liquor Case

350-Gallon Still Captured By Prohibition Officers Near Home Of Percy Flowers—500 Gallons Of Beer Destroyed.

Friday night at 8 o'clock Federal Prohibition officers B. R. Masten and John L. Langston and Wake county deputy sheriffs W. G. Maddry, O. L. Smith, H. L. Pearce and R. L. Atkins brought Dave Pilkington and Allison Nichols to Selma where they were given a hearing before United States Commissioner I. W. Massey on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. These men were caught at a 350-gallon still eight miles north of Selma, near the home of Dick and Percy Flowers. The still and 5,000 gallons of beer were destroyed by the officers. This is the third still that has been captured in this neighborhood during the past few months. While Federal Court was in session in Raleigh last November the officers captured a 400-gallon still near a graveyard at Jercy Flowers. About a month ago a 350-gallon still and a large quantity of beer was captured in the same neighborhood.

Pilkington and Nichols were taken to the Johnston County jail in default of \$1,000 bonds. This is Pilkington's third offense. He is now under an 18-months suspended sentence, having been tried at the last term of Federal court in Raleigh. He will be taken to Chillicothe, Ohio, at once to serve this sentence. After he has served the 18-months sentence he will be returned to Johnston county to stand trial for his latest offense.

## Snake Driver Knocks Out George Taylor

Snake Driver, 141-pound Selma boy, knocked out George Taylor, 146-pounds, of Wilson, amateur welter weight champ of North Carolina, in 37 seconds of the third round of a scheduled six-round fight Tuesday night at the Carolina Theatre in Selma. Taylor was no match for the hard-slugging Driver. He was dropped in the first with a short right to the chin and floored five more times during the next round. A left hook to the chin put Taylor down and out. The preliminaries were not with Elmer Brown, Pine Level, whipping Earl Barbour, of Four Oaks. It was a fast fight of three rounds. Jesse Capps, local boy, ran into a terrific right cross by Hal Johnson and almost knocked out. Johnson put in a heavy swing to the body and Capps' rib was broken. There were two other small fights.

## Wayne Schools May Close Because of Shortage In Taxes

Goldboro, March 29.—Goldboro city schools and several of the Wayne county schools will have to close very soon unless more taxes are paid in at once, Col. John D. Langston, member of the school board, stated in a talk at St. Paul Methodist church Sunday morning. The same announcement was made in other churches of the city.

This announcement followed a joint meeting of the county commissioners and the board of education on Friday at which it was voted to start a campaign before civic clubs, churches and Parent-Teacher associations, urging that citizens pay their taxes, or a part of their taxes without further delay.

## Two Johnston County Postmasters Get Bailey's Approval

Washington, March 29.—Senator Bailey today returned the following nominations for postmasters in North Carolina to the post office and post roads committee, with his approval:

Mary F. Hight, Youngsville.  
Arthur H. Gibbs, Whittier.  
James C. Stancil, Smithfield.  
Ralph A. Kennedy, Sanford.  
Anna W. McMinn, Pine Bluff.  
May C. Campbell, Norwood.  
Rosa J. Cooper, Nashville.  
Charlie H. Murray, Middlesex.  
Elsie E. Boyette, Kenly.  
Richard J. Pace, East Flat Rock.

## Local People Attend Moravian Services

Impressive Easter Service Held At Winston-Salem Saturday and Sunday Is Witnessed by Several Selma People.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Breitz, their son Franklin and their daughter, Mariam Breitz, and Mrs. W. T. Woodard attended the Moravian Easter service at Winston-Salem Sunday.

They arrived in Salem in time for the "Lovefeast" which takes place Saturday afternoon promptly at 2:30, in the Home Moravian church, which was simply but beautifully decorated with Easter lilies. As the early Christians met and broke bread together, so the members of the Moravian church have made it an established custom to celebrate occasions which they deem worthy of deep spiritual observance by partaking together, and with their friends, of a simple meal, a "lovefeast". In so doing they emphasize the bond of fellowship which exists between All Christian believers. This service seeks to enhance the spirit of unity and good will between men.

After some lovely Easter music, both vocal and instrumental, rendered by a large and well trained choir, followed by Scripture and prayer, Bishop Kenneth Pfohl, pastor, made a short talk in which he set forth the Moravians' faith in the Resurrection of Christ and a life eternal beyond the grave; their well founded hope of recognition after death and the certainty of reunion with our loved ones, all based on Scriptural teaching.

As the grand old organ pealed forth an accompaniment, played by Mrs. Kenneth Pfohl; the South's finest harpist, Miss Ruth Pfohl played "Meditation." At this juncture 18 ladies brought in trays of hot buns which they passed to every person in the large auditorium and balcony as well. Eighteen men next came carrying large wooden trays filled with mugs containing steaming, hot coffee and all done in such a systematic manner that every one was soon served. Dr. Pfohl then asked each one to partake of this lovefeast in a spirit of reverence and "To believe that the risen and ascended Christ, is present with you—meanwhile offering a silent prayer for your neighbor on either side of you, and covenant with Him anew that you will live more worthily and that you will obey the command, 'Love One Another.'" Just before the close of this very impressive service, Dr. Pfohl introduced Gypsy Smith world famous evangelist, who spoke a few words in perfect accord with the ceremony just concluded and then invited those in the congregation to attend his revival meeting, which is being held in a large warehouse in Winston-Salem.

At 2 o'clock Sunday morning the several Moravian bands with a personnel of 285, began to play triumphant Easter music. The musicians did not sleep any more, but played in all sections of the city and were assembled at the church for the early morning service and stationed in groups along Cedar Avenue which is the approach to the graveyard. While throngs gathered in the square in front of the church and college, Mrs. Pfohl played the chimes and as a grand finale, the century-old bell pealed out in silvery tones the tidings that the sacred early morning services were about to begin. (Tradition has it that when this bell was about to be cast, one hundred young men threw in a silver dollar each, hence the liquid silvery tones of this bell).

Promptly at 5:30 a. m., as the last tones died away, Bishop Pfohl appeared in the doorway of the church and in clear, ringing accents, said: "The Lord is Risen; The Lord is Risen Indeed!" The waiting throng joined heartily in the short responsive service which was followed by band numbers. When the Bishop asked the people to proceed in orderly manner to the graveyard, marching in columns of eight. Ushers were stationed every 20 feet on either side of Cedar Avenue to direct the great moving mass of humanity, which in quiet, reverential mood assembled around the Bishop's stand in the graveyard where, in most impressive manner, the beautiful Easter morning service was concluded while the sun rose over the Eastern hills, and the song birds caroled praise and

## Sheriffs May Begin Sales of Lands For Taxes After June 6

Brummitt Rules Postponement Limited to 1931—Land Sales For Taxes Bothered General Assembly of 1931 Consequently Postponement Authorized.

Raleigh, March 29.—Postponement of sales of land for delinquent taxes was limited to the year 1931, Attorney General D. G. Brummitt today wrote County Attorney B. L. Pentress, of Guilford, in response to inquiries made by Mr. Pentress relating to the payment of taxes for 1932.

No solitary subject of the general assembly of 1931 took up more time than that of land sales for taxes and considerable legislation died before there was finally enacted a provision forestalling such sales until late in the year. There was no lobby on this issue but always it was bobbing up. It was argued throughout the controversy that the credit of counties and cities would be greatly crippled by the act which delayed until the late fall the enforced collection of taxes. But the general assembly seemed to feel that one year of leniency would work the financial salvation of the payers.

The opinion of the attorney general will be the law on this subject until somebody is about to be sold out and some sort of restraining order will be sought to hold up procedure for this enforced collection of taxes. The sad news of today's ruling is that sheriffs may begin the sale of lands, on which taxes have not been paid, after June, 1932, and the first Monday of the month, June 6, is the limit.

The delinquent list would be advertised in May and the sales would proceed in June. It is anything but a joyful tidings which the attorney general gives out today. The letter to Mr. Pentress reads:

"Dear Mr. Pentress: In accordance with our telephone conversation, I have considered the various statutes to which you referred, chapters 342 and 160 of 1931, C. S. 1334-48 and C. S. 8012.

"In a letter of August 31, 1931, to Mr. C. M. Johnson, director of local government (dealing primarily with another, but related subject), I said:

"It will be observed that this chapter 342 limits the postponement of sale of land for delinquent taxes, as therein permitted, to such sales for the year 1931."

"A further examination of the chapter this morning confirms the view then expressed. You will note that the postponement authorized was to 'not later than the first Monday in November, 1931.' All references in the act are to taxes and procedure with respect to the tax year 1931. Section two also seems to be conclusive that this act shall apply only to such taxes as are now due and unpaid."

"Chapter 160 has no relation to your inquiry. Neither does C. S. 8012, as carried forward in Michie's North Carolina code of 1931.

"Sale of land for taxes for this year is governed by C. S. 1334-48 of chapter 213, public laws of 1927, as amended. This statute, still in force, sets out the duties of the sheriff with respect to report of taxes collected and ordered of commissioners for sale of land, the sale to take place on the first Monday in June.

"Yours very truly,  
"D. G. BRUMMITT,  
"Attorney General."

thanksgiving. Groups of the immense orchestra was stationed all along the way and played appropriate music at intervals.

After the services were over, people lingered among the myriads of lovely flowers which had been placed on nearly every grave on Saturday afternoon by family or friends, and to read the inscriptions on the stones, all of which were approximately two and one-half feet square and laid level at the head of the grave.

An unusual thing about Moravian graveyards is that all old men are buried in one section, all young men in another and small boys in still another. In like manner the women and girls. Due to this custom, families are never buried together, but every one seems satisfied with the arrangement.