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SUPERIOR COURT TO DECIDE CASE 'WOMEN-WHIPPERS'

Three Defendants Held Under \$15,000 Bond By Lumber-ton Recorder

KU KLUX KLAN IS BROUGHT UNDER FIRE

Two Proctorville Women Beat Unmercifully By Hooded Mob of 18 Men. Were Dragged From Home At Night At Point Of Pistols And Threatened With Ku Klux Members Totalling 10,000.

P. M. Lawson, chief of police at Falkland, John Hedgepeth, a member of the police force at Proctorville and Jule Brogden, also of Proctorville, were bound over to the Superior court Friday by Recorder W. B. Levy of Lumberton on various and readily charges growing out of the whipping of two Proctorville women by 18 masked men one night recently. A joint bond of \$15,000 was required, which is to be forfeited if any one of the three defendants fail to appear for trial in the higher court.

The charges, which range from simple assault to first-degree burglary, were brought by Mrs. Hattie Purvis and Mrs. Mary Watson, both of whom lived in Proctorville, a small town 10 miles southwest of Lumberton. According to the testimony of the two women, they were taken from the home of Mrs. Purvis on Saturday night, April 14, by a masked mob of 18 men, carried a short distance to a negro church and there with a severe whipping upon their naked flesh. Members of the mob, according to the witnesses, told them that they were Ku Klux Klan members and warned the women not to tell what had happened and at the same time threatening them with 10,000 Ku Klux members who would get them regardless of where they might go.

The preliminary trial of the alleged women-whippers drew one of the largest crowds to Lumberton that ever attended court in the Robeson county. The attendance on the opening day of the trial was estimated at 2,000.

Following is the story told by Mrs. Purvis during the trial as reported to The Raleigh News and Observer by Ben Dixon McNeill:

Mrs. Purvis' Story—When they stepped up on the porch I went to the front door. The electric light showed on the man's face. The eye holes in his mask were cut too large and I knew him. He was Jule Brogden. He told me to open up. I told him I would not. While I was standing there six of them broke open the back door and rushed up with their pistols in their hands. John Hedgepeth led the ones that came in the back way.

"Mike Lawson came in with Jule Brogden when Hedgepeth opened the front door. I knew both of them and recognized them by their size and by their voices and clothes. They had on shrouds with a red cross on the breast and a peaked cap with a red tassel. They told the Watson girls to go home and me and Mrs. Watson to come with them. Mike Lawson hit the little Watson girl over the head with his club that he carries when he is on police.

Dragged Woman Out—Then they dragged me and Mrs. Watson out and put us in a Ford car and started up to the church. Four of them got in with us and the rest walked. They made us get out and blindfolded us. They choked Mrs. Watson to keep her from screaming. I had some hairpins in my hand and I asked them to let me put up my hair. When I did I moved the bandage so I could see.

"Mike Lawson pulled his mask up to wipe his dirty nose and I recognized him. They laid Mrs. Watson down across a log that was used to brace up the church and pulled up her clothes. They got out a leather strap and threw a flash light on her bare flesh and beat her till the blood ran out of her. Then they did me the same way. Two of them held our arms across the log while they beat us.

"While they were beating me they said they understood I had been keeping a disorderly house and that they would give me just ten days to go to my husband at Rocky Mount. I told them it was a lie and that I moved to Proctorville to keep my children in school and that I would go away when I got ready. I intended to join my husband when school is out at Orram where my boy is in high school.

"They made us walk back to Pro-



DR. PAUL BAGBY

NEGRO LYNCHED IN MISSOURI

Was Accused Of Attacking Fourteen-Year-Old White Girl

Columbia, Mo., April 29.—James Scott, a negro accused of attacking a 14 year old girl was hanged to a railroad bridge early today by a mob estimated to number 2,000. Just before the hanging, her father, head of the German department of the University of Missouri here, appeared dramatically on the scene and appealed to the mob to let the law take its course.

"I have as much against this man as you have," he is quoted as saying. "But we, as citizens of the United States, should abide by the laws of the country."

The mob ignored the pleas of the girl's father, and despite protests of innocence from their victim, took the negro to the bridge, not far from the place where the attack was made upon the girl.

"You're hanging an innocent man," the negro pleaded. "That's the truth; I can't die with a lie on my lips."

After a rope was tied about his neck he was pushed off the bridge. The coroner said later the negro's neck was broken and that he apparently died instantly.

The mob gained entrance to the cell occupied by the negro by burning the iron door with an acetylene torch.

No attempt was made to take the keys from the sheriff.

No students at the university took an active part in the lynching, eye witnesses stated. There were many in the crowd, it was asserted, but all the available witnesses state they were only spectators.

The negro had been identified by the girl as her assailant.

SUDAN TEMPLE PREPARING FOR A BIG CEREMONIAL

New Bern, April 29.—Sudan headquarters are hurrying preparations for the annual spring ceremonial which will be held in Washington, N. C., May 17. Dr. J. F. Ehem, recorder of the temple, stated today indications are that the largest class of candidates in many years will be disposed of. He stated while many applications had been received he expected many more in the final rush. No applications will be received after midnight of Tuesday, May 2.

PRISONERS AMONG THE CONTRIBUTORS

Inmates of "Death Row" Contribute to Fund to Save Daniel Nobles

Raleigh, April 27.—His comrades in "death row" today contributed 23 dollars to the fund being raised by Rev. Sylvester Betts, local minister, to fight for the life of Daniel Milton Nobles, of Columbus county, who is under death sentence for the murder of his second cousin Henry Nobles.

"The boys in 'death row' all believe that Nobles is innocent," said Rev. Mr. Betts today, "and they have contributed their mite to the fund we are raising in an effort to save this man."

Nobles was to have been put to death in the electric chair at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, but appeals made by Rev. Mr. Betts, J. H. Westers and Leonard Godwin, local churchmen, who declare they believe him innocent, caused Governor Morrison to grant a reprieve of 60 days in order that he may look further into the case.

HIGHER TREND IN PRICE OF COTTON

Close Of Week At New Orleans Finds Values 130 To 167 Points Higher

New Orleans, April 29.—Unfavorable weather in the belt caused a gradually higher trend to values during the greater part of last week in the cotton market, but just on the close a great deal of liquidation from the long side was responsible for moderate reactions.

Lowest prices were made on the opening session when the trading months were 8 to 19 points under the close of the preceding week and from this there was a rise to levels 130 to 167 points over the preceding week's final prices. The net results were gains of 35 to 63 points. July, after selling off to 28.66 cents a pound, rose to 27.87 and finally closed at 26.74. In the spot department, prices gained 75 points on middling, which closed at 28.00 against 17.00 on the close of this week last year.

The main complaint from the interior was that too much rain was interfering with the planting of the crop. Texas sent in the most unfavorable account and the rainfall there was heavy enough to cause floods and overflows and some little washing out of cotton already planted. Some Southern counties of the state reported that planting had been done as many as three times without good stands being secured. In some sections of the central belt more favorable accounts were heard and the eastern belt also reported favorable spots but, on the whole, the crop was considerable late. Much complaint of shortage of labor came from the Atlantic and also from the North Central portion of the belt.

The week brought a good demand for spot cotton, much of it apparently being to fill commitments maturing.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Series of Meetings Began Sunday. Wake Forest Pastor Preaching

A large congregation last evening greeted Rev. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of the Baptist church at Wake Forest, when he preached his first sermon in a series of meetings, which began at the First Baptist church of Dunn Sunday evening. Dr. Bagby's first gospel message greatly impressed those who heard him. His subject, "The cry of the world, where is thy God?" was so developed as to be both helpful and inspiring.

Dr. Bagby, before becoming chaplain at Wake Forest college, was pastor of one of the largest churches in Louisville, Ky. He is perhaps the most popular pastor among the college students that has ever served the Wake Forest church. He has a peculiar power of interesting young people and is considered one of the best Bible students in the Southern Baptist convention.

The series of meetings really began Sunday evening, when Rev. Casper C. Warren preached a stirring sermon on "The Divine Call." Mr. Warren is a native of Dunn, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren and is greatly beloved by the people of his home town and community. A large congregation heard his sermon Sunday evening.

In discussing the Divine Call, he spoke very interestingly of his own call to preach the gospel and the joy that has come to him in responding to the call. He emphasized the fact that all Christians are called to do some definite service for Christ. He pictured many ways in which God calls men, naming the voice of children, the voice of fathers and mothers, the church and the voice of Christ. The message brought forth a reconsecration of many church members, who were deeply moved by the young preacher.

The evening services will continue under the direction of Mr. Warren, who arrived home Saturday night from Louisville, Ky., where he spent several months studying at the Southern Baptist Theological seminary. Services will be held twice daily—9:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The public is invited to all the services.

STORM DOES DAMAGE IN WEST HARNETT CO.

Rain and Hail, Accompanied by Strong And Furious Wind, Near Broadway

A severe wind, rain and hail storm broke over the western part of Harnett county, near Broadway, about 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dunn, and Prof. B. D. Bunn, also of Dunn, were in the midst of the storm. Mr. Johnson stopped his car within a few feet of a large tree which was uprooted by the wind. Just a short time before the tree was uprooted a member of Mr. Johnson's party suggested that he drive his car beside the tree for shelter from the downpour of rain and hail.

Storms were general throughout Eastern North Carolina Saturday afternoon and night. A cyclone did considerable damage near Lucas in Wilson county. A strong wind and rain storm struck Dunn about 10 o'clock Saturday night, though no damage was reported.

L. U. Bissell, local building inspector, yesterday issued a permit to J. B. O'Neal for the erection of a 6-room residence on East Edgerton street. He also issued a permit to the DunnCoca-Cola Bottling Co., for the erection of a warehouse on South Fayetteville avenue.

ing in May. Liverpool bought limited quantities of spot here, and asked for further firm offers. Japan was found buying in this market late in the week, but at all times business in the spot department was restricted by the small offerings. Market letters on the weak end predicted that the scarcity of supplies would become more pronounced in the near future.

The question of moisture in the belt will be of the highest importance this week and further rainfall would be considered very detrimental. Warm and dry weather would be considered highly favorable.

Beginning Monday the contract market will open at eight o'clock New Orleans time, and close at one o'clock except on Saturdays, when it will close at 10 o'clock, this being in conformity to the daylight saving program.

MAKING MILK SAFE IS IMPORTANT JOB

Counties Being Urged To Help State Eradicate Tuberculosis Among Cattle

(By F. H. Jeter)

The bottle of milk that sat on your porch this morning so cool, so inviting and refreshing, is it free from the germs of the dread tuberculosis? Are you feeding that little child who trusts in you to guard it from all harm, disease germs which may later cause its death? Certainly not, you answer. But later you wonder whether or not you are because you do not know. Unless the herd of cattle that supplies your milk has been properly tested for tuberculosis and the reactors have all been killed, there is always a doubt. About 150 children, the oldest not quite 16, were being fed tuberculosis at an orphanage home in North Carolina until the fact was discovered by inspectors of the state and federal departments of agriculture co-operating with the health authorities of that county to eradicate bovine tuberculosis. The inspectors killed all the cattle, burned their carcasses, burned the barn, disinfected the premises and helped the orphanage to get a new herd of cattle guaranteed free from the disease, and did it just in time probably to prevent widespread trouble among the children. Even the hogs kept at the orphanage and fed skim milk had been infected.

This then is why the eradication of tuberculosis among cattle is important in North Carolina and why the government is spending about \$50,000 to help in the work. Under Dr. William Moore, state veterinarian, the state maintaining a force of trained and accredited veterinarians who are helping to eradicate this disease from the state. In 1921 the legislature passed a law permitting the county commissioners to help in the work by making a small appropriation to cover actual expenses. In this way the state and county co-operative effort between the government, the state and the county. Already about 21 counties have availed themselves of the opportunity and the North Carolina law is being copied widely by other states which want the same kind of work to be done.

Dr. Paul Vaughn, who has charge of this work in North Carolina for the federal department of agriculture, says that states like Ohio, New York, and Wisconsin which have a large cow population are adopting the same plan being worked so successfully in North Carolina. Virginia has only recently taken up the same idea. The county makes an appropriation of about \$3,000 which covers the cost of notices and placards, tags to go in the ears of tested cattle, and the salary and traveling expenses of the veterinarian. Just as soon as the county makes this appropriation and is ready for work, the state veterinarian announces that the county is under quarantine and that no cattle except those which have been properly tested, can come in. The veterinarian assigned to that county goes to work. He goes down the road taking every farm as he comes to it and tests every animal above one day old. He takes nothing for granted but stops at every farm and tests every animal.

All cattle must pass one free test. If any reactors are found, these are killed, the herd put under individual quarantine and tested again within six months. This quarantine is not removed until the remainder of the animals have passed three free tests six months apart, or two free tests one year apart. The reactors are slain within 30 days and then the owner is indemnified about two-thirds the value of his animal. For instance, if a grade cow is worth at a fair appraisal of \$35, is found to be tubercular and is killed, it may be that part of the animal is passed by the licensed inspector to be used for food. If parts of the carcass can be marketed locally for \$10, the government then pays in addition about \$25 and the state \$5.33 to the farmer, making him receive a total of \$30.66 for his animal, or two-thirds of its appraised value. In this way many farmers are encouraged to remove sources of infection which they would be loath to do so otherwise. Many feel that killing their cows work a hardship on them and so the state and government agree to make this as light as possible.

Dr. Vaughn states that the movement is gaining in popularity. Practically all health and medical organizations in the state have endorsed the work. The county medical associations have given it their indorsement and so have the various clubs

GREAT MEETING HERE SATURDAY

The Very Best Way to Fight The Boll Weevil to Be Explained

Attention, Farmers!

There is only one "best way" to grow cotton under boll weevil conditions, and every farmer in the Dunn District who would like to learn what that was he should be in Dunn Saturday afternoon of that week at 3 o'clock. At that hour the call for battle against the weevil will be sounded and the "soldier" farmers and business men will be given instructions for waging the war that is to be fought out during the next few months.

A noted authority on the boll weevil from the State of Louisiana will address the meeting and the dusting machines found to be the best by test will be on display. The meeting will be held in the local opera house.

This meeting was called last evening at the conclusion of a meeting of local business men. W. Bruce Maboo, who is in charge of the local boll weevil field station, addressed the business men, his address being followed by a round-table discussion of the weevil and plans for waging a campaign against the cotton enemy. The consensus of opinion was that there is too much indifference upon the part of both business men and farmers as to the situation which confronts this section.

It is planned to make the meeting Saturday the biggest of its kind ever held in the county. The following committees were appointed: Advertising—J. M. Sherwood, J. E. Block, Wesley Thompson, W. B. Maboo, F. Glover Britt; Finance—J. L. Thompson, E. O. Frierson, J. W. Furdson. As a part of the advertising program letters will be mailed to around 4,000 farmers living in the Dunn District, urging them of the importance of attending the meeting to be held Saturday afternoon.

No farmer who is interested in defeating the boll weevil can well afford to miss this meeting.

Miss Agnes Harris, local Red Cross health nurse, yesterday accompanied Master Clarence Williams to Gastonia, where he entered the State Orthopaedic hospital for treatment.

Dr. E. F. Pope of Goldsboro spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends.

available to carry on the work and for the necessary appropriations to be made for their commitments.

Dr. Vaughn states that just as soon as all the cattle in a county are tested, the county is put under a "modified area" ruling. This means that all the cattle are tested, the reactors killed, and the herds in which reactors are found are put under local quarantine. The cattle in the county may then be moved anywhere for market or for other use with no restrictions with reference to tuberculosis. This automatically increases the price of the cattle. A questionnaire recently sent out shows that the grade cattle have been marketed for about \$25 per head more when it is known that they come from a county free of tuberculosis. In the case of blooded cattle the price has been increased from \$75 and upward according to the merit of the animal.

Another thing of economic importance is the fact that the livestock exchange of Chicago pays about ten cents per hundred more for hogs from such an area than it does for those hogs where the bovine tuberculosis has not been cleaned up. Dr. Vaughn states also that cattle of better health and stronger resistance to other diseases are developed where the tuberculosis has been eradicated. He states that about 70 train loads of 40 cars each of cattle are condemned annually at the five big pack and business bodies in the different counties. During the two years in which the work has been under way in North Carolina, about 21 counties have been organized to eradicate bovine tuberculosis. Within the next few days Dr. Moore and Dr. Vaughn expect to release ten of them which have cleaned up entirely and all cattle in their borders, except a few animals now under observation, as free from the disease. The 21 counties in which the work is now being conducted are Duncombe, Mecklenburg, Union, Stanly, Cabarrus, Rowan, Davidson, Iredell, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Rockingham, Guilford, Albemarle, Scotland, Robeson, Cumberland, New Hanover, Pender, Greene and Wayne.

About 12 other counties are now in line waiting for men to become

available to carry on the work and for the necessary appropriations to be made for their commitments.

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ADMITS KILLING THEN DENIES IT

Former Durham Resident Held in Richmond On Murder Charge

Richmond, Va., April 29.—Joe Enoch, alias "Jaw Baby," 22, of 209 North Eighteenth street, formerly of Durham, N. C., held on suspicion of having murdered Celia Shovick, 16-year-old school girl of 214 North Seventeenth street, admitted while being grilled at police headquarters yesterday afternoon that he committed the crime, police said today, but he later repudiated the confession insisting that he was asleep at home at the time.

It was said that after making the admission he collapsed in a dead faint and that he was not revived until after he had been given a large dose of ammonia. As soon as he recovered his wits and was reminded of the alleged admission, he repudiated the confession of innocence and denied making any admission of guilt. The youth was born in Durham and grew up there. He moved to Richmond a few years ago with his father, Harry Enoch, and other members of his family and has since been living here.

Police indicated today that they still had hopes of wringing a complete confession from him. His alleged victim, who was found in an unconscious condition with her skull severely fractured early Friday morning in a field near Sixteenth and Broad streets after having lain there all night, died that afternoon without regaining consciousness, was buried today in the Hebrew cemetery. The police theory is that she was first struck on the head with a piece of iron found in the vicinity of the crime and was then extremely assaulted. Their belief is that her assailant struck her another blow on the head after smothering her and left her for dead in the field.

Enoch, according to the police, had known the girl for some time. She was at his home Thursday evening, Superintendent Robinson, having gone down to ask his sister, Annie Enoch, to accompany her to a motion picture show. It turned out that this girl had another engagement, so she went to the show alone. Returning, she was observed going down Broad street several blocks from West Sixteenth about 9:20 p. m. This caused the police to surmise that she encountered her assailant a few minutes later as he stood concealed under a pillar of the Seaboard Air Line viaduct which crosses over Broad street near Sixteenth.

When taken into custody, Enoch was working as a fireman in a repair shop of the Atlantic Coast Line railway on the outskirts of South Richmond. In his possession was found a number of made and cleaned pictures. Last night he was taken to the home of the dead girl, the police hoping that a view of the corpse might prove too much for his nerves and cause him to break down and confess. But he viewed it indifferently, they said, even giving vent to an oath of profanity of innocence while gazing on the shrouded remains in the coffin.

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BOLL WEEVILS ATTACK CHICKS

Cotton Is Not The Only Thing Boll Weevils Have A Liking For

You have heard, no doubt, that cotton is the only thing upon which boll weevils feed. However, judging from a report brought to Dunn Friday by a Sampson county farmer, this is not true. According to the report of this particular farmer, the weevil, like ministers and other folks, is fond of chicken. Here is his story.

One day recently he noticed that a member of his family of fryette chickens appeared to be sick. Finding that the bird might have the chicken disease known as "sour head" he caught it for the purpose of diagnosing the case. Investigation revealed the fact that a boll weevil was perched upon the head of the chick, his cotton square puncturing the lining of the head. The weevil was removed, but within less than an hour the chicken died, his death being attributed to the attack of the weevil.

Since the Sampson farmer brought his charges against the boll weevil a similar case has been reported from another section of the State, and it is said that boll weevils have made it a habit to attack young chickens in the past.

G. K. Oranburn and G. L. Goff spent part of yesterday in Lillington