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ARMFIELD CASE WILL BE TRIED AT COMING TERM

No Bail Likely Before Court-Statement As to Shortage

After it had been tentatively agreed for counsel for J. L. Armfield to appear Thursday afternoon before Judge B. F. Long at Greensboro to seek an order in habeas corpus proceedings...

W. L. Armfield, brother of the prisoner and a prominent banker of Asheville, came to Lexington Thursday afternoon and consulted regarding the case.

It is understood that Armfield tried several times on Wednesday and Thursday to communicate with his wife by telephone, but she was reported to be ill at her home.

Preparations have been going forward for the trial of the bank cases, both those in which Armfield is charged and the counts brought separately against Zed Griffith, brother-in-law of Armfield and cashier of the defunct Bank of Thomasville.

Thursday of next week is the day set to call these cases in superior court. It is not unlikely though that they will be specially set, and that way cleared of everything else, as it will require several days in all probability to finish the trials.

According to a story in the Charlotte News last week, Armfield was accompanied to Salisbury by his wife and father-in-law, Ex-Sheriff C. M. Griffith, and it was agreed there that no letters should be written between them until after six months had expired.

Chief of Police G. B. Wimberly, of Thomasville, who went to Mexico City and identified Armfield for the Mexican officers and then brought him from the Rio Grande to Lexington, was here Saturday.

A hearing was held by Mexican officials. The News was informed, and Armfield ordered sent out as an undesirable citizen. It is not stated, however, whether Armfield at the time knew anything of the hearing or was present.

There seems no doubt now that the bank cases will be tried at the next term and it is not likely that bond will be given for Armfield, in view of the nearness of the court term.

His local counsel, Walsler, Walsler and Walsler, will have associated with them in his defense Frank Armfield, prominent lawyer of Concord, whose

LEXINGTON AND ALBEMARLE PLAY HERE TOMORROW NIGHT Lexington and Albemarle high school basketball teams meet on the Erlanger court at 8:30 tomorrow night in the first of the championship series in which the Lexington team will engage.

Since this is a championship game, the attendance is expected to be large. The Erlanger "Y" auditorium has fine facilities for handling the crowd and the floor is a good one.

Station Fight To State Corporation Commission Soon

Lexington Chamber of Commerce will make a fight to secure a new passenger station for this city and will take the claims of the community to recognition before the State Corporation Commission as soon as that body grants a hearing.

It was voted by the directors of that body at a meeting Thursday night to petition the Commission at once to grant a hearing. It was also decided to select a committee of five or more to appear in person before the Corporation Commission at the hearing and present the arguments on behalf of Lexington.

This step came after the directors had been informed that President Harrison of the Southern Railway had vetoed the plea for a new station here for this road. Every step considered advisable had been taken with the railroad officials, starting with the division superintendent and going on up to the head of this big road system.

At every step the need of better facilities here is said to have been acknowledged by Southern officials. Lack of funds is said to have been the reason assigned by President Harrison and others for turning down the request.

ROBBERS HELD AT WINSTON SALEM ARE WANTED HERE

Huffmans Had Goods on Them Stolen From Welcome

Roy Huffman and Charles Huffman, alleged bandits who were arrested at Wauwatown, Forsyth county, early Thursday morning after they are alleged to have been scared off from an attempt to blow the safe of the Bank of Kermersville, are thought to have been the men who robbed the store of A. M. Ripple and entered the safe of the Welcome Milling Company about two weeks ago.

Sheriff Fred C. Sink sent two warrants for each of the Huffmans to be served upon them by the sheriff of Forsyth county. They are now in jail at Winston-Salem. Both are charged in the warrants with each of these robberies.

An overcoat belonging to A. M. Ripple, of Welcome, which was taken the night his store was robbed, is said to have been worn by one of the Huffmans when they were arrested by a band of Forsyth deputies and Winston-Salem police. Several gold coins in their possession are said also to have been identified. They are believed to be the same parties who also attempted to get into the safe in Woodrow McKays garage here on the night that the Welcome robbery was committed, although there is no clue to connect anyone with the attempted job here.

About one o'clock Thursday morning Mrs. Dewey Musten, night telephone operator who was sleeping in the telephone exchange over the Kermersville bank, heard someone making an attempt to gain the interior of the banking house. She telephoned the mayor and police chief and it is believed the would-be robbers heard her, got into their car and fled toward Winston-Salem. The plucky operator quickly called Winston-Salem and had officers sent to meet the car. A Kermersville police officer immediately took the trial, coming up with the Huffmans and two companions, Grady Cheek and J. D. Cardwell, just after they had been arrested by Forsyth officers. The automobile tires were tracked from Kermersville.

Roy Huffman, one of the men accused of participating in the Welcome robberies, is said to have had nitro-glycerine, fuses and dynamite caps in his possession. The four will probably be tried in Forsyth county for their alleged part in the foiled bank robbery, but the evidence connecting them with the two robberies in this county is expected materially to strengthen the case against them there and assure conviction. They would still stand charged here and could be returned for trial after completing any sentences that might be imposed upon them.

This is not the first time that robberies committed in this county have been traced to thugs who hung around the outskirts of Winston-Salem, and it has been suspected that other crimes committed in this section had their origin with the same band. Several big house robberies have recently been committed in the Twin City and it is considered probable that some of these and a long chain of other crimes may be traced to the four men now in jail. They seem to be successors to the Frank Snipes gang, which operated considerably in this county and who did some store breaking jobs at Welcome and other places.

The Near East in all its splendor and beauty is found in "The Shell," which comes to the Lyric Theatre next Thursday and Friday.

IMPROVEMENTS AT COUNTY HOME ARE NOW CONSIDERED

Estimates Being Secured for Lights, Water and Sewer System

Estimates are being secured by the board of county commissioners with a view of making considerably improvements and changes at the county home, which are calculated to add much to the comfort and convenience of the unfortunate people there. The improvements that the commissioners have in mind, it is understood, will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$3,500 and upon their completion should result in a county home in line with modern ideas.

It is contemplated to install a water and light system, with sewerage. Electric lights would be placed in all parts of the building to replace the oil lamps now in use, while sewerage facilities would be made available at convenient points. Running water would also be placed in all parts of the building.

Changes are also contemplated in the arrangement of the dining room so that there could be a more complete separation of the races than is now said to be possible. Windows would also be cut so as to afford much more light than is now available in the daytime in the dining room. Repairs would also be made to the floors where needed.

It is understood that the commission-ers hope that estimates will be in such shape that they may be formally submitted to the board at the next regular monthly meeting. It is tentatively planned to begin work with the coming of milder weather in the spring.

A deep well would probably furnish the source of water supply, with an electrically operated pump from a plant that would also furnish lights for the building. A tank would be necessary in order to give water pressure sufficient to afford running water and sewerage. This would also afford much better protection against fire than is now available.

At present there is a violent patient there, a young man who has been a long time in the hospital and who it was found necessary to keep tied. It is stated that the commissioners had under consideration plans for providing special quarters for him, where he could not easily injure himself or others. However, there is thought to be a good chance of getting him into a state institution where much better care can be given.

LEXINGTON MEN FOIL ALLEGED HOLD-UP MEN

Two cases of suspected hold-ups of prominent Lexington citizens were reported as happening Thursday and Thursday night. Thursday near midday Dr. E. J. Buchanan was accosted near the old Patterson lumber plant, just south of the city, when a man darted out of the bushes and made signal to halt. Instead of doing so the doctor fed a little more gas to his machine and dashed by the man, who made an attempt to jump on the running board. Dr. Buchanan believes it to be entirely probable that mischief was intended by the stranger.

Thursday night while he was returning here from Greensboro, W. F. Brown reports that a man waved a lantern in the road in front of him. He made as if to slow down until near the man, who planted himself in the roadway, then made a dash with the car that sent the stranger tumbling off the roadside.

About noon Thursday a young man attempted to board a freight train here and slipped and fell, the right foot being crushed underneath a freight wheel. He was taken to a hospital at High Point where he gave his name as Edward Outlaw, of Norfolk, Va. He is said to resemble the man who attempted to stop Dr. Buchanan.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS TO LEXINGTON NEXT YEAR

Lexington will get the next meeting of the Royal Arch Masons of the district embracing chapters in a large number of towns and cities in Piedmont North Carolina, it was voted at the meeting held in Greensboro Thursday. This will bring to the city quite a number of visiting Masons. A chapter will be selected to exemplify the degree work and a number of candidates from various points will be initiated at that time.

Eight members of the local chapter attended the district meeting at Greensboro, Lexington being among the best represented points in this territory. Those from here who attended were P. E. Peacock, Dr. W. L. Crippiver, Joe K. Cecil, W. B. Redwine, W. A. Grimes, H. C. Lyster, J. J. Hitecheek and S. D. McMillan. They were splendidly entertained by the Greensboro Royal Arch Masons.

Mrs. Thomas R. Taylor, who has been spending several days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Piekard, left last Friday for Greensboro to spend a few days with relatives and friends, after which she will go to New York City to join her husband, who went there two weeks ago to take charge of the New York office of the Mavis Powder and Perfume Co.

ABBOTTS CREEK MAY BE CHOSEN AS WATER SITE

May Get Basin Desired by Building Dam Shorter

Lexington may yet get its water supply from Abbots Creek, instead of from the Yadkin River as was contemplated about ten days ago when ordinances authorizing the issuance of over a half million dollars in bonds were passed.

It is learned authoritatively that further surveys have been made looking toward the location of a source along Abbots Creek, where a dam can be erected more economically than at sites at first surveyed. Initial surveys to points where it was expected to tap this water supply source indicated that a concrete dam from 1,500 feet long would be required in order to form a basin sufficient to hold water that would afford Lexington an unflinching supply.

More recent investigations, it is said, have disclosed that by seeking another location along this creek a dam can be built that would be less than half the length necessary at old prospective sites.

Should it be necessary, it is said, the dam can be built some distance up-stream and the water conveyed to a reservoir and filtering plant further down the stream, where the pumping station would be located and from which point the water would be sent into Lexington through the large main.

It is believed that there is no doubt about Abbots Creek being a large enough stream to supply any contemplated need for water here for a very long period of years. There is said to be a water supply of about fifty miles, which is considered quite ample. The stream along the Central Highway also is said to contain less than the usual pollution for surface water.

The cheapest way, of course, would be to go to the creek almost due east of Lexington, but this would tap it below its confluence with Rich Fork, into which tributary the sewerage is emptied. Water would be possible to make it safe for drinking, yet for sentimental reasons, if for no other, this would be an unsatisfactory source of supply.

If a suitable site is found on Abbots Creek, where a shorter dam will serve the purpose, it will amount to a large saving in the construction of the system. Probably as much as \$150,000 could be saved in contrast with what it would cost to put a pipe line to the Yadkin River.

The city commissioners are proceeding very carefully, it is said, with view to getting the best system possible at the least expense.

Birth Rate Higher, Death Rate Lower in North Carolina

Undertakers and tombstone makers will not attain the opulence of cradle and baby carriages merchants in North Carolina so long as the State continues to lower the death rate percentages and to increase its birth rate at the figures made public by the State Board of Health last week for 1921, showing 89,623 births and 29,264 deaths.

Already at the top of the column for births and at the foot of the column for deaths, North Carolina has lengthened its lead over its sister State by the statistics for the past year. No State in the Union has so high a birth rate, and no State has so low a death rate. Children alone have a lower rate of deaths per thousand population.

In 1920 there were 318 babies born in every 10,000 population. In 1921 there were 331 babies for each 10,000 population. In 1920 the deaths were 126 per 10,000, and last year the rate fell to 114 for a like population. New York is nearer the standard of North Carolina with 122 deaths per ten thousand inhabitants. The State has again lowered the records.

The net gain in population to the State during the year is 59,559 people, one and a quarter times the population of the largest city in the State. With that ratio maintained, the State will pass the 3,000,000 mark in population before the census takers make their rounds again in 1930. The estimated population of the State in that year is 3,200,000, as against the 2,550,000 for 1920.

DR. EATON GIVES NORTH CAROLINA HIGHEST PRAISE

Purest Anglo-Saxons in Nation-Addresses Business Men

Dr. Charles Eaton, president of the American Educational Association, former pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church in Cleveland, O., and the Madison Avenue Baptist church, New York, churches attended by John D. Rockefeller, addressed an enthusiastic group of business men and manufacturers here Thursday night, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Eaton spoke on the subject of "America's Greatest Need," which he declared to be education. He said the time was at hand for the south to come to the rescue of the north, for the nation could only be saved through the real Americanism that is found in the south as in no other section of the country.

"New York City, with its mixture of all the races of peoples having different languages, ideals and purposes, is regarded as hopeless by Dr. Eaton. The Philadelphia suburb in which he lives, he said, has a foreign-born population of 85 per cent. He counted newspapers published in twenty languages on a single newsstand in Pittsburgh, and when he asked the dealer if he sold more English papers than any other, he was informed that fewer of these were disposed of than any other.

Dr. Eaton, in his address congratulated North Carolina heartily. "The state of North Carolina is the best of any under the flag at this moment," he declared, its giving credit to its soil, its climate, almost hundred per cent pure Anglo-Saxon blood and inviting North Carolinians north to help solve the problems and meet the issues of an increasingly complex life.

"In North Carolina, he said, is to be found the purest expression of the dominant trait of the Anglo-Saxon—the will to be free, and passage for liberty. "America's greatest need in the growing complexity of its civilization the speaker said is "intelligence and character."

"Our one instrument of defense and safety is education," he said stressing the need for a new leadership. The weakness of our present education system, he pointed out, is the confusion of information for education.

"They come out of our schools and colleges like so many clothes pins—all of them alike. You dress one on the street. Fine day! you say. What's the answer 'I'll tell the world!'" "We need beyond else," he continued, "an education that teaches men to think and judge and act, according to the eternal standard of truth."

"An education that makes each man master of his own powers, that kindles his ambition, gives him an objective, cultivates loyalty and co-operation, makes work a sacrament and thrift a joy—in a word—an education that makes manhood—only way in which we can meet America's need."

"As the Jew gave the world religion, the Greek, the Roman, law, so is the freedom of the English speaking people spreading to all nations of the earth," said Dr. Eaton, adding that the fault with the socialistic, communist and other such Utopian movements is that they leave out the time element. "You can't grow great oaks in a night, nor can you establish a democracy in a week. It takes all the discipline and burdens to make a man or a nation," he declared.

GIRL'S TEAM DEFEATED THE MARTINSVILLE BIGGS

Lexington high school girls basketball team returned last Thursday from Martinsville, Va., where on Wednesday night they won a clear-cut victory over the girls of the Martinsville high school, 15 to 5. Dickerson shot thirteen points, while Raper, substituting for Owen, caged the remaining points. The locals had Martinsville easily outclassed all the way.

On the night previous the Lexington team lost at Danville, 29 to 11, to an older and much heavier team of girls, seven of whom are said to have been postgraduate students of the Danville high school. The team sent against them was not the one the game was scheduled with, according to the locals, and an entirely different type of game was played from that to which Lexington is accustomed. Six players were used on a side and the court was laid off into three divisions. While Lexington girls were adjusting themselves to the situation the Danville team ran up a 20 to 4 score in the first half.

Lexington girls play Mooreville on the Mooreville court Friday night of this week. They won from Mooreville here but expect a hard game this week, as Mooreville has a good team.

Sixty-Four Cases Set On Criminal Court Calendar

Sixty-four cases appear on the first criminal court docket published in Davidson County under authority of an act passed at the special session of the Legislature. Twenty-four of these are "liquor" cases, including manufacturing, retailing, transporting, possessing, drinking or operating automobile while drunk. Eight of these are for manufacturing liquor, all of the defendants being white men. There are seven cases of larceny, one charging the theft of an automobile, with another as accessory to a theft.

Fourteen cases are set for trial on the first day of court, Monday, February 27, most of these having to do with trafficking in liquor. Two groups of cases that will probably take considerable time to try are set for Thursday, these being the embezzlement charges against J. L. Armfield, Zed Griffith and W. E. Boone and the group of cases from Tyro township, listed as against "Lloyd Davis et al."

Under the system of setting a docket much time will be saved to witnesses and others, it is claimed, as those appearing in a case set for trial late in the week need not be summoned to appear on the first day of court as heretofore.

ELECTION SOON ON HIGH SCHOOL SITUATION HERE

Supt. Cowles Says Matter is Pushed Rapidly as Possible

It is doubtless a source of much gratification to the people of our community who are interested in the progress of Lexington to know that the Junior Order at a recent meeting pledged its influence and energies toward getting work on our new High School building started and carried to completion. When this patriotic organization with its membership of more than 500 of our citizens throws the weight of its influence in favor of a proposition something is likely to happen. This is especially true in any proposition in connection with the improvement of our public schools, for one of the fundamental principles upon which the Junior Order is founded is loyalty to and support of our public schools.

After the Supreme Court of the state had upset our former plan a state-wide bill was passed by the special session of the General Assembly in December, which bill, it is thought by persons in position to know about such matters, will take care of our particular case. As soon as this bill had passed the special session of the legislature our local Board of Education appointed a committee composed of O. V. Wootley, W. H. Phillips, and J. T. Hedrick to take up the matter with attorney J. L. Morehead and to proceed as rapidly as possible in accordance with advice from him.

This committee advises us that they have urged all possible haste on the part of the attorney in the case who assured them that he was proceeding rapidly as possible to be certain of each step. The petition has been in the hands of our local committee for several days, and we understand that school committeemen are signing up as rapidly as the committee can see them to present the matter. Unless some unexpected opposition develops within the next few days the committee will be ready to call a mass meeting of the citizens of Lexington and the districts that are proposing to unite with us in the High School district, to present the petition and to ask the citizens to request the County Board of Education to call a bond election.

When this election is called, and when, if special registration of voters is ordered, then the Junior Order, Patriotic Sons of America, American Legion, Masons, Elk, Moose, Knights of Pythias, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Women's Clubs, Parent-Teacher Association, and any other community organizations that may have been omitted will have a real opportunity to show the quality of their enthusiasm for the completion of our school.

And when the mass meeting is called let us have a real Mass Meeting that will tax the seating capacity of the Davidson County Court House. J. H. COWLES, Supt. Lexington City Schools

Entertainment at Tyro

Everybody is invited to come to the entertainment at Tyro next Wednesday night, Feb. 22, 7:30 o'clock. Those who enjoy a good play will be thoroughly entertained. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Mr. W. O. Borgh returned Saturday after an absence of several weeks in New York and Baltimore. While in the latter city he was a victim of a genuine attack of "flu" and was in a hospital for a week.

NEW TEXT BOOKS ARE CHOSEN FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Purchase of New Books No Hardship, Says Dr. Brooks

New text books for use in the public schools of the State, first to seventh grades, inclusive, were adopted Friday by the State Board of Education. Twenty of the twenty-seven recommendations of the State Text Book Commission were adopted. This will within the next two years make an almost complete change in the books in use. In most instances there are no arrangements for exchange of old books, but Supt. Brooks states that the new books are to go into effect under a schedule that will prevent this fact from being a hardship.

In speaking of the change, Dr. Brooks says in part: "The new adoption will not work any hardships on the patrons. The enrollment in the seven grades of the year 1920-21 was as follows: First Grade, 214,965; second grade, 105,535. Third Grade, 90,590; 4th grade, 84,622; 5th grade, 70,286; sixth grade, 54,062; seventh grade, 39,563; 248,523—37 1-2 per cent. Total, 659,603.

"In the first three grades one additional primer and reading series have been added. Hebetotary only one series of readers have been adopted. But the schools have been compelled to use a second series a great need in these grades. The board has adopted a second series to be used as basal in order to supply a great need in these grades. The one that has been widely used in the state for the past two or three years was adopted. The speller language, and arithmetic have been changed. But the State Board made no exchange contract price for these books. Therefore, wherever the children have the old books in these subjects they may use them next year. But whenever new books are to be purchased the adopted books must be secured. Pupils who are promoted from the third grade to the fourth grade will as a rule carry these books with them, since third and fourth grade subject matter in language and arithmetic are bound in one book as a rule. The same is true of fifth, sixth and seventh grade subject matter in these subjects. Therefore, third grade children as a rule, are compelled to buy new books. Moreover, one spelling book is used for the three grades. The first grade, therefore will be compelled, as a rule, to buy new books anyway. The lifetime of a book is barely three years. Therefore, before the third grade is completed the book is, as a rule, of little use, and new spelling books are bought in large numbers in the third grade.

"Under this arrangement each of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades will be compelled to change by the beginning of the school year 1922-23 the subjects of geography, physiology and civics, and by the beginning of the school year 1923-24, the subjects of readers, language, histories (except sixth grade), arithmetic and spellers. But since perhaps one-half of them will be compelled to buy these books this year because of the promotion of classes and the loss or destruction of old books and next year twenty-five per cent of the remainder will be compelled to buy new books for the same reason, the effect of the change so far as the cost of text books is concerned is small. Moreover, in the grades from four to seven inclusive there are usually two books in each subject, except in reading and history, one book for grades four and five and one book for grades six and seven. Therefore, those in the fourth and sixth grades that buy text books this year will buy no texts in these subjects next year."

Three students of the University of North Carolina and a Jitney driver were killed and two other students injured, Friday, when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a switching engine at Durham. These killed were: George Hadley, Mount Airy; George T. Peoples, Townsville, Vance county; Charles Deleville, Albemarle; and F. A. Bryan, Deleville, Albemarle. The chauffeur, the injured are: F. Denny, of Goldsboro, and J. C. Spach, of Winston-Salem, neither of whom were seriously hurt. Deleville is the son of a prominent cotton mill man at Monroe.

The accident happened about four o'clock Friday morning, when the party were returning from a dance at State College, Raleigh. The students were all practically asleep when the car, driven by Bryan, crashed into the water tender of a switch engine backing down the track at the Vickers avenue crossing in Durham. A traveling man who passed the scene of the accident before the bodies had been removed was in Lexington Friday afternoon and said that the sight so impressed him that he had been unable to do any other work since that time.

THE NEAR EAST IN ALL ITS SPLENDOR AND BEAUTY IS FOUND IN "THE SHELL," WHICH COMES TO THE LYRIC THEATRE NEXT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.