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MT. AIRY NEWS

BY Violet Locklear

Rev. Cardell Oxendine of Charlotte, NC delivered the message on Sunday morning at Green Pines Baptist Church with Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Lee Locklear and daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Locklear and daughter, Mrs. Violet Locklear, Misses Zina Sampson and Norlean Oxendine.

Attending the homecoming and Sunday morning service at Green Pines Baptist Church were Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Lee Locklear and daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Locklear and daughter, Mrs. Violet Locklear, Misses Zina Sampson and Norlean Oxendine.

Mr. Marty Jones of Kinston and his girl friend visited Mr. Willie French Jones on Sunday who is a patient at Southeastern General Hospital. Mr. Jones has been in the hospital for over a week. His condition is improving.

Mr. Barrington Blanks returned home from the hospital Monday.

Miss Michelle Sampson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Sampson underwent minor surgery at Southeastern General Hospital last week. She is home now and doing fine.

Going to the polls to vote last Tuesday were Mrs. Rockie Jane Locklear, approaching her 89th birthday, the oldest member of the Mt. Airy community. Also, Mrs. Florence Oxendine, age 93, of the Union Chapel community. They were transported by Mrs. Strawdy Cummings. These two young ladies were on the job.

There was a huge crowd from this area who attended the 42nd annual FCX stock

holders meeting on Nov. 4th which was held at the Owens Auditorium in Charlotte. Entertainment was by Arthur Smith and his band. It was a nice program after which a free lunch was served.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Lillie Monica Kay Maynor celebrated her 3rd birthday Saturday, Nov. 6 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lynn Maynor. Those helping her to enjoy her day were Selenia Barton, Terre Rennee Tyner, Robbie Dexter

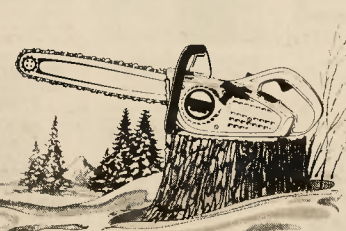


Mrs. Rockie J. Maynor and daughter, Monica Kay Maynor

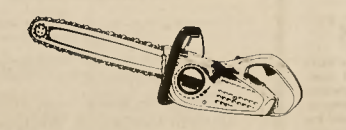
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The Life and Times of Henry Berry Lowry

George Applewhite, the former slave, and Stephen Lowry, Henry Berry's brother, stood trial April 1, 1870. The trial had been transferred to Whitesville in Columbus County because Robeson authorities feared that an attempt would be made to free the Lowry Gang members. The outlawed pair were charged with the murder of ex-sheriff Rheauben King.

When the case came to trial, however, the prosecution encountered difficulties. Their case relied heavily upon the confession of John Dial, a member of the gang himself. Dial contended that the confession was untrue and that it had been extracted from him by the use of force. That left only the testimony of Shoemaker John (Eli Ewin), a former slave and shoe cobbler.

The Lowry Gang members' prospects of being set free looked poor notwithstanding the flimsy evidence against them; Daniel L. Russell was residing judge. Russell's brother was among the whites who had recently murdered Malcolm Sanderson, an Indian. Quite naturally, Russell sentenced Applewhite and Lowry to hang.

The pair were taken to the tight-security jail in Wilmington for security precautions. Stephen Lowry and George Applewhite brought to the number of Lowry Gang members incarcerated in the Wilmington jail; Calvin and Henderson Oxendine, brothers (& first cousins of Henry Berry Lowry's) were being held there pending their trial date.

Realizing that thus far no ordinary jail had been successful in holding the Lowry Gang, the sheriff took special pains to insure against escape. His special prisoners were placed in a special cell within the main cell block; indeed they were placed in a jail cell within the main jail cell. If they were successful in breaking out of the special cell the cartridges would still have the solid brick walls to deal with. A 24-hour-a-day guard was on duty at all times.

Sunday, June 12, Sylvester Capps, a Black was on guard duty. The night seemed no different from the many other eventless nights Capps had experienced as guard. At 2:00 in the morning he checked the cell doors and finding them secure went upstairs to the kitchen and conversed for a while with another guard that was there. The two guards stepped out onto the prison yard and continued their conversation. Afterwards Capps returned to his post upstairs. To his astonishment and dismay, however, a stark reality tapped him in the face: the cell was empty. Capps sounded the alarm but it was too late. The prisoners had simply vanished. Sheriff Schenck, who incidentally was the originator and go-between of the almost successful Saunders scheme to win the Indians' trust which culminated in Saunders' death, ordered Capps, the Black, to be arrested for aiding the prisoners in their escape. Sheriff Schenck was mistaken in his assumption and charge, however; following is the method the prisoners employed to escape (from "To Die Game" by W. McKee Evans):

"A full-scale investigation of the incident, however, made it possible to reconstruct what had actually happened. If to Sheriff Schenck the Lowry escape smacked of treachery, it is to Capps it seemed hardly credible; there was at least one

I want to thank each one of you for your fine support. May God bless each of you. I know all the votes I got were for the man and not the party. I say again thanks.
Carnell Locklear

Tabor City 21 Pembroke 16

TABOR CITY — Tabor City held off a late Pembroke rally and took a 21-16 win in a high school football game Friday night. The non-conference win left Tabor City with a 9-1 record for the season. Pembroke finished at 4-5.

Pembroke took the early lead on a 56-yard pass from Travis Sampson to William Lowry. Charles Verreen tied the score for Tabor City with a 23-yard run and conversion tally. Verreen went more than 100 yards rushing on the night.

P	TG
First Downs	10 7 4
Rushing Yards	103 8 8
Passing Yards	16 157 241
Receiving Yards	4 47 236
Punting Average	30 33
Fumbles Lost	0 2 3
Yards Per Carry	2 9 10

Pembroke 21 0 0 0-16
Tabor City 16 7 14 2-21
P—Lowry, 26 pass from Sampson (Ransom pass from Sampson)
TC—Verreen 23 run (Verreen run)
TC—Kelly 5 run (Allen kick)
TC—Scott recovered blocked punt in end zone (Pass failed)
P—Pikins 1 run (Ransom pass from Sampson)

Magnolia loses

MAXTON — Maxton High School moved up its final game of the regular football season to Thursday night, and the Eagles crushed Magnolia 60-0.

The victory gives Maxton a 9-1 record as they prepare to defend their state 1-A football crown in the post-season playoffs which begin next week.

Prospect wins & advances

Prospect Cats completed their third year of varsity competition with a 28-6 win over the Clarkton Blue Devils 28-6 propelling them into a second place tie in the Cape Fear Conference with Tar Heel. For the Cats, it means that they will be the odds on choice to represent the Cape Fear in the state playoffs.

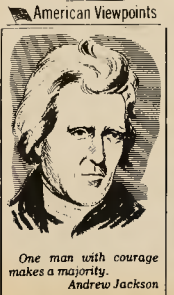
Prospect was led by a superb defense and the hard running of Jeffery Cummings, Cummings led all rushers in the game with a total of 164 yards on the ground.

Defensive standouts for the game were Turnell Locklear and Chris Clark, Locklear with a fumble recovery and two pass interceptions, and Clark with two fumble recoveries. Milton Locklear, and Tommy Chavis also recovered fumbles for the Cats.

The Cats will be traveling to the mountains to battle Robbinville, a name that is familiar to Robeson County fans from the last two years in 1-A playoff action. The Cats were jubilant over their win and Coach James Howard Locklear has built the Cats into contenders in just three years of varsity football.

BICENTENNIAL BYPATHS
OUR COUNTRY 200 YEARS AGO

On Tuesday, November 12, 1778, in reply to complaints of mistreatment of prisoners the British replied, "they are served with the same kind of provisions issued to the King's troops, at two third allowance when on board transports. They certainly are very sickly, owing to their want of clothing, and necessities, salt provisions, confinement, foul air and little exercise."



A PROFILE OF WILLIAM FRENCH PAUL

by Violet Locklear



William F. Paul

Arts, Crafts and Sciences of The Motion Pictures, Television, and The Recording Industry. Paul's eyes lit up as he described his newest organization. The organization is designed to develop young talent in all races, but especially in the Indian race.

"We haven't been able to get this project off the ground because of lack of funds. But I think with the realization of the Democratic administration, things will start to happen in the field of the Arts," he said.

He describes himself as a politician to a degree. But he doesn't like to get too involved. "I'm a Democrat and proud of it," he boasted.

Paul recognizes that one failure today of secondary schools in the community is that of not having established a sound drama curriculum. "That's why I founded ACS-to stimulate this interest in elementary and high schools."

"This kind of activity is the kind of thing that would stimulate kids, and give them some kind of interest and keep them off the streets. Once a person appears on the stage, that is a proud person," he convincingly added.

Paul had good things to say about North Carolina's newest outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind," and felt it a great outlet for local talent. "They did such an excellent job in doing Strike at the Wind. I never dreamed it could be a musical, but yet that was my idea of Henry Berry Lowrie." He regrets that he was unable to take an active part in producing the production, but at the time, was involved in settling two estates. "They were so professional and organized, they didn't need me," he commented.

Paul is one of the original members of Robeson Historical Drama, Inc. organized in 1968, which sponsors the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind." He admitted that production which premiered this year was "the biggest surprise of my life. Its greatest attribute was people working together," he said.

When not raising tobacco peppers in his garden, Paul keeps himself busy working on a pilot film based on the people of Robeson County. He accepts the theory that the Indians of Robeson County are descendants of White's Lost Colony and said, "I have the facts. At one time, I actually had a company in Hollywood that was really interested in doing this film, but the budget was too small, and I stepped down." He thinks the story of Henry Berry Lowrie would be ideal for television, but the violent part of the play would have to be reduced.

Right now, Paul's idea of staving young is to keep doing something. He manages the 500 acres of property left in the Paul family estates.

"I want to see Arts, Crafts and Sciences become a realization. I'm not retired, and don't plan to anytime soon."

"To go from motion pictures to agriculture—that's the most interesting thing I can do right now," concluded Paul.

Today he lives alone at the 120-year-old homeplace on Second Street in Pembroke. He is involved in settling estates, that of his mother and an aunt. He sadly admits that he wants to go back to Hollywood—he enjoyed the excitement of show business. "There's little to do here in my field," he readily admits. "Of course, things could happen here, you know," he interjected.

In 1975, he founded The

Paul Green, well-known North Carolina playwright, who was at the time, a highly respected writer for MGM.

"I first met Paul Green at PSC when he visited the campus and attended a little pageant, based on Indians of North Carolina, held in the old gym in 1939. Even at that time, though I was still in high school, I was interested in going to Hollywood," he continued. Paul Green became one of the endorsers of Willie French Paul to MGM.

After only three months of study at Pasadena, Paul graduated into bit parts, and later formed his own producing company to turn out a wide variety of short subjects for theaters and television.

His first movie was "A Mardi Gras Affair," which featured Lucille Ball, who was then a virtual unknown. Through the late 1940's and early '50's Paul worked with celebrities like Deana Durbin, Barbara Stanwyck, Cornell Wilde, Orson Welles, Rita Hayworth, Jimmy Durante, and Fanny Brice.

In the latter part of his film career, Paul flirred more than once with fame and fortune. His talent agency, Actors and Artists, he said had Michael Landon under contract, and later represented Donna Douglas, who made it big in the "Beverly Hillsbillies."

Paul wound up his career as one of the founders of Globe International Pictures, a production outfit that made almost 30 short subjects.

He remembered, "My father was a staunch business man, and he expected me to finish in a regular college. He didn't appreciate the fact that I wanted to go to the Pasadena Playhouse, but I insisted."

"Being only 18 years old at the time, I was frightened to death when I left Robeson County. There were 300 select students enrolled at Pasadena, which Gilmore Brown established in the early 1900's," he explained.

He had to have three written endorsements in order to apply for admission, and the only contact he had was with

Obituaries

MRS. ELIZA DEESE
Pembroke — Mrs. Eliza Deese, 94, died at her home Saturday evening. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at White Hill Church by the Rev. T.N. Sweet and Luther Locklear. Burial was at the church cemetery.

Survivors are: four sons, James W. Deese, Bert Deese, Neil D. Deese, and Earl Deese, all of Maxton; five daughters, Mrs. Daniel H. Graham of Laurinburg, Mrs. Roberta Hammonds of Rowland, Mrs. Odessa Deese Locklear, Mrs. Curtis Locklear and Mrs. Tommy Deese, all of Maxton; 56 grandchildren; 89 great grandchildren, and 30 great great grandchildren.

LAWRENCE STRICKLAND LOCKLEAR
Lawrence Strickland Locklear, born June 26, 1948, died November 1, 1976. Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. November 4th at Bear Swamp Church. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Jimmy Strickland, Rev. James D. Dial, and Rev. T.M. Swett.

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