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MISSIONARY ROBBED.

Davidson People Raising a Purse to Aid in Supplying His Wants—Southern Putting in a Siding at Caldwell Station.

Special to The Observer.

Davidson, July 29.—The morning service in the Presbyterian church was conducted by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wharey and at night, by special invitation, Rev. J. H. Weaver, presiding elder of this district, filled the pulpit. Both the Presbyterian and the Methodist divine preached sermons that were beyond the ordinary.

Notice was given in the morning by Dr. Smith that at night a special collection would be taken in an effort to secure a part of the \$50 that it is proposed to raise here as a fund with which to buy some simple surgical instruments and medical supplies that are to be sent out to Uromah, Permia, to Dr. Maryostip, a medical missionary, who graduated two years ago at the North Carolina Medical College. News was received here some time ago in letters written to Rev. William Black that Dr. Maryostip in one of his expeditions into a certain district of Kurdistan had been attacked by murderous robbers and had been deprived of all his belongings, barely escaping with his life. He had come to a village in which he was a stranger and during the day had been in conversation with a Mahomedan priest, upon whom he made a good impression and whom he had deeply affected by his talk about the Christian religion. That night about 12 o'clock Dr. Maryostip was awakened by a noise in his room and was astonished to find that about 15 men had forced their way in and were preparing to rob him and put him to death. It seems that the priest got news of what was happening, came at once to the scene and by earnest entreaty in behalf of Maryostip, succeeded in persuading the robbers to spare his life. But the conditions imposed were very severe. He was forced to leave at once, start out on a journey of 20 miles on foot, through the snow, without shoes and with little or no clothing. The missionary physician made off through the snow and cold and reached his destination without further hurt. But he is still eager to serve the poor and suffering heathen people of that country and he writes to friends here to see if some necessary instruments and supplies cannot be sent to him. His appeal for help will no doubt be effectively answered and as soon as possible.

Several years ago the Southern Railway Company graded at considerable expense the land for a longer siding at Davidson, but the sharp curve of the track both north and south of the depot and the grade in both directions seem to have forced a change of plans and now the company is putting in such a siding at Caldwell Station, which, so far as the ease of approach and exit are concerned, answers the purpose in view perfectly.

Reception in Honor of Accomplished Guests.

Special to The Observer.

Thomasville, July 29.—A choice social event of last week was the festive reception given Saturday afternoon by Mrs. J. L. Armfield, in honor of her guests, the Misses Hanes and Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, of Winston, and Mrs. Mendenhall, of Lexington. Eloquent refreshments were served, and Mrs. Armfield, as usual, graced the occasion with royal hospitality.

OVERMAN INVITED ALSO.

Will Speak Before Brooklyn Democratic Club—Wife-Beater Up Before Court—Colored Woman Dies Suddenly—Episcopal People to Celebrate—Ed Ashby to be Tried Next Month.

Special to The Observer.

Salisbury, July 29.—Senator Overman is invited as a special guest of the Brooklyn Democratic Club August 30th, when he and all the Governors and the Senators on the Democratic side will be guests of honor. Governor Glenn and Senator Overman will take part in the discussion of the encroachment of the Federal Government on the autonomy of the States, a matter chosen for debate before the recent North Carolina trouble created such a sensation throughout the nation.

Before Magistrate and Mayor Tom J. C. Kesler this morning J. Locke Freeze, a resident of Franklin township, was tried on a charge of inhumanity to his wife. She swore out a peace warrant and had her husband bound over to court under a \$200 bond. The train have not lived peacefully. Dutchman Freeze having often handled his spouse rather roughly when in his drinks, which are painfully frequent. The wife testified that when she refused to make up with him on the last offense he threatened her with violence. She declined to forgive him and scrapped every legal point with him, and Judge Kesler sent him up. Late this afternoon Freeze was working to get up his bond. His wife had testified that, though he had been sent to jail on the same charge, she was afraid that somebody would pay him out and he would come back for more trouble.

Ida Foust, the colored cook of Mrs. J. A. Thomason, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at Mrs. Thomason's residence. She had been ill several weeks, but had almost recovered. Yesterday she was sitting on a trunk eating cream and, sliding quietly off, was discovered dead from heart failure. She was 28 years old.

Dr. J. D. Heathman, of Woodleaf, has decided to move to Mooresville, where he locates for the practice of his profession. He will leave early in August. He conducts a sale of personal property in Woodleaf Thursday of this week. He has spent eight years in Woodleaf as physician.

The funeral services over the late Robert Monroe were held this afternoon from the First Baptist church, the Masons officiating. The interment was in Chestnut Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Sue Cole Smith has received a message from Savannah, Ga., stating that her granddaughter, Miss Sue Cole Winburne, will be brought here this week for an operation for appendicitis at the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium. Young Miss Winburne, a beautiful girl of 14, won prominence throughout the South and nation recently when she christened the ship "City of Savannah." She has been desperately ill and the operation is her last hope.

The Episcopalians of this town and county are preparing for a great celebration at St. Andrew's church, 14 miles from Salisbury, Sunday, August 4th. It marks the 75th anniversary of the church, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Sidney S. Bost, rector of St. Philip's church, Durham. Archdeacon H. A. Osborne, of Charlotte, Rev.

Dr. F. J. Murdoch, of Salisbury, and Rev. S. J. M. Brown, of Coolemeec, will be in attendance. There will be some of the communicants who have attended the church since its erection.

The young people will have a dance here Wednesday evening in honor of Misses Josephine Speight and Sallie Barlowe, of Tarboro, the guests of Mrs. Claude Morris and Mrs. T. E. Witherpoon, and Miss Mary Arcey, who is visiting Mrs. G. A. Fisher, her aunt. The affair is to be thoroughly informal and will be given in the Elk's Hall.

When Rowan Superior Court meets here in August it is not unlikely that the new jail will have been completed and the prisoners brought into court from the new structure. It is a more slightly thing than the one which the henchmen visited one year ago. Fewer prisoners are in it now than ever before so near to the visitation of the judges. There will be one homicide case tried, that of Ed Ashby for the murder of his brother-in-law, Dan Overcash.

MT. AIRY NEWS ITEMS.

A New Auto in Town—Good Prospects for the New Railroad—Baseball Talk—Personal Mention.

Mount Airy, July 29.—The baseball team from Elkin and the Stone Cutters of this city crossed bats last Friday and Saturday. On Friday they were playing about the old Rigbee saw-mill this morning and his wife was sent there on a similar charge before he was released. Since then the officers have pulled him on many occasions, there now being six cases pending against him in the court that is to convene next month. The new case of intimidating a witness makes the seventh against him at this term of court.

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FIRE AT SPARTANBURG.

Largest Building in the Town Saved by Good Work of the Firemen—Regret Over Dissolution of the South Carolina Baseball League—Manager of Theatre Goes North to Arrange a Course of Attractions.

Spartanburg, S. C., July 29.—Fire broke out in the Palmetto Building, the largest building in the city, at 3 o'clock this morning and had it not been for the efficient work of the fire department a serious fire would have resulted. The fire originated in a room on the second story of the building. In the rear, Bishop Bros.' ice cream parlor. Several people were sleeping in the room.

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INTIMIDATED WITNESS.

Crippled Negro Criminal Adds One More Charge to the Long List Against Him—Boy Gets His Hand Badly Lacerated While Playing With a Log Saw—Returned Missionary Preaches Twice.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, July 29.—Walter Hobbs, a crippled negro who has been giving tax officers all kinds of trouble on account of his determination to sell booze when he gets ready, was before Mayor P. C. Graham this morning on the charge of intimidating a witness who had been summoned before the mayor's court to give testimony in regard to the sale of whiskey. After hearing the evidence the mayor bound over to the Superior Court under bond of \$1,000. The evidence was that Walter Hobbs went to one George Johnson, who was a witness against Walter Kimball, charged with selling whiskey, and told him that he was able to get into Federal Court unless he left here. Instead of leaving, Johnson went to the police officers and told them what Hobbs had said and done and the mayor issued a warrant for his arrest. This morning at the hearing it was shown to be such a plain case of attempted intimidation of a witness that the mayor sent Hobbs up under the heavy bond. The negro is now in jail.

Hobbs has been a source of trouble since the prohibition laws were put into operation here. He is a sufferer from some rheumatic trouble and this gets him sympathy in the courts. He has already served one term at the work-house and his wife was sent there on a similar charge before he was released. Since then the officers have pulled him on many occasions, there now being six cases pending against him in the court that is to convene next month. The new case of intimidating a witness makes the seventh against him at this term of court.

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gent Jackson discovered the blaze and turned in an alarm. The firemen responded quickly and soon had a stream of water playing. The flames were kept from spreading and in a short time were extinguished.

There is a general report among the baseball fans here because Greenville and Anderson were away from the State League, for it was hoped that all the up-country towns would stay in the league, but since Greenville and Anderson have withdrawn the fans have not resorted to knocking these two towns. The baseball public here approves of the course of the Spartanburg directors at the State League meeting last Saturday and believe that Spartanburg did the right thing in standing by Sumter and Orangeburg. The two-country towns were the first to start the state league and it would have been bad grace on the part of Spartanburg to have entered into any clique to break up the league by voting out Sumter and Orangeburg.

I. H. Greenwald, manager of the new Harris Theatre, left here today for New York, where he will book attractions for the coming season which will open September 10th. By that date it is expected that the new theatre will be completed. It is owned by J. T. Harris and has been in course of construction for several months. A large force of men are now employed on the building and all possible haste is being made so as to break up the building ready by the middle of September.

STATE AWAY AND STATE AGAIN.

A Person County Negro Escapes From the Changinag and in His Efforts to Get Well Away Steals a Pistol and a Horse But is Captured Finally.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, July 29.—Dick Hall, a negro prisoner in Person county, escaped from the changinag late yesterday afternoon and was captured in this county, near Red Mountain, this morning. In Person county there is a law that prisoners awaiting trial can go to the changinag if they prefer and then if convicted the number of days sentenced will be given as credit on their sentence, and if acquitted the county is to pay for the services rendered. Hall was in the jail on the charge of store-breaking in Person and took his time on the roads pending a hearing in the court. Sunday afternoon he escaped from the road force and went to the home of T. W. Blackwood, where he stole a gun and a suit of clothes. He then went to the home of a Mr. Powell, about a mile distant, and was the act of stealing a horse when he was arrested by Mr. Powell. In carrying the prisoner back to the camp the negro wanted some water and while getting this he made his escape. A few minutes after this he stole a fine 1200 horse from a man by the name of Bowles and then came towards Durham. By use of the rural telephone he was headed off and about 3 o'clock this morning was captured at Red Mountain by Mr. H. L. Carver, of Rongemont. He was on his stolen horse and had the stolen gun at the time. He is now back on the road gang of Person county and there are several new charges against him. The escape of this prisoner and the efforts made to capture him, which were successful, caused considerable interest in the northern part of this county. The officers here had received a message to look out for him and then came the message that he was under arrest.

KISSED SON; THEN DRANK ACID.

Berry League Ends His Life by Swallowing a Bottle of Carbolic Acid—Dependency Responsible for the Rash Deed.

Special to The Observer.

Spartanburg, S. C., July 29.—After kissing his little boy, who passed by the bed where he was lying, Berry League, a well-known young man of this city, swallowed the contents of a bottle containing carbolic acid

and died in great agony a few minutes later.

Berry League lived on South Liberty street. He had been despondent for some time over his failure to secure work. This morning his wife left him in their room to attend to household duties. The little boy passed through the room and the father called his son to come kiss him. After giving his father the kiss the child walked from the room. A few seconds later Mrs. League had occasion to go into the room and found her husband dead on the floor, having swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid. His mouth was terribly burned from the acid.

The deceased at one time was superintendent of Alkwright Cotton Mill. He had bright prospects but he fell into bad habits and fast companions.

ALMOST SHOT TO DEATH.

Sheriff of Durham County, J. Frank Maddry, Saved From a Pistol Ball From a Raving Man's Gun by a Friend's Act—The Would-Be Murderer Captured by an Officer.

Special to The Observer.

Durham, July 29.—J. Frank Maddry, sheriff of Durham county and chief of the local fire department, while in attendance at the race track this afternoon where the firemen were practicing for the coming tournament, was attacked unawares by J. W. Brown, a man who conducts an amusement arcade on Corcoran street, in this city.

After a few words in which Mr. Brown talked of doing many rash things he pulled his gun and would have proceeded to fire with possible fatal results had it not been for the timely act of a friend who was standing close at hand and with a quick jerk elevated his arm in the air. Those that were standing around were amazed at Brown's fatal intentions and astonished to learn the true circumstances. A plain-clothes policeman who was in the crowd grabbed Mr. Brown, took his pistol away from him and he was immediately carried to police headquarters, where he was placed under bond for two offenses, carrying concealed weapons and loud and boisterous language. Chief Maddry will probably indict him under a warrant of assault with intent to commit murder.

Evidently there had been some words between them before the occurrence came to this climax. This afternoon they met at fire station No. 1 and had a confidential conversation in which Mr. Maddry asked Mr. Brown to see him later about that matter, but he continued to talk about it and was asked to leave the station but bitterly refused and only left when he was threatened by the police. Chief Maddry thought that this would be the last of the matter, but friends had heard Brown say that he would settle with him at the race track. Shortly after 7 o'clock Mr. Brown passed the fire station, seemingly raving mad, and having a pistol in his pocket. Thereupon he was followed to prevent danger to the chief if such was the case. He fully intended to make trouble, but was fortunately disappointed in his purpose. The direct cause of the assault is not known.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Maupin, of Salisbury, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mullen.

DAILY PROGRAMME AT JAMESTOWN SHOW.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1937.

First Legislative Assembly Day. Conventions Meeting. Virginia State Bar Association. Inside Inn. Sigma Chi Fraternity, Auditorium Hall No. 1.

7:30 a. m.—Guardmount. Twenty-third Infantry.

8 to 9—Drill Twenty-third Infantry.

10—And hourly thereafter Exhibition of weather bureau Earthquake Recorder, Government Building A.

10—Special Exhibition by the Flak Jubilee Singers at the Negro Building.

10:30 to 12:30—Mexican National Band Concert, Reviewing Stand.

11—Preparation of large weather map from reports from all sections of the country, Government Building A.

11—Organ Recital, Edward J. Napier, Auditorium.

1—Biographic and Stereopticon Exhibition, Scenes on Indian Reservation with lecture, Interior Department Government Building A.

1:30 to 2:30—Piano Recital, Mr. Joseph Maerz, Auditorium.

2—Biographic Exhibition and lectures, Scenes in Yosemite Valley, Government Building A.

2—Lecture on aerial navigation, Mr. Ludlow and Capt. Lovelace, Aeronautic Building.

2:30 to 4:30—Phinney's United States Band, Field Artillery.

2:30—United States Life Saving Service Drill at Station.

3—Illustrated lecture, "Reclaiming the Desert" by Mr. J. C. Watts, U. S. R. S., Interior Department Government Building A.

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4—Illustrated lecture, "Yellowstone National Park" by Mr. E. C. Culver, Interior Department Government Building A.

4:30—Cameron's Slide for Life—On the Warpath.

5—Dress Parade, Twenty-Third Infantry.

5—Lecture on aerial navigation, Mr. Ludlow and Capt. Lovelace, Aeronautic Building.

5:30 to 6:30—Mexican National Band Concert, Reviewing Stand.

6—Drill Battery D Third Regiment Field Artillery.

8—Phinney's United States Band Concert, Auditorium.

9:30—Cameron's Slide for Life—On the Warpath.

11—Fire Works.

11—War Path Crosses.

Couple Has Narrow Escape.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, July 29.—A young couple whose names could not be learned had a thrilling experience and with a narrow escape from serious injury on Sunday escaped from a mountain yesterday afternoon by the overturning of a buggy by which they were driving. The accident occurred at a point in the road where the mountain rises high on one side with almost a precipice of 75 to 100 feet on the other. The horse and buggy and occupants went over the embankment or precipice and rolled part of the way down the mountain side. The couple escaped injury, however, as did also the horse, while the buggy was considerably damaged.