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COURT ADJOURNED YESTERDAY.

After a Three-Day Session, Robeson Superior Court Adjourned Yesterday—A Number of Cases Disposed of—Judge Council Makes Impressive Charges.

Robeson superior court for the trial of criminal cases, convened here Monday afternoon, of Judge W. B. Council, of a jury, on the bench, and Solicitor Lyon prosecuting for the State.

The court brought a lot of people here the first day. Tuesday there was also a large number of extra in town. A great many of them finished their stay and returned home, leaving a much smaller crowd here yesterday than when it started.

The Judge's charge Monday made a good impression on those who heard it. He reviewed the list of crimes that generally occupy the time of the court.

In his charge he referred to the pressing need for a new court house in the county. The judge said that ever since he had been on the bench he had been endeavoring to impress upon the people the necessity of having good public buildings, and called attention to the fact that within the last few years more than twenty court houses had been built and rebuilt. He referred to the fact that Robeson county was the first county in area, the fourth in population, and among the first in the spirit of progress and development.

Such a county, he said, should have a public building commensurate with its growth and importance. He referred to the fact that no board of commissioners could ever please all the citizens of the county, and that if a new court house were built that some would call it extravagant. Such was not the case, said he. It is duty that the board of commissioners owe to the people, and it is duty that the people owe to themselves to see to it that a comfortable, sanitary and comfortable and airy court house was provided for the people who had to attend court in all conditions of weather. He expressed the hope that when he returned in November that he would have the pleasure of laying the corner stone of the new building.

Geo. L. Thompson was made foreman and Neil Smith officer of the grand jury, which was composed of the following men: J. S. Humphrey, Melton Baxter, Fred Seals, C. M. Barker, J. A. Currie, J. A. Dees, M. W. Floyd, J. E. Stephens, H. C. Freeman, J. D. McRaney, J. B. Smith, J. J. McPhail, Alexander Edens, Hugh Monroe, Robt. H. Miller, N. P. Bullard and J. M. Burke.

The following cases were called and disposed of: A. D. Lassiter, embezzlement; called and failed. Dock Fleming, retailing; not pros with leave. Lewis Lilly, retailing; continued.

Tobe Hines, cruelty to animals; not pros with leave. Guy Inman, larceny; not pros with leave. L. H. Townsend, assault and battery; continued.

Mary Alford, carrying concealed weapons; not pros with leave. Josh Loftin, assault and battery; not pros with leave. C. F. Graves et al, assault with deadly weapon; continued. J. S. Smith, assault with deadly weapon; dismissed.

Bethel Chavis, assault with deadly weapon; not pros with leave. Jobe Jackson et al, breaking jail; not pros. Dock Fleming, carrying concealed weapon; not pros with leave. I. P. Pitman; continued. L. T. Locklear, carrying concealed weapon; continued.

Humphrey McBryde et al, disturbing educational meeting; continued to McBryde; not pros. Gub McNeill, and judgment is suspended as to Julius Haywood. Gub McNeill et al, assault with deadly weapon; not pros.

Julius Haywood, carrying concealed weapon; \$50 fine and costs. Gub McNeill et al, carrying concealed weapon; not pros. Gub McNeill, murder; not pros. John McArthur, retailing, three cases; continued.

Tobe Taylor and Delia Martin, fornication and adultery; continued. Tobe Taylor, retailing; continued. R. A. King, larceny and receiving; continued.

Lewis Lilly, retailing, three cases; continued.

Will Rouse and Dicy Ann Carter, fornication and adultery; not pros with leave.

L. T. Locklear, carrying concealed weapon; continued.

D. G. Wilkins, assault with deadly weapon; not pros with leave.

Jobie Jackson, resisting officer; not pros.

Walter Davis, carrying concealed weapon; not pros.

Jack Hester, larceny; 6 months on the roads.

Tom McQueen, carrying concealed weapon; 4 months on the roads.

Robt. Locklear, carrying concealed weapon; 3 months on the roads.

Walter Brigman, assault with deadly weapon; 4 months on the roads.

Wm. Fields, assault with deadly weapon; 2 years on roads.

Hector Purcell, assault; dismissed.

T. W. Devane, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

Charles Malloy, murder; continued.

Rory Jones, assault and battery; not pros.

Wm. Cope, breach of contract; dismissed.

Potter Pitman; not pros.

Tom Hunt et al, burglary; continued.

Jack Oxendine and Sarah Taylor, fornication and adultery; not pros with leave.

Duncan C. McNeill, assault; continued and capias issued for Sallie McNeill, witness.

J. C. Cole, enticing laborers away; 3 months on the roads. This is the case in which Cole, a few weeks ago, enticed labor away from the Dresden Cotton Mills.

Will McKinnon, assault with deadly weapon; \$25 fine and costs.

Wellie Goins, assault; continued.

Ben Ranson et al, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

Luther Maynor et al, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

Hill Jones et al, escaping prison; judgment suspended as to J. F. McKay; not pros as to Jim Cotton; 30 days each on the roads as to Jim King, Mack McLeod and Hill Jones to begin at expiration of present sentence.

J. Pink Willoughby, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

Dock Ivey, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

Emory McNeill, Jr., assault and battery; \$5 fine and cost.

Jim Jenkins, resisting officer; \$10 fine and cost.

Jim McNeill et al, affray; not pros with leave.

Elisha Pankey, gambling on Sunday; plead guilty.

Daniel McMillan, W. E. McIntyre, surety; sci fa judgment heretofore rendered, dismissed on payment of sci fa.

Wash Bell, assault with deadly weapon; \$10 fine and cost.

W. Penn Burns, carrying concealed weapons; \$50 fine and cost.

Will Gardner and William McLean, larceny; guilty.

W. B. Smith, disposing of mortgaged property; called and failed.

Willis D. Nye, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

Claude Oxendine, burning woods; not pros.

N. W. Gaddy, three cases, retailing; continued.

J. A. Raines, carrying concealed weapons; \$25 fine and cost.

J. A. Raines, assault with deadly weapon; \$15 fine and cost.

J. D. Lowrie, retailing; continued.

Daniel Z. Locklear, retailing; continued in three cases. Jas. Edwards, larceny; not pros. Sylvester Powell, retailing; not pros. Writley Inman and Chas Inman, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

The grand jury found a true bill for murder against Luther Smith and Geo. McEachin. Both cases were continued. Court finished its business and adjourned yesterday afternoon.

Ashpole News Letter.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Royal, formerly teacher of Rowland High School, a graduate of Wake Forest, has accepted the principalship of our school.

We are glad to learn that Miss Suddie Edmundson will return as music teacher.

Little Earl, infant son of A. U. and Emma Ashley, died last Sunday night after an illness of only three days. He was a lovely baby, sweet and good, and the whole community sympathize deeply with the bereaved parents.

Rev. J. M. Ashby leaves Wednesday for Troy, N. C., to attend the Rockingham District Conference.

Robeson Union Meeting will be held at Center Baptist church near here next Friday and Saturday.

Rev. G. T. Pace, of Philadelphia Presbyterian church, filled the appointment of Rev. P. R. Law here last Sunday, preaching a splendid sermon to a large and attentive audience.

The young folks enjoyed a social party at the residence of Mr. J. D. Kyle last Tuesday night in honor of Miss Johnson, of Fair Bluff, who is the guest of Miss Kyle.

Miss Caroline Floyd is in feeble health to the great sorrow of her large family circle.

Mr. Glenn Ashley came home from Boardman sick with malarial fever last Wednesday. Hope he may soon recover.

We regret to report Mrs. Neal Smith quite sick with malarial fever. Her mother, Mrs. Frank Lewis, is with her.

Capt. Alex. Wiggs is quite sick at the Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, where he went two weeks ago for treatment. Mr. S. J. Smith went to Fayetteville to see him last Tuesday.

The brick work of the new school building is completed, but the bad weather interferes seriously with the carpenter work.

Miss Maggie Floyd is visiting her brother, Dr. A. G. Floyd, of Fair Bluff.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul and bride returned last Friday from Virginia Beach, and are house-keeping on Cottage street.

Ashpole, N. C., July 25.

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mrs. A. L. Shaw and daughter Lena, and Miss Janie Mallow, are spending a few days at Jackson Springs.

Miss Kittie John visited her old home near Rowland last week. Miss Margaret W. John, of Tarboro, and Miss Mary Bullock, of Rowland, are visiting Miss Kittie John.

Miss Net Love, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Mabel Johnson. Several of the young people here attended the picnic near Rennett Saturday. They report a pleasant time.

The cantaloupe farmers are blue. Too much rain and the prices are so low it hardly pays to plant them.

Corn and cotton doing very well, but the recent rains have hurt some.

Our soldier boys left this morning for Morehead City. We expect to hear a good report from them. They are a fine set of boys and men.

Lumber Bridge, July 25.

Off to The Convention.

The following left here yesterday for Fayetteville to attend the congressional convention, some as delegates, others as spectators: Messrs. A. E. White, N. A. McLean, T. N. Higley, W. G. Pope, M. W. Floyd, Frank Gough, N. A. Thompson, E. D. Pitman, G. B. McLeod, L. B. Townsend, J. L. Thompson, Archie Davis and J. G. McCormick. Others went this morning.

The writer will represent The Robesonian at the convention and will keep those who can't attend posted as to the proceedings of the convention. To do this we will post telegrams from time to time just as often as any thing happens that we think will be of interest. We take for granted there will be nothing of interest until the afternoon. However, if there is we will send it.

A few days ago the directors of the Robeson County Loan and Trust Co., met and declared a dividend of 4 per cent.

DETAILS OF THE WRECK.

As a Result of the Wreck Near Hamlet Sunday Night Twenty-Two are Dead and Forty-Six Injured—List of Them—Corporation Commission Will Investigate.

Hamlet Special, 2nd, to Charlotte Observer.

The dead, as ascertained up to date, from the railroad wreck near here last night are as follows:

Frank B. Lewis, engineer, Hamlet.

H. S. Byrd, baggagemaster, Phoenix.

Rev. Thomas Jones, colored, Thomas Hill colored, fireman.

Watt Boggan, colored, porter. Gilbert M'Faden, colored. Sandy Caples and wife, colored.

Gert Harrington's baby, colored.

Ester Dupree, colored. Mary Land. Mary Bell and child, colored. Hannibal M'Nair and child, colored.

George M'Laurin, colored. June Russell, colored. Two unknown men.

The injured are: Capt. J. D. Bowen, Wilmington; J. F. L'var, Rockingham; J. O. Bundy, engineer, Hamlet; George Gross, Raleigh; G. S. Brighton, Rockingham and Judge W. B. Council, Hickory, all white; colored—George Morgan, Cicero Thomas and wife, Oscar Leak, Oscar Thomas, Berth Arrington, Rich Douglas, May Douglas, Ivor Oxen, Frank Scott, Jim Odum, Fanny Leak, Betty McFaden, Octavia Jackson, James Stewart, Henry Stomart, Carrie McNair, Percy Clark, Ed Radcliff, Jim Radcliff, Rich Morgan, Joseph Stewart, Vic Freeman, an unknown man, an unknown woman and an unknown child.

The mail and baggage car were carried in the same car on Engineer Lewis' train and it completely telescoped the Jim Crow car. "It shoved all the negroes to the tail end of their coach," said a spectator, and the only thing I wondered about is how any one of them was left alive.

The mail and baggage coach still stand there, driven clear through the flimsy Jim Crow car.

There was little injury to the track except what the wrecking crew did. I saw only one cross-tie broken and another that was rotten. At the point where the engines met, the track was in perfect condition. Its bed was pebbly and covered with a growth of wild clover. There was little sobby soil, even in the gutters, and the track had not even quivered except where the engines kissed. Though these engines had been pulled back to Hamlet, the point of their meeting could be exactly located from the remains of their tenders and the deposits of coal. They were not demolished, as first reported, but stood squarely on the track.

The snout of the small passenger engine was rammed four feet into the larger one of the freight. Mounted upon the passenger engine, beside the roof of the engineer's cab, were the mail and baggage and Jim Crow cars. The first thrust clean through the other two. The two white folks' coaches kept their place with not much injury.

As to the freight train no two spectators agree. I gather that it was comprised of one car loaded with cement and some 24 empty refrigerator cars. These did not, as the passenger coaches, stand squarely on the rails, but zig-zagged, some of them being turned clear off. Only two of them were there this morning bottom upwards, and there were still a number of trucks, bent piston rods, plush cushions, de luxe hats, caps, umbrellas, bloody garments, song books, Bibles and soon a man's brains hung on the jagged end of a beam. Over in the wire-grass lay the legs, the shins and feet of the passenger train's porter, his shoes still laced on. It was a horrid sight, more horrid than the mutilated body of the passenger's fireman, whose head looked like a mass of putty, and a Jim Crow passenger, Brink Russell, mased dreadfully.

One instance he recalled was of a woman wedged between two dead bodies, one below and one above her, by a spike of car timber through her leg, she still holding her dead baby on her breast and never murmuring when, with axes, the rescuers cut the shaft under and above and dragged her out. Mr. John W. Clarke, of Charlotte, was on the wrecked mail train at Monroe. He was smoking on the second-class coach and overheard

Engineer Frank Lewis talking with Tom Blake. Said Engineer Lewis, "I am glad that this trip will put me off my run and then I can have some rest." "Frank did not have an equal chance with Bundy, said Mr. Clark. The track at that point is like a snake (which is true) and Bundy could see the reflection of the passenger train's electric headlight, but poor Lewis could not see the oil light of the freight. Bundy certainly did well to jump. My cab is all crushed off but the unsupported roof. He would have been ground to grist.

Lewis' cab did not even keep its roof, which was driven over the boiler and between which and the boiler his body was caught and crushed. These two engines, indeed, like the West and the East, stand now on a side track here, the cylindrical nose of the smaller eased within that of the larger. With them it was a face-to-face test of strength.

Soldiers off to Encampment.

Work on Methodist and Presbyterian Churches—Farmers Gathering—Maxton Personals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. W. S. McNair was in Dunn one day last week on business.

Mr. J. P. McLean, a Maxton boy, now travelling salesman for a Lynchburg house, was here last week for several days.

Mrs. Loula McNair and child returned to their home at Winston last Thursday morning after visiting relatives here.

Miss Florrie Purcell, of Alabama, is here now the guest of Miss Clarkie McLean.

The United Lumber Co., through its progressive Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Harding, has secured a large order for lumber for some of the buildings at the Jamestown Exposition.

The ladies of the Methodist church gave an ice cream supper last Friday night to raise funds toward paying for their new church now in the course of erection. The workmen have also made good headway on the Presbyterian church and the building is already about half completed.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and little daughter, of Chadbourn, spent last Friday night here.

Mr. J. P. Wiggins and wife, of Whiteville, came up last Friday and spent several days with friends and relatives.

Rev. E. McWhirter, wife and children have returned from a visit to different points in Alabama.

Mr. Luther McKinnon and family, of Florida, are here this week with Mr. McKinnon's parents.

Miss Gertrude Gibson returned here Sunday afternoon from her vacation.

Mr. J. G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, and A. P. Spill, of Red Springs, passed through here yesterday on their way to Lumberton, where they will attend criminal court.

Miss Annie McCall, of Bennettsville, S. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. McCaskill, Jr., this week.

Mr. A. McKenzie, of Rowland, spent Sunday in town.

The Maxton Guards, commanded by Capt. W. O. Burns, Major Sellers and Lieut. E. L. Black, left this morning for Morehead City, where they will be in camp for the next 10 days. The Artillery from Charlotte were also on the train.

There will be a great gathering of the farmers of Robeson county here on Thursday, Aug. 2nd. There will be speaking by some prominent men. Dinner and other refreshments will be provided. The people expect a large crowd and will give them a warm welcome.

Mr. R. C. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, is the latest arrival among the melon men. The town is now full of buyers.

Maxton, N. C., July 25th.

Sanford Express: Rev. W. A. Lowe, of Maxton, was here this week and purchased the house and lot of Capt. F. M. Farrell on Winston Avenue. Mr. Lowe expects to move his family here in the fall.

A Basket Picnic.

There will be a picnic at the school house, near J. E. Dial's, in the northern end of Lumberton township, Aug. 9th. All are invited to attend and bring well filled baskets. Mr. Hamilton McMillan and others will speak for us. A good time is expected.

J. E. DIAL, Ch'm. Com.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

John D. McAllister has moved his tailoring establishment and pressing club into a room over the Bank of Lumberton.

Mr. Chas. Prevatt will leave Monday morning for Norfolk where he goes to purchase a car load of horses.

Rev. C. H. Durham having returned home, regular services will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle's store was as busy as a bee hive yesterday, owing to the big sale now in progress there.

Messrs. Blacker Bros. horse ran away Tuesday with the buggy, or rather it came from Bryant's mill to the stable. Only slight damages to the buggy resulted.

Mr. Fred J. Thomas left last evening for Salisbury to see his brother, Mr. Frank Thomas, who was taken there a few days ago to be operated on for appendicitis.

Messrs. C. T. Cashwell & Son, Ashpole, have bought the business of the Ashpole Machine Works at Ashpole, and will continue the business in connection with their other business.

In this issue Mr. Sylvester B. McLean, of Maxton, announces himself a candidate for the house of representatives from this county. So far Mr. McLean is the only candidate to formally announce himself for the Legislature.

Sanford Express: Rev. W. T. Walker, of Rowland, and Evangelist for Fayetteville Presbytery, has been at Euphonia for a few days conducting a series of meetings. He was here the first of the week prospecting with a view to locating.

Mr. Gaston Britt, of Wishart township, was in town yesterday and gave the veteran member of the Robesonian's mechanical force some fine peaches. They were beautiful specimens and luscious to the kernel. One of them would fill a pint cup.

Because of some disagreement as to the price of chickens Saturday, a difficulty occurred between Rabbi Shockett and Mr. Ed Boone. Mr. Boone struck Mr. Shockett a few times. Squire John McNeill, who tried the case, taxed Mr. Boone with a fine of \$5 and the costs.

Mr. A. E. Spivey leaves in a few days for Elizabeth, Bladen county, where he will make his future home. Mr. Spivey will be connected with the Marvin Clark & Co., who operate sale, feed and livery stables. Mr. Spivey was for several years chief police here but resigned recently.

New Function of Spinal Cord.

Charlotte Observer.

Some of the Buford's guests had drawn their chairs out to the curbing in front of the hotel and were enjoying the dewy coolness of 7 o'clock sundown. They had finished the afternoon papers. Presently a man from down in Robeson county broke silence.

"What made that Mrs. Burgess, whose husband was shot out of the buggy right by her side, in Union county, and who saw his brains lying in a pile on the road—what made her swing to the mule until he had dragged her two hundred yards across the cotton rows? Don't it seem to you that she would have let the mule run and break his neck? And those little Lyerly girls, over in Rowan—what made them search the outhouses and other parts of the premises, trying to find the murderers of their people? Don't it seem to you they would have known that, if they ran on the murderers, the murderers would have killed them also?"

Yes, the others agreed; it did seem so.

Why was it? The Robesonian pressed them.

Nobody could answer.

"I was looking at the building of a bridge across the Lumber river, some years ago," the Robesonian remembered, "when one of the workmen, with a heavy crowbar in his hand, fell over into the steam. He could not swim, but he had a good enough wind and will power to crawl out on the bottom. He was halfway up the bank before he noticed that he still had the crowbar. It made him so mad that he turned and hurled the thing back into the river. It's people's spinal cord that do such work; if they stopped to think a second, they would let the mule and the murderers and the crowbars go to thunder."

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED.

The First Methodist Church of Rowland Dedicated Sunday and is Clear of Debt—New Ordinance for Town Pleasured with Better Passenger Service.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Miss Pauline Edens, of Clio, S. C., visited her brother, Mr. B. N. Edens, last week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McPhaul, of Ashpole, passed through Rowland last Wednesday afternoon enroute to Washington and Baltimore.

Miss Alma Rancke, of Lumberton, visited relatives here one day last week.

Mr. R. S. Bond is spending a while at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. Lacey Cook is taking a ten day's vacation and is spending most of the time with his parents at Red Springs.

Mr. D. J. Neal is spending a while at Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. W. W. Rowland is wearing a broad smile these days. Of course, it's a boy.

Mr. Dougald Bue visited his parents at Red Springs last week.

Word came from the Atlantic Coast Line officials that the prayed for improvement in passenger service would be granted, in that the train now operating daily between Elrod and Columbia would be extended and made to run between Columbia and Fayetteville. This is a distinct improvement over the present plan and we hope at no distant day still greater conveniences will be given us.

Mrs. R. S. Dickson is spending a while at Asheville and Toxaway.

The dedicatory services at the First Methodist Church last Sunday were very impressively conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, D. D., of Fayetteville. His sermon was a gem of eloquence and the large and cultured audience present enjoyed it thoroughly. A noteworthy feature in connection with these services was the announcement by the pastor that not a dollar was due on the church property, which speaks volumes for Rev. Mr. Bradley's great work here.

The recent ordinance passed by the board of aldermen abolishing hitching posts on Front street reminds one of the dark ages. If the honorable board wants to please nine tenths of the people let them repeal this ordinance at once; if they prefer to please the other tenth—just let matters stay like they are.

Mr. Herndon Tuttle, of Fayetteville, came down with his father and spent Sunday with Messrs. Ernest and Jack Ward.

Rowland will be quite well represented at the Congressional Convention in Fayetteville next Thursday. Here's to Gilbert B. Patterson, Robeson's loyal son. May the flag of destiny wave gently over him on that day and bring him the coveted honor for another two years at least.

Col. N. A. McLean, of Lumberton, was in town the latter part of the week.

Rowland, N. C., July 23rd.

Elrod News Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

A few friends were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bridgers Saturday evening. Refreshments were ice cream, cake and lemonade.

Miss Lena Maxwell, of Rae-ford, who has been visiting her cousin, Mr. J. M. Clark, returned to her home Thursday.

Miss Tiny Chappell spent a few days last week with Miss Gaitley at Rowland.

Mr. L. W. Paul spent Sunday at his home.

Mr. C. T. Pate went to Jackson Springs Saturday to spend a few days.

Few car loads of melons are being shipped from this place.

Miss Mae McColl went to McColl, S. C., last week to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stubbs have returned from a visit to their son at Clio, S. C.

Miss Annie Culbreth went to Moss Neck Sunday to spend the week with her parents.

A few young people attended an entertainment at the home of Mr. L. W. Bullard one night last week, given in honor of Miss Tiny Chappell.

Mrs. John Bridgers has just returned from a short visit to her