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## SUPERIOR COURT.

**Term Closed Friday—W. D. Prevatt Exonerated of Charges Made by Grand Jury—Graham and Brown Acquitted—Ten Years for Burglary—Other Cases—Jail Emptied.**

The criminal term of Robeson Superior Court which convened on the 8th inst, Judge C. C. Lyon presiding, closed Friday afternoon, lacking just one day of continuing the full two weeks, and as a result for the first time since Sheriff E. C. McNeill has been in office—three years—for the first time in years longer than that—the jail has been emptied of prisoners. If no other prisoners are received before the present inmates are taken away this week the jail will be empty, the doors will be thrown open and a "For Rent" sign may be hung out. Mark the "if."

The case of Rafe Graham and Will Brown, colored, charged with the murder of Will Ross, colored, at Maxton on July 30 last, the trial of which began Wednesday just before noon, was given to the jury at 1.30 o'clock Friday afternoon and in about an hour, dinner intervening, a verdict of not guilty was rendered. Ross was the negro whose dead body was found on the Seaboard tracks near Maxton on the morning of August 1st. Sam Malloy (alias Green, alias Newton), colored, one of the original defendants, was one of the principal witnesses, the case against him having been not-prossed. He swore that Ross was shot and struck in the head with an axe by one of the defendants, in his presence. His story, given fully in The Robesonian some time ago when preliminary examination was made, was all right up to a certain point, but from that point it broke down utterly and the jury would not accept it. Press Wade, colored, named in the bill of indictment, has not been taken. County Physician W. A. McPhaul and Dr. L. R. Kirkpatrick of Maxton were allowed \$25 each for holding the autopsy ordered by the solicitor, and Drs. McPhaul, Kirkpatrick, M. R. Gibson and A. B. Croom were allowed \$20 each as expert witnesses.

In the report of the grand jury, made Tuesday evening, W. D. Prevatt, keeper of the chain gang, was charged with being in a state of gross intoxication when the committee from the jury visited chain-gang quarters, and a bill of indictment was drawn against him by Solicitor Sinclair. It seems that in making that charge a great injustice unintentionally was done Mr. Prevatt. Upon sworn statements made by Dr. B. F. McMillan and Messrs. A. F. McCallum, J. N. Buie, Alexander McNeill, N. B. McArthur, John W. Graham and others, among them the road trustees of Red Springs and Smith's townships, Mr. E. J. Britt, attorney for the board of commissioners, and Mr. A. R. McEachern, a member of the board of commissioners, showing the great efficiency of Mr. Prevatt, his high moral character and temperate habits; and showing further that at the time he was charged with being intoxicated he was very sick, suffering with grip and fever, and that the whiskey was taken as a medicine and at the suggestion of others, and for this purpose alone, Solicitor Sinclair, by and with the advice and consent of Judge Lyon, entered nol. pros. in the case of Mr. Prevatt and he has been fully exonerated.

Henry Davis, colored, who entered the home of Policeman W. D. Dixon at Pembroke at night some months ago and was shot and wounded by Mr. Dixon and who submitted the first of the week to burglary in the second degree, the plea of imbecility being made by his counsel, Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, was given a sentence of 10 years in the penitentiary. He was taken to Raleigh Saturday by Deputy T. C. Barnes and Mr. N. A.

### Your Eyes.

Very few people know the important feature of having a glass made for their eyes. This will be explained to your satisfaction by addressing or calling to see Dr. D. M. McDonald, Red Springs, N. C. No glasses sold from stock.

## MAXTON NEWS LETTER.

**A Wreck on The Coast Line—Good Corn And Cotton Yields—Social And Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. A. J. McKinnon returned from New York recently.—Mr. George Crabtree was the guest of Mr. J. A. McLean and family Wednesday.—Dr. D. S. Currie, of Parkton, visited relatives here this week.—Miss Katie Southerland has been visiting in Lumberton for several days.—Mrs. Hector McLean has returned home after a short visit with Mrs. R. D. Croom.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter has just conducted a series of meetings at Scotland Neck.

Miss Mabel Croom, of the S. P. C., Red Springs, spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Virginia Everett.

Little Gladys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Townsend, gave a birthday party to her friends last Monday afternoon. The little folks had a jolly good time.

Whooping cough seems to be the rage these days. It has about broken up the kindergarten class which Miss Jimmie Croom was teaching.

A young man by the name of Frank Cook came here as a tramp last Monday and has been quite sick ever since. He has a complication of pneumonia and measles. The town is taking care of him. It is said this young tramp had just finished a term of 30 days work on the roads for jumping a train.

The Coast Line passenger train had a slight wreck here last Thursday morning. It backed in an open switch and ran into a box car. The rear coach of the passenger was crushed in. No one was hurt, though Capt. Campbell, who was standing on the back coach, was right badly shaken up.

The revival which has been in progress at the Baptist church for the past week closed Wednesday night. Rev. L. P. Grove, of Milton, Va., proved himself a most earnest preacher, and aroused much interest. Five or six new members were added to the church.

Several farmers in the surrounding country are making remarkable yields in their corn and cotton crops this year. Mr. A. J. Cottingham has gathered 105 bushels of corn on an acre and a quarter, and Mr. L. T. Cottingham will average 60 bushels to the acre. It is also said that Mr. T. L. Smith will make two bales of cotton to the acre.

There was quite a large crowd of farmers here last Tuesday to witness the stump blasting, which they found very interesting.

The Edinburg Book Club was most delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. J. A. McKinnon Thursday afternoon. It was a Thanksgiving number. After the program was rendered there was a verse contest about Thanksgiving. Miss Bess McNair won the prize, which was a handsome jewelry case. The guests were then invited into the dining room, where a sumptuous dinner was served. The souvenirs were most appropriate—little toy turkeys.

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Regan.

Boss Locklear and Wellie Brooks, the young Croatan who were convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Nolan Bryant, Croatan, at Pembroke August 1st, were sentenced to the roads, Locklear for 5 years and Brooks for 6 months.

The sentence of Robt. Scott, who was convicted of retailing and first sentenced to 6 months on the roads, was changed and judgment suspended on payment of costs, defendant to give bond in the sum of \$100 and appear from term to term for 12 months and show that he has not sold liquor.

W. L. Rice was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$7 and costs.

If you want the best remedy for your cold, insist upon Bees Laxative Cough Syrup. Through its laxative principle, it gently moves the bowels, and in that way drives the cold from the system. Sold by J. D. McMillan & Son.

**Steps to Organize Union Prayer-meeting—Young Men Entertained at Methodist Parsonage.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

Friday evening at the home of Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock, the young men of the town were most cordially and pleasantly entertained.

In addition to the refreshments which were served by Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle, usually considered an important factor on occasions of the kind, a goodly number of toasts were responded to by the young guests present. Prof. J. R. Poole, perhaps the oldest man present, led off in a very effective and encouraging speech on the possibilities of the young man in the ministerial field and his opportunities for preparation. James L. S. Beckwith discussed the future leadership of the churches. Mr. Beckwith was recently converted in a revival meeting at the Methodist church and has since resolved to enter the ministerial work. He is a stalwart young fellow of only nineteen summers, and possesses some personal magnetism. He has a warm place in the heart of every young Lumbertonian, especially every Christian young man who is interested in the standard of morals, religion, and citizenship generally of the town. Every young man present manifested an interest in the meeting and expressed himself as being willing and anxious to lend a helping hand to the young brother in his worthy endeavors.

Before the crowd dispersed the sense of the meeting was taken with reference to a union prayer-meeting for the young men of the town, and after a unanimous vote in favor of same a committee from among those present from the Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches was selected to confer with the church not represented, the Gospel tabernacle, and arrange for the perfection of an organization, the first meeting to be held Tuesday evening, November 30th, at 7:30, in the commissioners' office in the court house. Mr. Shelton McKenzie was elected chairman of this committee.

It should be the earnest purpose of every one who is interested in the young men of the town to lend whatever aid possible to make this move a success.

W. H. Kinlaw.

**Alleged "Squatters" From Brunswick County, Charged With Secret Assault, Before Judge Lyon in Lumberton Friday.**

As a sequel to numerous depredations said to have been committed by "squatters" on the lands in lower Brunswick county of the Waccamaw Lumber Co., of Bolton, culminating in the wrecking last Monday of a train on the company's line, resulting in the death of one laborer and the serious injury of several others, Sheriff Knox of Brunswick Thursday arrested J. W. Brady and his two sons, O. W. and Horace Brady, and Shade Bullard, all white farmers in the section referred to, on bench warrants issued by Judge C. C. Lyon at Lumberton on the day following the wreck, and they were brought to Lumberton Friday morning. They were charged with secret assault with intent to kill some days ago on John X. McDonald, logging superintendent of the company, and others of its employes in the company's camps in the Green swamps. J. W. Brady was required to give bond in the sum of \$800 and each of the others \$300 bonds for appearance before Judge Lyon at Whiteville on the first Monday in December.

Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, is in town today.

**Kills Her Foe of 20 Years**

"The most merciless enemy I had for 20 years," declares Mrs. James Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., "was Dyspepsia. I suffered intensely after eating or drinking and could scarcely sleep. After many remedies had failed, and several doctors gave me up, I tried Electric Bitters, which cured me completely. Now I can eat anything. I am 70 years old and am overjoyed to get my health and strength back again." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Kidney Trouble, Lame Back, Female Complaints, it's unequalled. Only 50c at all druggists.

## SHANNON NEWS NOTES.

**Opposed to Bond Issue—Petitioners Should Have to Pay—Roads Needing Work—Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

We see that "X" in the Red Springs Citizen is advocating the bond issue and intimates that those who oppose the issue do so from selfish motives or for want of intelligence. If he wishes to vote for the bond issue he has a right to do so provided he is a qualified voter of Robeson county, but to make such flings at those who oppose the bond issue is not fair, we think. It might just as well be said that those who favor it do so from the same motives. We are opposed to the bond issue and expect to vote against it and we hope that every one who is opposed to it will do the same. It is our opinion that if the election were granted at the cost of those who petitioned we would not have had the election called, and we would suggest that the next Legislature so amend the law in regard to bond election that the cost of the election will fall on those who ask for it.

We don't see why the Transcontinental Ry. promoters wish the county to vote bonds to build the road if it will not cost the county anything to build it. And as to the taxes the railroad will pay, if the county is a stockholder will it not have its part of the taxes to pay?

We learn that Mr. J. L. McLaurin is building on the farm he lately bought of Mr. J. E. Singleton, near this place.

Mr. Foster Jernigan will have charge of Mr. J. C. McPhail's farm here next year. He is putting in some small grain now.

It was Mr. D. M. McInnis who raised the large yield of large potatoes.

Mrs. J. S. Humphrey, who had been visiting in Rowland, returned home Saturday, the 13th.

We learn that Mr. D. O. Currie has an interest in the automobile we credited to Mr. G. I. Klapp.

Our roads are in need of work. Some places that were clayed several years ago have worn in jags and are very rough, and we need lots more clayed done.

Shannon, N. C., Nov. 17, 1909.

**Thanksgiving Services.**

Thanksgiving services will be conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham; at the Gospel tabernacle by the pastor, Rev. F. Weiss; and at the Presbyterian church by Rev. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the graded school, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. E. Baker, who will leave tomorrow to assist in a series of revival services at Milton's chapel, near Laurinburg. Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church, preached his Thanksgiving sermon last evening and there will be no services at the Methodist church Thursday as Mr. Hoyle leaves Wednesday to attend the North Carolina Conference, which meets in Raleigh.

**Notices of New Advertisements.**

White & Gough tell the thrifty citizen of bargains and make a special offer.

Traveling salesman wanted.

Field peas wanted.

Seed cotton wanted.

A list of bargains in farms.

Roasters, carvers, hand-painted china, soapstone griddles, ammunition—McAllister Hdw. Co.

Piano and organ tuning.

Store and stock of goods for sale.

The regular monthly report of the National Ginners Association was issued Thursday showing that 8,096,000 bales of cotton have been ginned during the present season up to November 14.

The best, most pleasant, easiest and safest pill is Kings Little Liver Pills. Sold by J. D. McMillan & Son.

Lame back comes on suddenly and is extremely painful. It is caused by rheumatism of the muscles. Quick relief is afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Sold by Dr. J. D. McMillan & Son and The Pope Drug Co.

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## Miss Gerphelia Howard of St. Pauls Becomes the Bride of Mr. George Thompson of Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson, who were married last Tuesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Howard, at St. Pauls, came to Lumberton Saturday after spending a few days at the home of the groom's father, Mr. Span Thompson, on rural route No. 4 from Lumberton, and will make their home at the dormitory, corner of Pine and Eighth streets. Mr. Thompson clerks for Mr. J. P. McNeill. The wedding was attended by a large crowd. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded school. "The Whispered Promise" was sung by Miss Elma Johnson, and Miss Rebecca Ward of Lumberton played the wedding march. The attendants were Miss Tecia Johnson with Mr. Howard Johnson and Miss Pearl Howard with Mr. J. Boone, Jr.

**Thanksgiving Dinner at the County Home.**

A Thanksgiving dinner will be provided, as usual, for the inmates of the county home and all who desire to contribute to this worthy cause are requested to send their contributions to the office of County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie at the court house not later than 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. As secretary of the Associated Charities Mr. McKenzie will take charge of all contributions and see that a bountiful dinner is served these unfortunate ones.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. R. A. Martin, of St. Pauls, was in town this morning.

Mr. W. D. Smith, of Fayetteville, was in Lumberton yesterday.

Mr. S. A. Edmund spent Friday and Saturday at Sanford on business.

Mr. J. L. Hall, of rural route No. 3 from Fairmont, was in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Thompson, of Back Swamp, are in town today shopping.

Mr. B. W. Rhodes, of rural route No. 2 from Fairmont, was in town this morning.

Mr. Jas. D. Proctor returned this morning from Raleigh, where he had been since Friday.

Mr. C. A. Martin, of rural route No. 3 from Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Misses Alice and Mary Surles, of Orrum, were among the guests at the Waverly hotel Friday.

Mr. F. A. McLeod left this morning for Clarkton, where he will spend the day on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown and Mrs. E. M. Paul, of Pembroke, are among the guests at the Waverly hotel today.

Messrs. N. L. McLean and Archie McGirt, of rural route No. 2 from Rowland, were Lumberton visitors this morning.

Mr. Richard M. Norment Jr., who recently began newspaper work as city editor of The Daily Record at Rocky Mount, spent yesterday with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones and children, little Misses Bertie, Nannie and Mary, and Masters Jimmie and Sammy, of Lumber Bride, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Wade Wishart returned Friday from Whiteville, where she had been visiting. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Hazel McRackan, who will spend some time on a visit.

Mrs. W. A. McPhaul and infant son, W. A. Jr., returned Friday from a visit to the home of Mrs. McPhaul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Grantham, near Fairmont. They were brought home by Dr. McPhaul in his automobile.

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