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SUPERIOR COURT.

Trial of Jim Byrd and Warren West for Murder of Wm. Smith Began This Morning—Verdict of Second Degree Asked—Another Murder Case Set For Tomorrow—Many Cases Disposed of—Court Catches up With Grand Jury and Adjourns From Saturday to Today.

The second week of a two-weeks' term of criminal court began this morning, Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville presiding. All the cases that could be tried last week were disposed of by Friday evening and court adjourned until this morning, the grand jury having been caught up with. Judge Whedbee's court is a working court and he has the faculty of disposing of cases with remarkable swiftness. It is safe to say that in five days last week as many cases were disposed of as are disposed of ordinarily in a full two-weeks' term.

This morning the trial of Jim Byrd and Warren West, charged with the murder of Wm. Smith in East Lumberton April 7 last, began. A verdict of second degree murder will be asked for. T. L. Johnson is assisting Solicitor Sinclair; Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and E. J. Britt are representing the defendants.

Sandy McCormick, assault with deadly weapon; verdict of guilty instructed by court; judgment suspended on payment of costs; carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; \$50 and costs, fine later changed to \$25.

Mart Whitted, retailing; judgment of 60 days on roads stricken out and judgment suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

S. L. Leggett, retailing; guilty; 2 months on roads.

Geo. Swan, assault with deadly weapon; guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs and fine of \$25; carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jno. Edwards, resisting officer; judgment of 3 months on roads stricken out and judgment suspended on payment of costs and fine of \$50.

Coot McArthur, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs and \$50 to be paid to Daniel Boone prosecuting witness.

Frank Jacobs, Estelle Jacobs and Ida McKinnon, assault; not guilty as to Frank Jacobs; guilty as to others; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Flute Sellers, carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; \$15 fine and costs.

Fred Harp, retailing; judgment changed from \$25 fine and costs to \$22.

Berry Barnes, nuisance; judgment suspended on payment of costs and fine of \$5.

Frank Jacobs, carrying concealed weapon; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Lawrence Bartley, assault with deadly weapon; juror withdrawn and mistrial ordered, case continued for bill.

H. C. Adcocks, assault with deadly weapon; verdict of guilty instructed by court; 50 fine and costs.

L. Chason, assault with deadly weapon; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Geo. Pitman and Geo. Davis, keeping sheep-killing dogs; not guilty. The county pays no part of costs in this case.

Richard Thompson, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Phairo Jones, retailing; plead guilty; judgment suspended.

Neill H. McAllister, murder; verdict of not guilty instructed by court. Evidence showed that dead man, Wm. Henry Carter, was accidentally killed by discharge of gun in his own hands.

Will Stephens, murder; case ordered removed to Hoke county.

Ben McLeod, assault; verdict of guilty instructed by court; 3 months on roads.

Ollie Johnson, larceny; guilty; 3 months on roads; retailing; plead guilty; judgment suspended.

Geo. Norment, retailing; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

The case of Sam Pugh, charged

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Sunday School Excursion to Myrtle Beach Proposed—Tobacco Growing Beautifully—Promise of Work on the Road to Lumberton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 7.—The only celebration of the 4th here was by the colored people, who enjoyed the day immensely.

Quite a large crowd took advantage of the new summer rates to Myrtle Beach and spent last Sunday there. They report a beautiful beach, good comfortable hotel with splendid fare, and recommend all their friends who want to rest in the fresh breezes to go there.

We understand that the three Sunday schools of the town will go on an excursion to Myrtle Beach July 18th. We hope this is correct and that our young people may have an enjoyable day.

Tobacco is growing beautifully. The season will soon open, if nothing happens to the plants. The warehouses at this place will be run under the same management as heretofore.

Mr. J. D. Kyle and daughters, Misses Georgia and Lillie, are spending a week at Southport and are no doubt catching "oodles" of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ashley were up from May, S. C., to visit home folks this week.

Mrs. John O'Neill came over from Chadbourn for the 4th, bringing with her Master Hugh McLean, who had been spending a week with her.

Rev. C. W. Smith visited old friends in Southport this week and attended Wilmington district conference.

We are glad to see the promise of some work to be done on the road to Lumberton. If not done before long we will be cut off from the "city," and will know you no more.

A Recital By the Cullom School of Music.

Prof. A. N. Cullom and daughter, Miss Florence, of Raeford, closed a ten-days' singing school with a recital in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church Friday night. They were assisted by a class of young girls and boys, by two other daughters of Prof. Cullom, Misses Ada and Selma, who arrived from Raeford for that purpose Friday afternoon, by Mr. Woodberry Lennon, who read a poem and played a violin solo, and by a male quartette composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, J. P. Stephens, C. B. Skipper and E. B. Freeman. The recital was very much enjoyed by a fairly good crowd.

Prof. Cullom and Miss Florence were employed by the Sunday school of the First Baptist church, the school was open to all who cared to attend, and many took advantage of the opportunity. He and his three daughters conducted a recital at Barker's Methodist church Saturday afternoon and at St Paul's Saturday night.

Pension Board Meets Next Monday.

The pension board of Robeson county will meet Monday of next week, 17th, in Lumberton for the purpose of receiving applications for pensions. All who want to make application are requested to appear before the board on that day in the office of the clerk of the court.

with the murder of E. P. McRae on June 10 last, against whom the grand jury returned a true bill Thursday, is set for trial tomorrow. A special venire of 100 men has been ordered.

The following cases have been continued: Cleveland Blanks, carrying concealed weapon; N. A. Barber, disturbing religious congregation; N. S. Gillespie, larceny; Charlie Cleason, assault with deadly weapon; Archie Frank Cleason, assault with deadly weapon.

Nos. pros. has been entered in the following: Charlie Cole, retailing; Coot McArthur, attempt at rape; Flute Sellers, assault with deadly weapon; Henry Stackhouse, retailing; John and Hattie McEackin, murder.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

A Robesonian-Texan Revisits Scenes of His Youth—In Social Circles—Thieves at Work—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, July 7.—The many friends of Sheriff E. C. McNeill of Lumberton are grieved to know of his illness, and hope soon to learn he is improving.

Messrs. Douglas McMillan and Will Townsend are spending some time at Wrightsville Beach. Miss Rosa McMillan, who had been away for several weeks visiting relatives and friends in Bennettsville and Cheraw, returned home a few days since.

Judge John Purcell, a native of upper Robeson, who decided some time ago to try his fortune in the "Lone Star State," is now visiting his old home and is gladly welcomed by hosts of relatives and friends. After an absence of twenty-four years, he notes many changes and misses many a familiar face among those with whom he used to mingle. Judge Purcell has for many years been quite prominent in Texas politics and law, and is also extensively engaged, at present, in stock raising. He expresses himself as highly pleased with the signs of material progress he sees on all sides in his dear old county, and says "there is no better place than North Carolina." He is accompanied by his two daughters, Misses Marguerite and Mary.

Mrs. James Robeson, a most excellent lady, who lived in Red Springs a few years ago, and then returned to her former home in Bladen county, died Monday last in the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville. During her stay among us she endeared herself to all who knew her and many hearts are saddened at news of her death.

Mrs. E. Y. Culbreth and daughter, Miss Annie, who have been spending quite awhile in Mississippi, returned last week to their home in Red Springs. Their many friends are glad to have them with them again.

Masters Carey Snoddy and Charlie Hall entertained quite a number of their young friends in the Springs pavilion Wednesday evening. Merry games were indulged in and the little folks seemed to enjoy the occasion immensely. Delightful refreshments were served in the pavilion. On Thursday evening, little Miss Lucile Cook entertained in honor of her friend Miss Forestine Robinson of McColl. This, too, was quite an enjoyable occasion for all who were fortunate enough to be present.

On Saturday night last the grocery store of Messrs. Garrett & McNeill was broken into by thieves and robbed. The contents of the cash register, and some goods, the amount of which cannot be easily estimated, were carried off.

"The Mysterious Thirteen," an organization consisting of thirteen young ladies and the same number of young men, had a delightful entertainment in the parlors of Hotel Red Springs on the night of July 4th. A prize contest and select games were indulged in. Dr. King and Miss Melville Gibson being the winners of the prize in the contest. The invited guests were Miss Mary McEachern and Miss Farmer of Florence, Rev. R. W. Jopling and Mr. L. J. Bright.

Miss Mary S. McGoogan, who has been attending the summer normal school at Chapel Hill, is spending this week at the home of her uncle Dr. B. F. McMillan.

Mr. H. Grantham, our popular druggist, will entertain a number of friends on the beautiful lawn of Mr. A. T. McCallum this evening. A fine time is anticipated.

Mrs. D. P. McEachern is enjoying very much her Western trip. Her last letter was mailed in Denver, Colorado. The greater part of this week she is spending in Yellowstone Park.

A cablegram announced the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCallum and Mrs. Fulmore in Naples, on June 25th. Their many friends hope for them all the pleasure and benefit that can accrue from their delightfully-planned visit to "The Orient."

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PROF. J. B. CARLYLE PASSES

Final Summons Came This Morning at 2:30 o'clock at Wake Forest—Funeral Tomorrow—Born and Reared in Robeson and Well Known Throughout the State—Professor of Latin at Wake Forest College 23 Years.

Prof. John B. Carlyle, 52 years old, died this morning at 2:30 o'clock at his home at Wake Forest, where he had labored for the past 23 years as professor of Latin in Wake Forest College. He had been in declining health since the first of the year and his death was not unexpected. Mr. K. M. Biggs of Lumberton, a nephew of the deceased, left this morning for Wake Forest shortly after receiving a wire announcing the death. Mr. Jno. T. Biggs, another nephew, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell of Lumberton and a sister, Miss Thesia Carlyle of Rozier's, will leave this evening to attend the funeral, which will be conducted tomorrow at noon from the Baptist church at Wake Forest College by Rev. J. A. Campbell, of Buie's Creek. Interment will be made in the church cemetery.

Prof. Carlyle was born and reared in Robeson county, in the Saddle Tree section, and was well known and loved throughout the county. Last fall he fell a victim to "galloping" consumption and early in the spring, as soon as the nature of his trouble was realized, he gave up his class work at Wake Forest. He spent two months at Black Mountain, Buncombe county, and up to a short while before his death was hopeful, but his friends realized some time ago that the end was near. Some two weeks ago he was taken to his home at Wake Forest. He is survived by his wife and two sons and two sisters—Mrs. E. J. Biggs of Saddle Tree and Miss Thesia Carlyle of Rozier's, both of this county.

Hookworm Disease Treated Free

The hookworm commission of the State Board of Health and the commissioners of Robeson county have made it possible, by furnishing the necessary funds, to establish dispensaries at various points in the county for free treatment of hookworm disease. These dispensaries for giving the treatment will be at the school houses of the following places for the next six weeks: St. Paul on Tuesdays. Fairmont on Thursdays. Lumberton on Saturdays.

Dr. B. W. Page, a representative of the State Board of Health, will be in charge of the work. He will be assisted by a specialist from the State Laboratory of Hygiene, Raleigh.

This work has been endorsed by the North Carolina Medical Society, the physicians of Robeson county and the board of education.

Out of 271 school children examined in this county, 117 were found to have the disease. The hookworm is sapping the vitality and wrecking the system of more than a third of the population.

Come to the dispensary, bringing a small amount of the bowel movement to be examined with the microscope, and get rid of these blood-sucking parasites.

Good Corn Out Every Direction From Lumberton.

Mr. Hugh A. M'White, of Baker's, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday and he called at The Robesonian office and said that he had noticed in the paper where it was stated that some good farming was going on up Saddle Tree way; and he said further, if his memory served him correctly, that Mr. J. B. Humphrey, of that vicinity, is one of the men whose talk got into The Robesonian. Now Mr. M'White says that he is not doubting anything that Mr. Humphrey has to say about good corn, etc., up his way, but that he wants it understood that there is some good corn growing out Barker's way. That's all. He says that Mr. Robert M'White, who lives about one mile from Barker's church, has a piece of corn that is simply fine and he believes that it will put Mr. Humphrey's "crack" piece of corn in the shade. So it seems that good corn is growing out several ways from Lumberton.

A SILVER TEA.

Daughters of the Confederacy Will Entertain to Raise Money to Decorate Confederate Graves.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The members of Robeson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will entertain their friends with a silver tea, next Friday evening, July 14, on the lawn at Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell's home on Elm street. The public is invited, and an evening of pleasure is assured all who attend. The object of the entertainment is to complete the fund of \$150 which the chapter will use to place markers at the graves of the Confederate soldiers in the cemeteries of Lumberton, and voluntary offerings for this cause will be gladly received. The Tar Heel Minstrels have kindly contributed to the fund \$63.70, which is greatly appreciated; and the sum of \$20 was realized from the Polk Miller concert, making a total of \$83.70 already raised. About \$66 is needed to complete the necessary amount, and it is hoped that this sum will be raised on Friday night.

The ladies have long been working for this worthy cause, and now offer to the public this opportunity to assist in honoring the memory of those to whom we owe so much. Robeson is justly proud of her veterans, and is ever ready to do them honor. The least that we can do for them is to have their graves properly marked when they have passed away, and the local chapter feels that this appeal will receive a warm response from every loyal Southern heart.

Methodist Church Named.

Chestnut Street Methodist church is the name that will be written on the corner stone of the new church which the congregation of the church that has heretofore been known simply as the Lumberton Methodist church is building on the corner of Chestnut and Seventh. This was decided at a church conference held last evening instead of preaching service, the pastor, Rev. E. M. Hoyle, being away at St. Paul's assisting in a protracted meeting. Mr. Hoyle suggested that it would be proper to name the church more definitely than it had been named and the suggestion met with approval. Other names suggested were "Calvary" and "Bethel." Work is progressing rapidly on the new church and if there are no delays it will be under roof in 60 days. Mr. A. E. White, chairman of the board of stewards, presided at the church conference last evening.

Presbyterian Church Calls a Pastor.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church yesterday morning it was decided to call Rev. R. E. Steele of Spencer to this church. Mr. Steele preached for this congregation some weeks ago and made a most favorable impression. It is not known whether or not he will accept the call. Rev. J. D. A. Brown, of Aberdeen, who has been preaching at the Presbyterian church twice a month, preached there yesterday morning and evening.

Concert by Oxford Orphanage Singing Class.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the opera house here Saturday evening of this week, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Lumberton people always patronize these concerts well and it is understood that the concert this year is fully up to the high standard of excellence of former concerts. Messrs. Jno. P. McNeill, Alf. H. McLeod and Frank Gough constitute the local committee that has the concert in charge.

—Rev. S. J. McConnell will begin a series of meetings at East Lumberton tonight. Last night Mr. McConnell closed a week's protracted meeting in the Methodist church at St. Paul's in which the church was greatly built up. It was a great meeting and much good was accomplished.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Mr. Douglas McLean has accepted a position as clerk at the Waverly hotel.

—Mr. Ira Wilkins, of Bellamy, was in Lumberton Saturday and says that he had ripe watermelons the first of July, and that he expects to bring a load to town in a few days.

—Mr. W. M. Worley, of Asheville, who has had charge of the tobacco warehouse here for several seasons, arrived yesterday and is preparing to open the warehouse within the next few days.

—Messrs. Carl and Julius Bullard brought to town Thursday afternoon a gray fox which they say they caught Thursday morning "with their hands and feet"—dry so, no dog assisting—out near their home, on the northern edge of town.

—A meeting which will last throughout the week began yesterday at Clyburn Baptist church, three miles north-west of Lumberton. Rev. C. F. Whitlock of Wilmington is assisting the pastor, Rev. A. H. Porter. All are invited to attend.

—Mr. J. T. Allen, wreck foreman for the A. C. L. Ry. at Sanford, Fla., passed through Lumberton Friday on his way home after a visit to his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allen, near Tar Heel, Bladen county. Mr. Allen formerly lived in Britt's township, this county, and moved to Florida about 25 years ago.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul returned Thursday night from Washington and Baltimore, where he completed arrangements for having a modern front put in his store, the Pope drug store, on Elm street. Work will be begun in about ten days. Mrs. McPhaul and son, Master Wilbur, who had been spending some time at Wrightsville Beach, also returned Thursday night.

—Mr. Sam Edwards, formerly on the mechanical force of The Robesonian and for the past ten months with The News at Burlington, arrived here Friday with his family and about the first of September he proposes to begin publishing a newspaper at Elizabethtown. Mr. Edwards is an experienced printer and should be able to succeed with a newspaper at the county seat of Bladen.

—The Fayetteville "Now Ares" played the Lumberton baseball team on the local grounds Thursday and Friday afternoons and were made to look like "Has Beens" or "Never Weres." The score Thursday afternoon was 18 to 3 in favor of Lumberton. The Lumberton battery was Lee Stone and Dougal Buie. Friday two games were played, one 7 inning and the other 5, the scores being 8 to 5 and 6 to 0, both in favor of Lumberton. Lumberton's batteries in Friday's games were Buie and J. R. Lowe and Stone and Lowe.

—Considerable excitement was caused on the streets yesterday afternoon by the activities of one M. K. Cooper, a painter who blew into town some time recently and who is said to have run amuck. He stands charged with having assaulted Bascom Meares and with other misdemeanors, all which charges he is presumably answering before Mayor White as The Robesonian goes to press, as the trial was set for 3 o'clock this afternoon. Cooper was locked up yesterday afternoon by Policeman Strain and has cooled his heels in the calaboose since then.

Board of Equalization in Session.

The county board of equalization of taxes, composed of the county commissioners and County Assessor W. H. Humphrey, is in session today. Up to now the time of the board had been taken up with hearing complaints from individuals about assessments being too high, and it is probable that the day will be taken up in this manner. The board will be in session again Thursday of this week, when valuations in the various townships will be adjusted. From the data at present in hand it looks like the values will be increased in this county about 25 or 30 per cent.