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## SUPERIOR COURT.

### Geo. Swan, Negro Who Killed Mr. C. C. Gibson at Red Springs, Now on Trial for His Life—Three Murder Cases Since Monday—Other Cases.

Geo. Swan, the negro who shot and killed Mr. C. C. Gibson at Red Springs on the first day of June last, is now on trial for his life. The trial began yesterday afternoon and will last through today. Defendant was an employe of the Red Springs oil mill, of which deceased was superintendent, and Mr. Gibson reprimanded him for smoking on the company's yards. During the difficulty which followed Swan shot Mr. Gibson and escaped. Later he was captured near Hamlet and taken to Raleigh, to the State prison, for safe keeping. A large crowd is attending the trial, in which there is considerable interest. The firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and Mr. A. P. Spell of Red Springs are assisting Solicitor Sinclair. Messrs. Wade H. Kinlaw and W. Lennon are defending the prisoner by appointment of the court. The following constitute the jury: Alex. McGirt, F. B. Singletary, Jno. L. Taylor, W. H. Lamb, B. F. Townsend, D. B. McNeill, J. A. McRae, Ed Taylor, S. W. Fowler, P. R. Floyd, J. B. Leggett, L. E. Tyner.

Walter Whittaker, murder; submitted to murder in second degree; 20 years in State penitentiary. He shot Aaron Lewis, colored, last November on Mr. Joe Parker's place near McDonald, Lewis dying within a few days. It was in evidence that several negroes were gambling, drinking and selling whiskey; that Whittaker won all the money and got into a dispute with a negro named Fletcher Lawrence; Lawrence or another negro, not Lewis, it is thought, shot Whittaker in the hand and all the negroes ran; Whittaker shot Lewis in the back as he ran. Whittaker claims that Lewis shot him but this claim was not substantiated by the evidence. In giving the prisoner 20 years Judge Bragaw intimated that the sentence would have been the limit of 30 years if defendant had employed counsel and had fought the case.

Hector Brown, a. d. w. and c. c. w.; plead guilty.

Daniel and Hector Brown, disturbing religious congregation; plead guilty.

A. W. Bullard, a. d. w.; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

H. Grady McCormick, murder; not guilty. Killed Bud Monroe, a negro who was considered a desperate and dangerous character, at Rowland on the night of June 27 last. Plea of self-defense. Difficulty arose about a dog belonging to the defendant, which dog Monroe had clipped. Words arose and deceased struck defendant with a bottle, when defendant shot him with a pistol. The firms of McLean, Varner & McLean and McIntyre Lawrence & Proctor appeared for the defendant.

Luke McCallum, c. c. w. and a. d. w.; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Will McCallum, murder; guilty of manslaughter; 3 years on roads. After jury was impaneled defendant submitted to manslaughter. Was accused of killing Artelia Morrison, a colored woman, at a party at Rowland last February. In a general row several shots were fired and Artelia Morrison was shot in an arm. The arm was amputated and she died a week or so later. The firm of McLean, Varner & McLean and Mr. T. L. Johnson appeared for the defendant, the firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor assisting Solicitor Sinclair.

### Grand Jury's Report.

The grand jury made its report Tuesday as follows: A committee composed of D. R. Caddell, Roy Stewart and McP. McL. Alford visited the chain gang on the 8th in Burnt Swamp township and found Hector Morrison, the keeper, on hand. Found the prisoners well kept and well fed and provided with good sleeping quarters; portable steel houses, as reported by last grand jury. Number of prisoners on gang, 22, with 3 guards. A committee composed of D.

## RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

### Water Works System Being Installed—Social and Personal.

Red Springs, July 9—Miss Bess Jones has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Bennettsville. She was accompanied home by Miss Kate Terrel, who will be her guest for several weeks. Messrs. Roland Brown and Jim Hall attended the Parkton picnic on July 4.

Work on the water works is being rapidly pushed and we hope soon to have the system completed. The work is under the management of Mr. W. F. Robeson of Charlotte and he is a good supervisor who will keep things busy.

Miss Rosa McMillan left Tuesday night for New York City. After a short sojourn there she will sail for Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she will visit for several weeks. Misses Rosalie and Margaret Williams are spending some time in the mountains of western North Carolina. At present they are at Blowing Rock, but they will visit several other places before returning. Rev. H. M. Dixon and family left Friday for Montreal, where they will spend the remainder of the summer.

Miss Annie Belle Williams gave a lovely porch party at her father's home on Main street Monday evening. The porch and lawn were softly lighted by gaily colored Japanese lanterns, and the punch bowl, decorated with red nasturtiums, was an attractive spot on the lawn. Delicious iced refreshments were served by little brothers of the hostess. Misses Kate Johnson of Thomasville and Lucy deVane delighted the guests with several beautiful songs. At a late hour the good-byes were reluctantly said to the gracious and charming hostess.

Mr. Jim Townsend is spending several days with his friend Mr. Earnest Sikes at Montreal. Miss Polly McRae is visiting relatives in Maxton. Miss Hallie Smith, who had been visiting her grandparents for several weeks, returned Friday to her home in Elkin. Miss Ella Alderman visited Miss Margaret McEachern last week. Miss Lucy Worth Currie of Fayetteville is now the guest of Miss McEachern.

## CHAS. A. WEBB CHAIRMAN.

### Asheville Man Elected Head of Democratic State Executive Committee.

Raleigh News and Observer, 10th.

By a unanimous vote last night the Democratic State executive committee elected Hon. Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, as chairman of the new State committee, and Walter E. Brock, of Wadesboro, as secretary. Mr. Webb succeeds Hon. A. H. Eller, of Winston-Salem, as State chairman, and Mr. Brock succeeds himself, both Mr. Eller and Mr. Brock having served for two terms, the past four years. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring chairman for his services.

The meeting of the committee was a largely attended one, there being of the sixty members thirty present in person and twenty-five by proxy, fifty-five in all.

The North Carolina Dental Society held its annual convention in Raleigh last week and adjourned Friday night after electing Dr. Russell Sherrill of Raleigh president and selecting Winston-Salem as the next meeting place.

R. Caddell, E. J. Waits, Kelly Bass and E. L. Melton visited the county home and found the inmates well kept and well fed. All seemed to be satisfied, with one exception, a woman who wanted milk. Recommend that the keeper provide the necessary milk. Homes in good condition with the exception of windows, upon which it is recommended that necessary repairs be made and also that sheets needed for the beds be furnished.

Visited the jail in a body and found same in good condition and prisoners well cared for. Visited the different county offices and found same well kept. Passed on 136 bills—118 true and 18 not true.

## HOPE MILLS NEWS.

### Two Marriages—Fine Corn—A Fern Thief—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, July 9—Mr. Jasper Brown, who is a prominent farmer at Gibson, and Miss Florence Warner, a popular young lady of Hope Mills, were married Sunday at the home of the bride, Rev. J. H. Gibbs officiating. The happy couple have the best wishes of a large number of friends.

Dr. S. S. Hutchinson last week returned from Hendersonville, where he attended the North Carolina Medical Association convention which was held in that place recently.

Mr. Frank Greenwood, of Chester, Pa., has accepted a position as dyer with the Hope Mills Mfg. Co., to succeed Mr. Harvey, resigned.

Mr. B. S. Horne, of this place, has the finest piece of corn the writer has seen this year, many stalks measuring fourteen feet from the ground.

On Friday night last, after 12 o'clock, several ferns were stolen from the porches of our townsmen: two from the porch of Mr. M. T. McArthur, one in a two-gallon jug with the top broken off and the other in a gallon flower pot; one from Miss Kate Brown, which was in a six-quart flower pot; three from the porch of Mrs. Jim Cameron and three ferns in jars from Mrs. G. M. Patterson. A reward of \$5 has been offered for the flowers or evidence sufficient to convict the guilty party.

Within the next week or ten days Mr. M. T. McArthur will move with his family into his new residence, which is now nearing completion.

Mr. Will Alred and Miss Mamie McLeod, both of this place, were married Sunday, June 30th. May many joys attend this happy young couple.

Children's exercises were conducted in the Baptist church Sunday evening and a very interesting program was rendered.

Rev. Mr. McLellon, of Maxton, preached a very able sermon in the Baptist church here Sunday.

## TEN MILE TOPICS.

### Crops Good—A Picnic July 25—Death of Miss Ethel Malone.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 1, July 8—Crops through this section are very good.

We were glad to have Rev. J. W. Cobb of Lumber Bridge with us at Ten Mile Sunday. He was former pastor of this church and we are always glad to have him come down and preach for us.

The Fourth passed off very quietly on this route, as there were no picnics near. Several of the young people gave a lemonade party at Willis Springs.

Miss Dovie Britt returned Sunday from Rutherfordton and Charlotte, where she spent several days visiting. She also attended the marriage of her brother Mr. E. M. Britt while away.

The Baraca and Philathea classes of Ten Mile are planning to give a play in the near future.

Mrs. J. C. King of Wilmington, who had been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Britt, returned to her home Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Malone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Malone, who had been sick with typhoid fever at the Thompson hospital for several days, died Saturday afternoon. The funeral was conducted at Ten Mile church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by her former pastor, Rev. J. W. Cobb, and the remains were laid to rest in the Ten Mile cemetery. We extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

There will be a picnic at Ten Mile July 25.

### Episcopalians to Build Church Here.

The Episcopalians of Lumberton have purchased from Mr. Alf. H. McLeod a lot on North Chestnut street on which they will build a church some time in the near future. Rev. Mr. Noe of Wilmington will hold services here for the Episcopalians about once a month.

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## OUT SADDLE TREE WAY

### Farmers Busy and Crops Good—Protracted Meeting Begins Fourth Sunday—Social and Personal.

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Lumberton, R. F. D. 2, July 10—The farmers of this section are very busy on their farms. Crops are very good in this section.

Mrs. Lee Humphrey spent part of last week near Bethany with her brother Mr. J. C. Prevatt, who is very ill.—Mr. L. A. Parnell, of Parkton, spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting friends.

—Little Miss Laura and Master Gle Hersey of Dillon are visiting relatives here.—Little Miss Bessie Wellington of St. Paul's is visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. W. J. McPail.

Rev. J. M. Hester, of St. Paul's, preached here Sunday at 11 o'clock and in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. He talked on the Baraca-Philathea work. The people were pleased to hear him.

Mr. W. H. Powell is spending this week in Lumberton attending court.—Mrs. H. G. McRae of Wilmington is visiting relatives here.

The protracted meeting will begin here the 4th Sunday in July. We do not know yet who will assist the pastor.

Mr. Pope and Miss Mamie Humphrey entertained a number of their friends Saturday night. They played many games and delicious cake and cream were served. The guests departed at a late hour declaring they had had a delightful time.

Sorry to report Paul, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McDuffie, sick.

## CENTER DOTS.

### Picnic July 25—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Center, July 9—Most of our farmers are through laying by.

Messrs. H. Stanley of Fairmont and Lemuel Atkinson and Misses Zillie Leggett and Rachel Wells attended the picnic at Alfordville Thursday and report an enjoyable time.—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins of Lumberton spent part of last week here visiting relatives.—Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Barnes of Lumberton spent Sunday here with relatives.—Miss Rachel Wells of Teachey's, who had been spending some time here, left Monday for Wilmington, where she will spend a few days before going home.—Messrs. Claude Bullock and H. Stanley of Fairmont spent Sunday here.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkerson spent Saturday night and Sunday at Boardman visiting relatives.

There will be a Farmers' Union and Woodmen picnic here on Thursday, July 25. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

## BIG RALLY DAY AT MAXTON.

### Grand Educational Rally at Carolina College Park, Wednesday, July 24.

The people of Maxton will observe Wednesday, July 24, as Educational Rally Day to celebrate the work done on Carolina College, which is nearing completion. Arrangements are being made to entertain several thousand people. A picnic dinner will be served, several good speakers are on the programme and a brass band will furnish music. Everybody is invited and it is hoped that all the adjoining counties will be represented. Make arrangements now to be Maxton's guest Wednesday, July 24.

The House of Congress committee on judiciary Monday recommended that Judge Robt. W. Archibald, of the Court of Commerce, be impeached before the bar of the United States Senate. Thirteen articles of impeachment were presented by the committee. He is charged with malfeasance in office and his conduct is characterized as extremely reprehensible. This constitutes the ninth impeachment of a judicial or civil official of the United States since the foundation of the government.

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## MR. T. C. EVANS RESIGNS.

### Accepts Position of Cashier of Citizens' Bank of Cheraw, S. C.—Resignation Effective August 15—Mr. K. M. Barnes of Barneville Succeeds Mr. Evans as Cashier of Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Mr. T. C. Evans, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank since its organization in November, 1909, has resigned to accept a position as cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Cheraw, S. C. Mr. Evans offered his resignation a few days ago to be effective the 15th of August and at a meeting of the bank directors held this morning the resignation was accepted and Mr. K. M. Barnes of Barneville was elected to succeed him. Mr. Evans says that his only reason for making the change was the financial consideration. The bank to which he goes has just been organized and has a paid capital of \$50,000, and Mr. Evans has been elected treasurer of the Citizens' Loan & Trust Co., which will be conducted in connection with the bank. The trust company has \$15,000 paid in.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans moved to Lumberton from Charlotte in the fall of 1909 and have made many warm friends here who will regret sincerely their decision to leave.

## THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS

### Settlement With Listtakers—Other Bills Paid.

At a special meeting of the county commissioners Monday settlements were made with the following listtakers.

Alex. Alford, Alfordville township, \$51.14; J. S. Thompson, Britt's, \$37.58; W. W. Townsend, Back Swamp, \$32.57; A. E. Floyd, Fairmont, \$49.38; H. A. M'White, Howellsville, \$48.03; Wade Wishart, Lumberton, \$88.66; A. McL. Morrison, Maxton, \$72.88; A. M. Floyd, Orrum, \$32.26; A. C. McGougan, Renner, \$24.16; R. F. Gregory, Raft Swamp, \$26.93; L. M. Cook, Red Springs, \$42.02; Kelly Barnes, Sterling's, \$28.33; N. A. McIntyre, Saddle Tree, \$32.44; W. T. Jenrette, White House, \$33.62; J. E. Tyson, Wishart's, \$43.21. Total, \$643.23.

Mrs. Mary Bryant was ordered admitted to the county home.

Other bills were ordered paid as follows: W. J. Mathews, for map giving lines, courses and distances between Robeson and Hoke counties, \$2; C. B. Skipper, clerk of the court, salary, \$341.67; salary fund, \$4.45; A. P. Caldwell, work on tax list, \$3.60; Ray Stewart, conveying grand jury to chain gang, \$3; Town of Lumberton, balance due on street paving in front of court house, \$165.22; freight on car of coal, \$95.28. Total, \$615.12.

### No Third Party for Morehead—Will Abide the Ship.

Charlotte Observer, 10th.

"I have emphatically, positively and unalterably declined all suggestion at the hands of those responsible for the third party movement in this State that I allow my name to be put forward by them either as a candidate for Governor or State chairman. I am a believer in Republican principles and will abide the ship."

Thus wired ex-Congressman John M. Morehead to The Observer last night in response to an inquiry regarding a rumored conference held in Morehead City yesterday, the object of which was to induce Mr. Morehead to be a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination on the State Republican ticket. That Mr. Morehead's telegram is final and conclusive and straight from the shoulder is manifest and settles, it is believed, once for all his status in the State with reference to the third party movement and the Roosevelt propaganda.

Three persons are dead and 37 others ill as a result of eating poisoned food at a dinner at the home of Mr. Canady, near Garfield, Ga., on the Fourth of July, when the family had gathered for a reunion. An investigation will be made to determine whether the victims ate tainted food and suffered ptomaine poisoning or whether a poison was placed in the food by design.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today, 11 1/2 cents.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Industrial & Commercial Club will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock in the club rooms.

—Miss Nellie McNeill a trained nurse who has been making headquarters here for some time, has decided to locate in Florence, S. C. She will go to Florence next week.

—Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill recently let contract for turning his residence, Ninth and Elm streets, to face Elm street, and work was begun this morning. The house at present faces Ninth street. It is to be raised higher and other improvements will be made.

—About 25 teachers are taking the examination for public school teachers under County Supt. J. R. Poole today, and two are taking the examination for high school certificate and one for the A. and M. College. The examination is being held at the graded school building.

—Beginning this evening, coupon tickets will be given visitors to the moving picture show for a prize to be given away on the 24th. This time a beautiful little clock has been selected for the person holding the lucky number. It is now on exhibition at Parker's jewelry store.

—Mrs. H. H. Beard and Miss Esther Edmunds, of Columbia, S. C., are guests at the home of Mrs. N. A. McLean. Miss Edmunds is an artist and she has made a painting of the late Col. N. A. McLean, which she brought with her. She is originally of New York, having been in Columbia only a few months.

—In the absence of Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Presbyterian church, services Sunday morning will be conducted by Mr. A. P. Dixon. The young people's society of the church will meet at 7:15 in the evening and close at 8:15 in order to give the congregation opportunity to attend regular services at some of the other churches.

—The local troop of Boy Scouts are off on a ten-days camp at Lake Waccamaw. Rev. R. E. Steel manager of the troop, with Carroll Jackson, Adrian Britt and Wilbur Leggett, left for the lake Tuesday in a wagon, taking all of the outfit; and Knox and John Proctor, Braxton Branch, James Cowan, Chaffin Blake, Abner Nash, Marshal and Henry Boylin and Olaray Stubbs left yesterday morning over the R. & C. railroad.

—Mr. A. G. Thompson and family, who moved here from Rowland some two or three months ago to live with Mr. Thompson's mother, Mrs. N. J. Thompson, who died about three weeks ago, are moving back to Rowland today. Mr. Thompson has farming interests near Rowland. His reason for coming to Lumberton was to be with his mother during her illness. The home Mr. Thompson vacates, Walnut and First streets, has been rented by Mr. A. Collins, who, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, will make Lumberton headquarters for his business as sales agent for several lumber mills and will move his wife and infant son here from Valdosta, Ga., within a few weeks.

—Miss Josephine Breece is having concrete sidewalks put down in front of her two houses on Fifth street, the one occupied by herself, corner Walnut and Fifth, and the one next to it on Fifth, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe; also a sidewalk along her lot on Walnut. She is also having the porch to the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe extended the width of the house on the east side, where a room is being added, and is having the porch to the house she occupies extended the width of the house. These improvements, with concrete steps to each porch, will add immensely to the comfort and appearance of the two houses.

—"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters reached the cause."—J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.