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## CHECK FLASHER WANTED

**Sporty-Looking Young White Man Does Some Stunts in Wake and Robeson for Which Authorities Want Him—Did a Sprinting Stunt When Overtaken Near Lumberton—Horse and Buggy For Which He Traded Captured.**

Luther Carmichael, a young white man apparently between 21 and 25 years old, is wanted by the sheriffs of Wake and Robeson counties, in Robeson for giving a fraudulent check and in Wake on the same charge and on the additional charges of buying an automobile under false pretense, forgery and larceny.

Carmichael struck Lumberton Saturday driving a good horse and buggy. He was well dressed and entirely respectable looking. After driving up and down Elm street a few times he hid himself to the sales stables of the Dees Brothers, Chestnut and Fourth streets, and struck Dr. Rowland Deese for a trade. A swap of horses was made and in the trade Carmichael gave Dr. Deese a check on the Bank of Dillon for \$40. Shortly after Carmichael left town Dr. Deese found out by phoning to the bank that the check was no good. He reported the matter to the sheriff's office and he and Deputy Sheriff W. C. Britt and Mr. Arch Prevatt gave chase. They came up with Carmichael at the home of Mr. Sidney Williamson, near old Kingsdale—that is, they got in sight of him. When Carmichael saw the men approaching he hit for the swamp, running, and Dr. Deese says he never saw such running in his life before. Carmichael just naturally faded out of the landscape. His pursuers brought back the horse and buggy and Carmichael's coat and grip, which he left in the buggy in making his getaway. Deputy Britt shot in the direction of the fleeing man, but he paid no attention. Shortly after Deputy Britt, Dr. Deese and Mr. Prevatt got back to town Chief of Police H. H. Redfern received a telegram from the sheriff of Wake county to arrest this same young man, wanted in Wake on the charges noted above. But it was then too late. It is thought that Carmichael went to South Carolina. Had the officers here known earlier that he was wanted in Wake he could easily have been captured.

Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer had the following account of this young man's activities in Wake: "The young man, it is said, appeared at the local salesroom of the Ford automobile company on Morgan street last Monday and with his neat, gentlemanly and sporty appearance made known his wishes to purchase a machine. According to Mr. Bussy, its agent, exhibited a check made out to him by a Fayetteville firm, the name of which is not now known, and stated that it was given to him by his employer for the purpose of purchasing an automobile. The sale was made the price of the car being \$535. Carmichael received his machine and Mr. Bussy took the check. That was the last seen of the young sport. "It did not take the Raleigh automobile agent long to find out that the check, which was drawn on the First National Bank of Fayetteville, was fraudulent. The case was given to Sheriff Sears and every effort has been made to locate Carmichael. "Investigation shows that after obtaining the automobile the young man went to Fuquay Springs and there exchanged his new machine for a horse and buggy and got about \$150 in cash. From there he was traced to Lumberton where he swapped horses and gave a check for \$40 to cover the difference in the value of the animals."

The trade of the auto for the horse and buggy was made with a Mr. Thomas of Fuquay Springs. Mr. Thomas came to Lumberton this morning looking for the horse and buggy, which he found at the stables of Dees Brothers. Mr. Thomas says that he gave Carmichael only \$40 boot instead of \$150, as stated in the account in the News and Observer. Mr. Thomas hauled Carmichael out of a ditch between 12 and 1 o'clock at night, Carmichael having ran into a ditch and broken the machine.

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## PRIEST CONFESSES MURDER.

**Mystery Surrounding Finding Parts of Dismembered Body of Girl Solved.** New York Dispatch, 14th.

With the arrest early today of Rev. Hans Schmidt, assistant rector of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, charged with the murder of Anna Amuller, a domestic, the mystery of finding of parts of the dismembered body of a girl in the Hudson river was solved. Schmidt, according to the police reports, confessed, and at the time of his arrest attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a safety razor blade.

According to the police and attaches of the district attorney's office Schmidt's confession was full and absolute. In it he is quoted as saying that he killed his companion with a butcher's knife and cut up the body with the knife and saw. The deed was committed the police say, shortly after midnight on September 2, in an apartment in Bradhurst avenue.

Five bundles wrapped in bed clothes and papers were made of the six parts. Five times Schmidt left the apartment house with a bundle to cross the Hudson River to the Jersey shore. Five times he leaned over the stern of the ferryboat and gave the river his burden. Then he returned to his church.

In the apartment the police found a marriage license issued in New York last February and bearing the names of the priest and the murdered woman. According to Schmidt's confession he went through a marriage ceremony with the girl. In this ceremony Schmidt was both priest and bridegroom; there were no witnesses.

A pillowslip led to Schmidt's apprehension. This pillowslip, stained with blood and soiled with the filth of the river, was wrapped around a portion of the torso. The detectives traced the pillowslip to its manufacturer; the manufacturer traced it to the dealer; the dealer traced it to Schmidt. The police tracing Schmidt and the girl, knew all about both of them hours before they arrested him. The priest was dressed in full clerical garb when inspector Faurot entered his rooms in the parish house of his church.

## Robeson County Chestnuts.

Mr. C. B. Redmond, proprietor of the Parlor Grocery, says it's not necessary for Robeson county to be using chestnuts from France and Italy for the county is raising the finest he ever saw; and he's seen all kinds. Mr. Billie Walters, who lives on route 4 from Lumberton, brought some to town Saturday that were whoppers the same kind and size that Mr. Redmond has been paying 17 cents per pound for. Mr. Walters says he has sold 8 bushels this season and has plenty left at home. What is it a Robeson county farmer cannot raise successfully if he'll only try?

—Mr. H. H. Anderson purchased Saturday from Dr. W. A. McPhaul part of the property at the Seaboard station, which, as has been stated in The Robesonian, Dr. McPhaul bought some time ago from Mr. R. D. Caldwell and others. Mr. Anderson gets the corner at the intersection of First and Chestnut streets. The lot is 24x100 feet, the 24-foot front facing Chestnut. The consideration was \$2,000.

—The Messrs. Dees Brothers' new brick sales stables on West Fourth street have been completed and they are now using these stables and the stables on the corner of Fourth and Chestnut, where they have been located for some years. They will continue to use the Chestnut and Fourth street stables until the first of next year.

"A member of the Brotherhood of Trainmen is killed every seven hours and 15 minutes, and every nine minutes a man is maimed. This was the testimony Friday at New York of William Lee, representing the order of Railway Trainmen at the meeting of the Arbitration Commission in the controversy between 42 Eastern railroads and their conductors and trainmen over the employes' demands for more pay and shorter hours.

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## MUCH PROGRESS MADE

**Settling Points in Tariff Bill—Wilson Measures Occupy Attention.** Washington Dispatch, 14th.

With the tariff bill being completed and the Administration currency bill under way in the House, the coming week in congress promises marked progress toward inscribing on the statute books, the legislation pressed by President Wilson.

The Senate and House conferees, settling points in the tariff bill in disagreement between the two houses have made much progress. Senator Simmons and Representative Underwood are confident that the coming week will see all differences settled and little difficulty is expected in securing the adoption of the conference report.

The House this week will take up the currency bill in detail. Republicans and Progressives set forth at great length last week their objection to the measure and the Democrats entered their answers. With the gist of argument out of the way, the measure now will be taken up for amendment, and although the approval of the Democrat caucus is expected to prevent any changes, various attempts will be made to alter provisions most bitterly attacked.

The section providing that National banks shall subscribe 20 per cent of their capital and 5 per cent of their deposits to the proposed Federal reserve banks, and the provision making bank notes Government obligations, will be principal points of attack.

Attempt will be made to limit the broad powers now conferred by the bill on the Federal reserve board. Majority leader Underwood hopes to get to a final vote on the bill this week, however, and send it to the Senate.

## FARMERS' NATIONAL CONGRESS

**Mr. C. M. Townsend of Raynham Will Attend the Sessions at Plano, Ill., This Month.**

The Farmers' National Congress will meet at Plano, Ill., September 23-26. Mr. C. M. Townsend, of Raynham, who is vice president for North Carolina, was in town Friday and told the Robesonian that he expects to attend this congress. He expects to leave home on the 20th inst., and join the Maryland delegates, who will leave Baltimore on the evening of the 21st at 7:52 over the Pennsylvania railroad. The following information about Plano and the congress is taken from a letter to Mr. Townsend from the secretary of the organization:

"This promises to be a very interesting trip. Plano, known as the 'Harvester City,' is the birthplace of the first successful mechanical device for harvesting grain by machinery, is the home of the Independent Harvester Company, which is owned, managed and operated upon a co-operative profit-sharing plan by farmers of the United States, and which has made wonderful strides in growth in its 6 years of existence. It is said that Horace Greely was inspired to write 'Go west, young man' from having seen the picturesque dells and streams in and around Plano. Then, too, Plano is but 52 miles west of Chicago, a city of innumerable attractions for the tourist.

"The program this year will be exceptionally strong, the speakers including Secretary of Agriculture Houston; Hon. P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education; Governor Dunne of Illinois; Governor Cox of Ohio; Prof. Mumford, president of Missouri Agricultural College; Prof. Holden, the Iowa corn and alfalfa expert; Hon. Oliver Wilson, master of National Grange; Hon. Jos. E. Wing of Ohio, and others. Questions of unusual social economic and legislative value to the farmer will be discussed. The Plano people are arranging entertainment features."

—Mrs. W. W. Carlyle and daughter, Miss Janie, and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carlyle left Friday for Nyach, N. Y., where Miss Janie will be a student in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Bible Training School. On their way to Nyach they will spend some time in Washington, Baltimore and New York. Mrs. Carlyle and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Carlyle expect to return about the last of this week.

## ROBESON GINNING REPORT.

**Nearly 4 Times as Much Cotton Ginned in Robeson Up to September 1 Last Year as This Year for Same Period.**

Mr. J. B. Humphrey of Red Springs, special agent for the Bureau of Census for Robeson, advises The Robesonian that there were 29 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1913, prior to September 1st, as compared with 112 bales ginned prior to September 1st, 1912.

## More Cotton Worms Reported.

Mention has been made in The Robesonian of worms that are destroying cotton in some sections of Robeson. Worms have heretofore been reported from the Saddle Tree and Back swamp sections. Mr. Z. T. Taylor, who lives in Howellsville township, sent to The Robesonian office Friday from his farm some bolls that show the ravages of the same kind of worm, and Mr. J. L. Prevatt, who lives 3 miles east of Buie and who was in town Saturday, says they are doing damage on his farm. Mr. Prevatt says he does not believe this is the same worm that is sometimes found in corn, or that if it is, it is strange to him that it has not been attacking cotton in former years. He says that it is found most often in fields planted with seeds shipped from a distance, and he thinks the kind of seeds and where they were gotten has all to do with this worm, whatever sort of worm it is.

Mr. E. Odum, who also lives near Buie in Back Swamp township, brought to The Robesonian office this afternoon a stalk of cotton on which every boll had been ruined by these worms. Mr. Odum says he pulled that stalk out of a 7-acre field which ordinarily would yield a bale to the acre at least, but that on account of the ravages of this worm he will not get more than three bales this year. He sowed Cook's improved seed.

## Superior Court—Six Weeks More of Court This Year.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian would most likely be the case, the week's term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil cases, Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown presiding, which convened last Monday, adjourned for the term Thursday afternoon. The only jury case disposed of besides those mentioned in Thursday's paper was J. Brown Evans vs. Eli Ratley, in which it was found that the defendant was indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$75. A number of orders and judgments was signed, and many cases were continued and placed on the calendar for some future term.

There will be six more weeks of court before the end of the year—2 weeks of civil court beginning September 29, 2 weeks of criminal court beginning November 3, 2 weeks of civil court beginning December 1.

## Town Prisoners May be Locked Up in County Jail as Heretofore.

It was stated some time ago in The Robesonian that the county commissioners had passed an order prohibiting Sheriff R. E. Lewis from allowing prisoners of the town of Lumberton to be locked up in the county jail. A test case was made and at the term of Superior Court next after this order was made Judge C. C. Lyon ordered that the town be allowed the privilege of using the jail as heretofore until the case could be disposed of. Last week Judge Lyon decided that the town could continue to use the jail for its prisoners. The only difference hereafter will be that a commitment will be required by the jailer from the recorder. This is according to the usual custom, but it has not been strictly enforced heretofore as it will be in the future.

## County Farmers' Union Meeting Thursday.

A county meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union will be held in the court house here Thursday of this week. Some very important business will come before the meeting, and a large crowd is expected to be present.

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## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—Cotton today, 12 1/2-16 cents.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Ola Broom and Willie Whit; Fodie Bass and Duncan Sparkman.

—Lucinda House, an insane colored woman, was brought to jail from Waukulla Friday by Rural Policeman Hugh McNeill.

—Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., left this morning for Chapel Hill, where he will spend a week coaching the University football team. While in College at Chapel Hill Mr. McNeill was a member of the football team.

—Mr. E. Nye, who was in town this morning, says the school at Orrum, his home, Prof. M. Shepherd principal, had the best opening in its history on the 1st inst. and that the prospects for the term are fine.

—"The Winking Parson," Edison, and "Red Barrier," Vitagraph, will be shown at the Pastime theatre this evening. Tomorrow evening "The Turn of Fortune," Cines, and "The Dandy," Vitagraph, will be put on.

—Mr. Sandy McLeod was very sick yesterday, but his condition today is very much improved. Mr. G. G. French was right sick at his home, East Fourth street, Saturday and yesterday, but his condition today is very much improved.

—Receiver J. S. McDonald finished Friday winding up the affairs of the defunct Lumberton Drug Co. Creditors were paid 3 1/2 per cent, whereas before a receiver was appointed the creditors refused an offer of settlement on a basis of 33 1/3 per cent.

—There will be a meeting of the county bar tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper's office for the purpose of arranging a calendar for the civil term of court to begin on the 29th of this month.

—In a civil service examination held here Saturday eight stood the examination, three for postoffice clerks and five for city carriers. The examination was held in the graded school building by Assistant Postmaster R. O. Edmund.

—Mrs. Kate P. McLeod of Lumberton filed Saturday two suits against Geo. B. McLeod, one for divorce and one a civil action for relief. Mrs. McLeod is represented by District Attorney H. F. Seawell of Cathage and Mr. Ireddell Meares of Wilmington, who spent Saturday in Lumberton.

—Mr. Lloyd C. Townsend will begin tomorrow the erection of a 2-story residence, with 8 or 9 rooms, on the lot he recently purchased on north Chestnut street in front of the residence of Mr. E. L. Holloway. Mr. W. M. Burney has the contract for the building.

—County Superintendent J. R. Poole and County Physician B. W. Page went this morning to Barnesville, where they will attend today the opening of the Barnesville school, of which Prof. H. W. G. Owen is principal. Mr. Owen was principal of this school last year.

—A good number of Farmers' Union members are in town today, because of the fact that they are expecting a car-load of flour which they recently ordered through the county business agent, Mr. W. K. Culbreth. The farmers ordered this at a great saving.

—Mrs. Kate Brown of Antioch and Mrs. D. B. McLean of Raeford spent a while in town this morning en route home from Wilmington, where they had been spending a few days on a visit at the home of their brother, Rev. J. A. Smith, who for some time has been very sick. His condition is thought to be somewhat improved.

—Mr. J. D. McDonald of Wilmington has accepted a position as salesman in the McAllister hardware store. He with his family, arrived Friday and began work Saturday. Mr. McDonald and family will move into the residence on East Fifth street at present occupied by Mrs. Jessie Wishart as soon as Mrs. Wishart can move out. Mrs. Wishart has purchased from Mr. M. C. McIntyre of Back Swamp the house and lot on East Fourth street which is occupied by Mr. F. W. Groom. Mrs. Wishart will move in just as soon as Mr. Groom can get out.

—Mr. J. P. Mitchell of Fairmont began work in Mr. M. W. Floyd's store this morning. Mr. F. O. Floyd, who had for some time held a position as salesman in the store, resigned, his resignation taking effect Saturday. Mr. Floyd will return to his home at Fairmont.

—Mr. Sam Dunie of Fairmont passed through town yesterday en route to the Northern markets, where he will spend several days buying fall goods for his big drygoods store at Fairmont. Mrs. Dunie came to Lumberton with him, spending the day in town on a visit to relatives. She returned to Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

—Rowland Sun, 11th: Dillon is becoming a favorite place for Rowlandites to wed. On Tuesday night Miss Bertha Smith, of this place, and Mr. Rogers, of Lake City, met there by appointment, procured license and were married in the court house. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Charlie Smith and has many friends who wish them good luck.

—Chief of Police H. H. Redfern expects to leave this evening for a 10-days' vacation which he will spend on his farm in Anson county, at Wadesboro and Charlotte. He intended leaving last evening or this morning but was not well yesterday. During his absence Night Policeman Sam Strain will act in his place and Mr. Woodberry Flowers will take Mr. Strain's place at night.

—It is understood that Messrs. A. R. McEachern, J. M. Buttler and W. D. and J. A. Johnson of St. Paul's have purchased the cotton mill plant of the Lake View Manufacturing Co. of Fayetteville. Mr. R. C. Lawrence went this morning to Fayetteville on business in connection with the deal, which it is thought will be closed today.

—In his letter last week "Happy Jack" mentioned some improvements that had recently been made on the "gallant Broad Ridge," and since then The Robesonian has been informed that the inhabitants on the "Ridge" are increasing very fast also, three new comers having arrived last week, one at the home of Mr. J. I. Stone, Jr., one at the home of Mr. Frank Britt, and one at the home of Mr. Homer Barnes.

—Miss Mollie Belle Hollowell of Lumberton has been employed to fill the vacancy created in the fifth grade at the graded school by the resignation of Miss Corinne Doles, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian. Miss Hollowell is a college graduate, has had four years experience as a teacher and is highly recommended. Miss Ruby Johnson, one of the teachers in the high school department, who was sick last week, is on duty again today. Outside students will be admitted to grades above the fifth. Other grades are crowded.

—Mention was made in Thursday's Robesonian of an incident that happened just as the paper was going to press at the residence of ex-Sheriff Geo. McLeod, two or more pistol shots and calls for help attracting a large crowd. As this happened on the premises, as it was a family affair, as no one was hurt and as the authorities have taken no cognizance of it, nothing more is known about it than was stated in Thursday's paper; which fact the paper feels it is due its readers, who might expect some further mention in today's paper, to state.

—Messrs. A. E. White and Frank Gough returned Friday night from a two-weeks' visit to the Northern markets, where they purchased goods for their department store. During their stop-over in Washington on their way North, heretofore mentioned in The Robesonian, Mr. White says they succeeded in having made available the \$10,000 appropriation that had been made for a postoffice site in Lumberton and they were assured by Representative Godwin and Senators Simmons and Overman that a \$75,000 appropriation for a postoffice building for Lumberton will be put through at the next session of Congress.

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