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## SUPERIOR COURT.

Court Adjourned Friday—Important

Cases Speedily Disposed—Three Negroes to State Prison—Case of Failure to Work Roads Goes to Supreme Court.

The 2-weeks' term of Superior Court which began Tuesday of last week closed Friday. Judge Geo. Rountree of Wilmington presided.

All the capital cases on the docket were disposed of without long trials, verdicts being agreed upon. The following cases were disposed of since the report in Thursday's Robesonian: Ed Jones, colored, who entered the home of Dr. A. B. Croom at Maxton about midnight on December 12 last submitted to burglarious entry and was sentenced to the State prison for a term of 5 years. He will be taken to Raleigh tomorrow.

Lacy McRae and Luke McCallum, both colored, charged with the murder of Jack Adams, colored in Alfordville township on December 26 last, were found guilty of murder in the second degree and McRae was sentenced to 10 years in the State prison at Raleigh, McCallum being sentenced to two years. McRae was charged with shooting Adams from ambush and McCallum was charged with being an accessory before the fact in that he enticed Adams to the scene of the shooting. They will be taken to the penitentiary at Raleigh tomorrow.

D. B. McNeill, failure to work roads; on a special verdict the court alleged that the defendant is guilty and he was fined \$2.50. Defendant appealed to the Supreme Court. Cases against Ransom Dial, Wm. Strickland, Lindsey Revels, all for failure to work roads, were continued to await determination of McNeill case by Supreme court.

H. L. Stephens, disposing of mortgaged property; not guilty.

Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper was appointed by Judge Rountree receiver for the estate of Gillespie Warwick, a minor.

Dave Monroe, the small negro convicted Thursday of criminally assaulting the 5-year-old daughter of Dr. D. S. Currie at Parkton and sentenced to be electrocuted March 20, as stated in Thursday's Robesonian, was taken to the State penitentiary in Raleigh Friday.

## Lumberton Coming Along.

Maxton Scottish Chief.

We had the pleasure of spending last Monday in Lumberton, which bids fair to fulfilling Hardy Bell's prophecy that "it will be a fine seaport town yet." Besides meeting old friends the evidences of growth were of special interest. Added to what has already been accomplished in the way of modern conveniences, Chestnut street from the railroad up to beyond the court house and the cross streets to the river are to soon be paved, one third of the cost to be borne by adjacent property-holders and two-thirds by the town.

When the new postoffice building and the union depot shall have been built and a business block north of the court house, on the McLeod property, Lumberton will be a city, sure enough.

## Don't Plow Into Roads.

Mr. Frank Lamb, chairman of the board of road trustees in Britt's township, requests The Robesonian to call attention to the law which is supposed to prohibit plowing into the public roads. The law says not to plow within 30 feet of the center of the road. It might be a good idea to remember this, as one never knows when a rural policeman is going to happen along.

## Mise Tyner in a Runaway.

A horse which Miss Belle Tyner of Lowe was driving became frightened at a cow near the National cotton mill Saturday afternoon and proceeded to run away. The shafts broke and Miss Tyner was thrown from the buggy but still held the lines. Her head struck the road and a gash was cut in her forehead. She came on to town and Dr. H. H. Pope dressed the wound, which was not serious.

Messrs. Stinson Powell, J. R. Lawson, M. W. Hedgpeth and A. M. Floyd of Ogrum are Lumberton visitors today.

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

Only Nine Bills for Consideration—Additional Cage Recommended for Chain Gang—Court Has Been Delayed and Hampered by Carelessness and Negligence of Recorders and Justices of Peace—Defendants Have Not Been Arrested in Large Majority of Cases.

The grand jury for the criminal term of court which closed Friday made the following report:

We had for our consideration nine bills. We found eight "true bills" and one "not true bills."

We visited the county offices in a body and find the same well kept and the officers in charge obliging and accommodating.

We visited the county home in a body and find the same well kept. We found 14 inmates—10 white, 3 colored and one Indian. Inmates said they were well cared for.

We visited the chain gang by committee. We find 60 convicts, 56 colored, 4 white. The camp is located near Philadelphia church. The camp is well kept and the gang is building a fine piece of road. The convicts are well fed and clothed and say they are well treated. Mr. Morrison, the keeper, said that he needed another cage to relieve the crowded sleeping quarters. This has been recommended by former juries, but has not been supplied as yet. We recommend that the cage be furnished soon.

We visited the jail in a body and find the jail well kept and prisoners well provided for.

We find the court has been delayed and hampered in its work by the carelessness and negligence of some recorders and justices of the peace in failing to send up their papers in appeals until during the term. The result is that the cases do not get on the docket until after the court commences and consequently the clerk cannot issue subpoenas. We recommend that some drastic action be taken to correct this condition.

We would also recommend that some of the justices of the peace and recorders be more careful in drawing up their warrants that they send up to the court. In some cases justice has been delayed on account of warrants being improperly drawn.

We wish to call attention to the fact that in a large majority of cases on the docket the defendants have never been arrested, although frequent capias have been issued.

T. H. FLOWERS, Foreman.

## Report of Death Exaggerated.

Poisoned by some medicine which he took to relieve an attack of acute indigestion, Mr. R. A. (Gus) McLean fell into convulsions Friday just after getting up from the dinner table at the home of his step-mother, Mrs. N. A. McLean, Elm street, and it was an exciting time for a while. Mrs. McLean attempted to catch Mr. McLean when he fell and was thrown violently to the floor when Mr. McLean fell. Dr. Jno. Knox, who boards at Mrs. McLean's, was present and rendered medical attention at once, but Mr. McLean remained unconscious for about half an hour. After regaining consciousness Mr. McLean rapidly improved and was able to be out the following day. It was reported down town Friday afternoon that Mr. McLean had dropped dead and consternation spread among his friends, whose name is legion, but Gus, like Mark Twain, says that the report of his death was greatly exaggerated.

Wilmington Star, Jan. 31: Thirteen convicts, three white men and ten negroes, made their escape from the main cell at the central camp at East Wilmington last evening about eight o'clock, and though practically the whole police force, Sheriff S. P. Cowan, his deputies and armed guards from the convict camps, spent the greater part of the night in exploring the county or guarding the points of escape from the city, up to the hour of going to press only two had been captured.

Mr. Jno. O. Watson of Marietta is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. A. L. Jones of Fairmont is among the business visitors in town today.

Mr. D. P. McLeod of Red Springs is among the visitors in town today.

## RAILROAD WRECK AT PEMBROKE.

Seaboard Passenger Engine Runs Into Coast Line Train at Pembroke—Two Cars Knocked Off Track and Badly Torn Up—One Car Struck Depot—Several People Injured, None Seriously.

Seaboard passenger train No. 19, west-bound, ran into Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 79 at the crossing of the two roads at Pembroke Friday morning at 7:40. The Coast Line train was standing across the Seaboard road when the Seaboard train crashed into it, striking between two of the passenger coaches, knocking them both off the track. One of the cars struck the passenger station and knocked off part of the tin covering the top of the building, and knocked one window out. The cars struck were very badly torn up.

Four passengers on the Coast Line train were hurt, none seriously. The fact that the engine struck between the cars no doubt saved many lives. Engineer C. A. Shafer, who held the throttle of the Seaboard train, was perhaps the most seriously hurt from the effects of jumping, his ankle being sprained.

A dense fog which filled the air is supposed to have been the cause of the wreck. Engineer Shafer's statement was that the fog made it so dark that he couldn't see the signals, and he was so near the Coast Line train when he saw it that it was impossible for him to stop his train, so he threw on breaks and jumped. Quite a number of Lumberton people were on the Seaboard train, but all escaped injury except Mr. William Freeman, who was somewhat shaken, but was able to be on the streets Saturday.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, local surgeon for the Seaboard, Mr. A. W. McLean, division council for the Seaboard, and Mr. S. McIntyre, division council for the A. C. L., and also many others from Lumberton rushed to the scene of the wreck.

It was about four hours before the track was cleared so other trains could pass.

## Three Members of Macaria Company Lost When Steamer Monroe Went Down.

Three members of the Macaria Company, which was billed to appear at the local opera house Wednesday night of last week but which closed its Southern tour on the night before at Wilmington after playing eight unsuccessful stands since beginning at Newport News, perished when the steamer Monroe went down in a dense fog off the Virginia Coast early Friday morning. And it is feared that the mind of Miss Haviland, leading lady of the company, was completely destroyed by the shock. The following from Saturday's Wilmington Star will be found of interest in this connection:

"According to the revised list furnished by the Associated Press, the members of the company who perished are Mr. Charles Marshall Jelleff, who dramatized the book, and who acted as advance agent for the production; Geo. H. Marlow who took the part of Hugh Seymour, and a Mr. Lewis, either Mr. Geo. H. Lewis, who played 'Uncle Eric,' or Mr. Arthur Lewis, the stage manager, who was not seen on the stage here.

"Miss Haviland, whose mind is thought to have been destroyed by the shock of the catastrophe, had the leading role, playing the part of Irene Hundington. Miss Seville, who was first reported to be among those drowned, and whose stage name is Leona Soule, played the part of Miss Young. She is an aged lady and of English nativity.

"The company had poor business ever since leaving the North, and the manager decided here to cancel his engagements and return to New York to start out on an Eastern circuit.

It was first decided to go by train, but Mr. Jelleff, who was in Darlington, S. C., wired the members to wait on him, which they did. When he arrived he suggested that the company go to Norfolk by rail, and take a steamer there in order to save money. This suggestion was accepted, and it was this that was responsible for the loss of the lives of three members and the probable loss of Miss Haviland's sanity."

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## SHANNON NEWS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Graham Entertain—A Full School—Among the Sick—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Shannon, Jan. 30—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Conoly of Raeford spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conoly's mother, Miss Sallie A. Conoly.

Mr. Stacy Walton left recently for Allendale, S. C., where he is to make his home for the ensuing year. He will be greatly missed by his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Graham delightfully entertained a number of the young people of the community on Tuesday evening, 27th inst., at a "tacky party." Prizes for the "tackiest" costumes were awarded, the ladies prize going to Miss Fannie Walters and the gentlemen's to Mr. G. I. Klapp. Many games were played and merriment reigned all during the evening. After the games delightful refreshments were served. The guests reluctantly departed after pronouncing Mr. and Mrs. Graham a charming host and hostess.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Gibson and children of Red Springs visited in this vicinity Sunday.

Mrs. John F. Walters returned Tuesday from Allendale, S. C., where she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gaitley.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. M. A. Currie is on the sick list.

Miss Eva Hasty has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Walters at this place. Miss Zelle Dew of Red Springs opened school here on the 19th inst. and has a full school, having about 40 pupils as regular attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walters left last Friday for Allendale, S. C., where they are making their home. We are sorry to lose them from our community and the best wishes of their many friends go with them to their new home.

We regret to learn of the sickness of Mrs. Ed Lyon, who left Saturday for Montrose, where she has gone for treatment. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We were very sorry to learn that squire D. B. McLaughlin was on the sick list but hope to see him out soon again.

We are sorry to note also that Mrs. James Yarbrough is sick and wish her a speedy recovery.

## Recorder's Court.

The following cases were tried in the recorder's court Saturday: Toke Camp, colored, letting chickens run at large, judgment suspended on payment of cost. Make Prevatt, cruelty to animals, not guilty. Wesley Wortham and Lula Jones, colored, fornication and adultery, Wortham four months on road, Lula Jones three months in jail.

Alex. Patrick, colored, who drives Mr. Prentiss Barker's automobile, was before the recorder this morning for breaking the speed limit and was fined \$10 and costs. Recorder J. A. Rowland says this is the first case to come before him for this offense and he looked up the ordinance and found that the fine for an offense of this kind should be \$10. Mr. Rowland wants this explanation made as some who have heretofore been tried for this offense by others were only taxed \$2.50 and \$5.

## PERSONALS.

Mr. K. M. Britt of Broad Ridge was among the visitors in town this morning.

Mr. Donnie Phillips of Stephens' Crossings is in town today.

Mr. D. S. Poole, editor of the St. Paul's Messenger, is among the business visitors in town today.

Mr. Manly McLean, who lives on route 1, from Rowland is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. G. L. Robertson of Rowland and Mr. R. H. Miller of route 2 from Rowland are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. R. R. Barnes of Barnesville is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. D. P. Buie of Philadelphia Lumberton is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. L. B. Bullock of route 6 from Lumberton is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. A. J. Williams of Maxton, route 3, is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. J. M. Paul of Buie is among the visitors in town today.

## AFTER FARM-LIFE SCHOOL.

County Commissioners Asked to Establish Farm-Life School at Philadelphia—Hearing This Afternoon.

Before the county commissioners this afternoon is being held a hearing in regard to establishing a farm-life school at Philadelphia, about 4 miles from Red Springs. The progressive citizenship of that school district is well represented here today and other sections of the county are uniting with Philadelphia in petitioning for the school at that place. As has been stated in The Robesonian, a splendid new brick high-school building, admirably suited for a farm-life school, recently was completed at Philadelphia and the citizens of that district are ready to comply with all the requirements to establish such a school.

Also the question of increasing the salary of the farm demonstrator in order to retain the services of Mr. J. A. Boone, who has received an offer of more salary elsewhere, will be heard before the commissioners this afternoon. If the farm-life school is established at Philadelphia it is probable that the man put in charge of that school will also be put in charge of demonstration work.

## Death of Mrs. Lon Curtis.

Mrs. Lon Curtis died in the State Hospital at Raleigh Thursday. The funeral was conducted at Rowland, the home of the deceased, Friday and interment was made in the family burying grounds. Mesdames A. R. Phillips and Rebecca Toon of Lumberton attended the funeral.

License has been issued for the marriage of Raiford Lewis and Blanche Blackwell.

The county commissioners and county board of education are holding their regular monthly meetings today.

Miss Nora Lee Pope, Long Branch, has accepted a position as stenographer in the Farmers and Merchants bank. She began work this morning.

Mr. G. E. Morgan of Marietta, who was recently appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal, is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Morgan says the farmers in his community are making great preparation for another crop.

A couple of colored folks came to town yesterday and wanted license to marry, and wanted it quick; so Mr. T. N. Higley, register of deeds, issued it. Of course that was not work; just relieving suffering.

Mr. L. E. Tyne of Lowe was very painfully hurt last week while working at his shingle mill. A block got caught on the saw at the mill and was thrown against his head. Dr. H. T. Pope was summoned and dressed his wound, which is not thought to be very serious. A phone message received this morning states that the condition of Mr. Tyner is improved.

Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. B. W. Page, county physician, attended an educational rally at Salem school house, colored, Alfordville township Friday. Both made speeches. The school children engaged in an old time spelling match, and did some tall spelling according to Prof. Poole's way of looking at things. Dr. Page and Prof. Poole also visited the white school at Alfordville.

Mr. H. S. Woods of Portsmouth, N. H., arrived Saturday and will make his home in Lumberton. He will be assistant to Mr. F. F. Wetmore, the well-known civil engineer who has charge of the Back and Jacob swamps drainage district. Mr. Woods is a graduate of Yale and has for the past two years been with the Lackawanna Steel Co., at Buffalo, N. Y. He assisted Mr. Wetmore in drainage surveying about 6 months two years ago. Mr. Woods' wife will join him here in about two months.

Worth Sanders, the negro now in the State prison at Raleigh in connection with the murder of Mrs. Wm. Lynch near Wendell on the night of January 24th, for which Jim Wilson, colored, was lynched by a mob near Wendell last Tuesday, while in Wake county jail confessed to the jailer that he was present when Mrs. Lynch was killed, that he was drunk, that he helped to carry the dead body and conceal it and that there were 5 negroes present when she was killed.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. W. F. French left yesterday for the Western stock markets, where he will purchase a car load of mules and horses.

Mr. Ira Wilkins of Bellamy was in town Saturday. Mr. Wilkins says he took occasion to kill a nice 'gater' one day last week.

Mr. S. S. Stephens left Saturday afternoon for Chattanooga, Tenn., where he has accepted a position with the Carter Company.

Red Springs Citizen: His many friends are glad to see Mr. D. P. McEachern out again, having entirely recovered from his illness.

Mr. R. K. Torbert, a civil engineer of Laurel, Delaware, spent last week here making a map of the town for the fire insurance companies.

Mr. Raymond Reynolds, who recently underwent an operation in the Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, was able to return home this morning.

Mr. R. L. Singletary killed a mad dog this morning in the southern part of town. The dog bit two or three dogs before he was killed.

Mr. L. R. Varner, of the law firm of McLean, Varner & McLean of Lumberton, is down for a speech at Antioch, Hoke county, Friday evening of this week.

Mr. E. G. Sipher left this morning for Wilmington, where he will consult a specialist in regard to his eyes, which have been troubling him for some time.

Miss Josephine Johnson of Lumber Bridge will be taken to the State Hospital at Raleigh tomorrow and Mr. Wesley Meares will be taken to the State Hospital at Goldsboro.

No reason at all why the ground fog shouldn't have seen his shadow this morning, which, according to the old saying, means six more weeks of winter weather. You should worry.

Rural Policeman Eli Phillips saved a country church from being burned yesterday by stopping a woods' fire, which was started by some small children. Mr. Phillips is on the job seven days in the week.

Dr. G. A. Roberts, veterinary instructor at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, spent Saturday in town and assisted Dr. W. O. Edmund in performing a successful operation on a mule belonging to Mr. W. I. Linkhaw.

Night Policeman D. Berry while chasing two hobos last night ran over a wheelbarrow and cut his hand to some extent. Mr. Berry is always on the job, and as has been stated in The Robesonian, the town was fortunate in securing his services.

Manager W. S. Wishart of the Pastime theatre recently placed an order for an electric piano, which arrived last week and is being installed today. Mr. Wishart is always on the lookout for something to make it pleasant for visitors to the Pastime.

There is nobody at all in jail now awaiting trial except Wm. McKenzie, the Scotland county man tried here some months ago for murder, and sentenced to be electrocuted, who took an appeal to the Supreme Court. This is something new for Robeson, as the jailer generally has plenty of boarders.

The Pastime theatre will offer this evening a Pathe feature in two reels entitled "In the Days of War." The third reel will be "A Tango Tangle," a bully good comedy by Essany. The pictures tomorrow night will be "Cupid's Hired Man," Vitagraph, "Crazy Prospector," Essany and Pathe Weekly No. 25.

Mr. A. J. Smith of Long Branch is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Smith says a much enjoyed entertainment was given by the school at Long Branch Saturday night. The entertainment consisted of music, speeches and dialogues. Prof. A. B. Dotson is principal of the school and Miss Alma Floyd is assistant.

Fayetteville Observer, Jan. 31: Judge J. C. Biggs, of Raleigh, receiver of the Newton-McArthur Lumber Company, A. W. McLean, Esq., of Lumberton, and Messrs. Shaw & McLeon were engaged here yesterday in taking depositions before Commissioner H. L. Myröver in the case of the Harnett Lumber Company vs. the Newton McArthur Lumber Company.