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## AN INTERESTING CASE.

**Twenty-five Thousand Dollar Suit of Citizens Bank of Norfolk Against McArthur and Newtons for Collection of a Note Which Defendants Contend Was Not Signed by Them--Suit Grew Out of a Note Issued by Now Defunct Newton-McArthur Lumber Company of Elizabethtown.**

The trial of a suit which is of interest to many readers of The Robesonian began in Raleigh Tuesday at a special term of Federal Court, Citizens Bank of Norfolk vs. J. Sprunt Newton, Mrs. Newton, Adam McArthur, Mrs. M. C. McArthur for the collection of the principal of a note supposed to have been endorsed by the defendants and passed by J. Sprunt Newton. All the defendants except Newton deny endorsing such a paper. The trial of the case will last through the week. Messrs. A. W. McLean and L. R. Varner of Lumberton are among counsel for the defense. Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, is attending court as a witness to testify as to the genuineness of the signatures.

Mr. Newton was president of the Newton-McArthur Lumber Company of Elizabethtown, Bladen county, placed in the hands of a receiver several months ago. The company owned thousands of acres of cut and uncut timber lands and had a mammoth sawmill plant. Ex-Judge J. Crawford Biggs of Raleigh was made receiver.

The suit of the Norfolk bank grew out of the note issued by this company, it is alleged and endorsed by the defendants to the action. The president of the company, J. Sprunt Newton is alleged to have presented the check and secured \$25,000. In the complaint and answers Mr. Newton does not appear to have answered. The question for the jury to decide will be whether the defendants endorsed the note for \$25,000 or whether it was a forged instrument. The foremost legal talent in the State has been retained by the individuals concerned.

Mrs. Newton testified yesterday that when the note was made and notice came to the endorsers, her husband tried to make her say she signed the note, declaring if she refused to do so his character would be ruined; that his little son would be disgraced and that he would certainly shoot himself. He tried to make her bring him a revolver to take his own life with, declared the witness.

Mrs. McArthur also testified yesterday that she did not sign the note.

Tuesday's News and Observer has the following in regard to this case: There is no issue except forgery. The bank accepting the signatures on a note for \$25,000 issued the money. The defendant J. Sprunt Newton says the signatures are correct. Other defendants say they are not genuine, that they did not endorse the note. The bank thinks they did and proceeds against them.

The defendants have brought to Raleigh David M. Carvalho, who is reputed to be the greatest handwriting expert in the world. It was Mr. Carvalho, a South Carolina man, whose testimony that documents in Dreyfus case were forgeries, made possible a new trial after conviction and finally resulted in acquittal. Besides him are S. C. Malone, of Baltimore, E. M. Shafer, of Washington, and 40 or more local and State experts.

"It is known that there are other cases pending in North Carolina and that other banks are preparing to sue while resistance is being made on the ground of forgery. The Bank of Commerce and Trust Company of Richmond, had a suit for \$7,500, but this was dropped without contest. It was covered by bonds.

"The litigation is one of the most interesting ones ever carried on in North Carolina. Sprunt Newton engaged in the lumber business upon a colossal scale. The business collapsed last year but it had large assets still. The exact amount involved is not known. The banks in making an effort to collect on their paper are having to meet the charge that their notes are frauds and defendants become plaintiffs and vice versa.

"A powerful legal battle is to be expected. It begins properly this morning and Mr. Carvalho is expected to take the stand this afternoon. The following attorneys were ready to appear in the first case and in the second:

The attorneys are Winston & Biggs, Manning & Kitchin, T. W. Bickett, for plaintiff, and Jones & Bailey, Shaw & McLean, Jas. H. Pou, McLean, Varner & McLean, for defendants. Adams McArthur was the only defendant resisting in this case.

The other case is Citizens Bank of Norfolk against Adam McArthur, Mrs. M. C. McArthur, J. Sprunt Newton and Mrs. Eliza Newton. J. S. Newton, is not resisting. The attorneys are the same for the plaintiff and the same for the defendants, and in addition Victor S. Bryant, Henry E. Williams and Franklin McNeill for Mrs. Newton. The suit involves the note for \$25,000."

## OUT ROZIER WAY.

**Preparing to Plant Tobacco—Destroying the Forests—Personals and Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 2, Feb. 17.—Farmers are preparing for another crop. Nearly every one has a tobacco bed from which he is expecting good money.

Mr. D. S. McRae of Fayetteville passed here en route to his farm near here.—Mrs. H. H. Hayes and two children of Pomona, Fla., came to be with her aunt Miss Athesia Carlyle, who has just died.—Mrs. Luther Malpass and little daughter of Curry are visiting her sister Mrs. W. B. Baker of Rozier.

The Beaufort County Lumber Company is cutting the timber in and around here. It is a warning to the people who have not sold their timber if they have seen where they have cut the timber.

Mrs. Daniel Humphrey of Tabor spent a few days with Miss Annie Belle Humphrey.

Our rural mail carrier did not come Friday on account of sleet and snow.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barker spent a day or so in Fayetteville recently.

The sad news was scattered over our community Tuesday a. m. that Miss Athesia Carlyle was dead, which was a shock to all of her friends. She was a loving and kind neighbor to all.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Ella May Poole, of St. Paul's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McRae of Wilmington are visiting Mrs. McRae's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barker.

## SENATOR GORE EXONERATED

**Not Guilty of Improper Conduct as Charged, Says Jury—Crowd Cheers Verdict Which Jury Returned in 10 Minutes After Taking Case.**

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dispatch, 18th. United States Senator Thomas P. Gore today was exonerated of charges of improper conduct by a verdict in his favor returned in District Court here in the suit for \$50,000 damages instituted by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, of Oklahoma City.

The verdict was returned at 5:40 p. m. ten minutes after the case was given to the jury. Only one ballot was taken.

"We find," the jury stated in the verdict, "the evidence submitted by the plaintiff entirely insufficient upon which to base a suit; that said evidence wholly exonerates the defendant and had the defendant, at the conclusion of the plaintiff's evidence, announced that he desired to introduce no evidence and rested his case, our verdict would have been the same in that event as now returned by us, in favor of the defendant."

Despite the efforts of bailiffs to maintain order when the last words of the verdict "favor of the defendant," were read the crowd which taxed the capacity of the court house, turned into a cheering throng, orderly, but no less determined to give vent to their feelings.

**News Notes and Personals From Clarkton.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton, Feb. 17.—It seems that winter has just begun from the way the snow is staying on the ground.

Mr. Jim Wooten and son passed through town last Friday en route to their home at Lumberton.

Among those who attended the funeral of Dr. W. H. Wooten of Davidson were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wooten, Messrs. Henry and Ed Wooten, Mr. Sandy Nance, and Mrs. Jim Powell all of this place.

Miss Mary Kelly is spending some time with her brother and sister in Fairmont, Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Kelly.

Dr. D. D. King of Lumberton spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Ed Baldwin of Virginia spent a part of last week here with relatives.

Speaking of hogs going wild, I never knew of a chicken straying off.

I saw one yesterday that had not been seen in over one month. Guess she is just making her living strolling around in the woods.

Sorry to hear of Mr. Daniel James Gooden suffering a stroke of paralysis Sunday.

Mrs. A. McCallum and Misses Mary and Ina Wooten spent one day last week in Lumberton shopping.

Dr. Eugene S. Clark of Richmond, Va., is spending a few days with home folks.

**Killed by Train at Hope Mills**

John Crawford, colored, a brakeman on a V. & C. S. train, was run over and killed Tuesday morning at Hope Mills by a north-bound A. C. L. passenger train. Crawford and some other train hands were eating breakfast in the cab, which was standing on a switch near the main line of the A. C. L., and he decided to go across the line to a restaurant and he walked right in front of the Coast Line train, which was going at great speed.

**Plowed the Snow Under.**

Everybody will agree that snow is white and many believe it to be of great value as a fertilizer for a crop which follows it, and 'tis said that a certain farmer who believes this to be so, upon plowing up the snow under his farm last week while it was on the land.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

**Town Alive With Railroad Men — Grading Preparatory to Double-Tracking—Chickens Running at Large—Social and Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, February 18.—The ladies of the First Presbyterian church are having regular prayer service every evening this week at 3 o'clock.

On Monday and Tuesday night the Devere Company gave entertainments at the auditorium. They gave a very good entertainment and you will soon find yourself laughing and one can hardly keep quiet from start to finish. Last night two car loads of young people went up to Fayetteville to a play at the opera house.

The Parkton Chapter of the Epworth League was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McCormick Monday evening. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Eida Joyce and Mr. John Ferguson for the social committee, and conducted first to the "postoffice," very appropriately decorated with hearts and roses, where they deposited Valentines for their friends and sweethearts; thence into the parlor there to be entertained with various games and amusements. Then came the literary feature of the evening, a contest. "A Scotch Romance," in which Miss Annie Williamson was the winner, to whom the prize, a beautiful Valentine, was presented by the League president, E. V. Johnson. "The postoffice" was then opened, Valentines distributed, and delicious refreshments served by members of social committee. After a unanimous vote of thanks to the host and hostess for a most enjoyable and pleasant evening, the guests retired to their respective homes.

Mr. J. T. Odom and wife and baby spent Sunday in Bennettsville, S. C., with Mr. Odom's parents.

Miss Addie Joyce came up Saturday night on a visit to her sister Miss Eida and spent Sunday in St. Paul's with friends.

Master Ertle Williamson went up to Fayetteville Tuesday to Dr. Lilly to have his eyes treated.—Mr. Walter Parham, chief of police of Red Springs was in town Tuesday.

The R. F. D. mail carriers failed to make their trip Friday as the sleet and snow was more than they cared to face.

Mr. Charlie McIntyre and family have moved into the F. N. Fisher house.

Our town is alive with railroad men. The grading work is going on preparatory to double tracking, which will mean much to our town in the future.

Why is it that some of our neighbors are still allowing their chickens to run at large, while they all know that it is a violation of both State and town law? The time has already come when all chickens should be kept on their own premises, and all such violations should be reported to the officers if it runs much longer.

**D. C. Everett of Abbottsburg Arrested at Hamlet.**

Hamlet Special, 17th, to Raleigh News and Observer.

Chief Braswell, of Hamlet, arrested D. C. Everett, wanted for cashing forged and bogus checks on the Bank of Hamlet, Saturday morning. Elliott was recently arrested in Raleigh for attempting to pass a bogus check and on account of the fact that he did not secure any money on the check and upon the promise of his father to take him home he was released. Father and son passed through Hamlet on their way to Abbottsburg, their home, and while here young Everett escaped from his father. Going to the Bank of Hamlet, branch convinced Cashier Mullican, that the \$500 check he deposited drawn on the Anchor Trust Company of Raleigh, by A. R. Smith, and endorsed by E. A. Lackey, the president of the Bank of Hamlet, was good. The check was deposited on February 5th, Everett getting \$275 in cash on same. Upon his arrest, Everett stated that he had been to New York and other places and had had a good time. He had only \$50 of the money on his person.

Everett waived examination before Mayor Davis this morning and will be tried at the April term of the Richmond county criminal court.

When arrested he had among his effects a check book on a bank in Florida, with one check missing. He gave his name to Chief Braswell as William Brown, but afterwards admitted his identity.

**American Troops Capture Castillo.**

El Paso, Tex., Dispatch, 17th.

Maximo Castillo, the Mexican bandit charged with the responsibility for the Cumberland tunnel disaster, in which 10 Americans and 41 others lost their lives, today was captured 38 miles south of Hachita, N. M., by American troops.

With the bandit were six of his followers who according to Captain White's brief dispatch, surrendered without a fight. They will be brought here.

Whether the prisoner shall be surrendered to the rebels is a legal question which remains to be settled. If this is done there is no doubt that he will be executed for the Cumberland disaster. He is not charged with any crime on this side.

Castillo set fire to a freight train in the Cumberland tunnel two weeks ago. The cars were burning when a passenger train crashed into it, and every life aboard was lost. The tunnel still is burning.

## GOOD REAL ESTATE SALE.

**Lots Sold Well at Powersville Yesterday—A Strong Real Estate Company—Pleased With Results of Advertising in The Robesonian.**

Everybody seemed to be well pleased with the land sale pulled off at Powersville, a station about 6 miles from Lumberton on the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railway, by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Greenville, yesterday. The land sold belonged to Mr. O. C. Norment of Lumberton and recently he gave this company an option on it. The land was cut up into lots 50x150, and sold at public auction, the average for the 20 lots sold being \$55.

The Atlantic Coast Realty Co., is a North Carolina corporation, and is a strong real estate concern. The members of this company travel in their own Pullman car, on which the officers and managers do their eating and sleeping. They also carry an all-star band, and this same band made some mighty good music on Elm street in front of the Pastime theatre, yesterday afternoon—music like everybody enjoys, and music that failed not to draw a crowd of eager listeners.

Mr. C. A. Wilson, one of the advertising managers of the company, had been in Lumberton for about a week and by his clever dealings made many friends here. He said he was mighty well satisfied with the results of the advertising he ran in The Robesonian.—He attributes the success of the sale at Powersville to the drawing power of advertising in The Robesonian.

## STABBED BY HIS WIFE.

**Hector Gilchrist, Colored, in Serious Condition—His Wife in Jail Awaiting Developments—Jealousy the Cause.**

Hector Gilchrist, colored, was stabbed with a knife Monday afternoon by his wife, Agnes Gilchrist, at the home of Emma Johnson, colored, across the Seaboard near the Kingsdale lumber mill. The wound was inflicted in the left breast just over the heart, and there is some doubt as to Hector's recovery. Dr. R. S. Beam dressed the wound. Agnes vomited at once but was caught by Chief Redfern about a half-mile from the scene of the cutting. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause of the trouble. Agnes was placed in jail, where she is waiting further developments.

**A Treasured Home-Made Bedstead.**

Mrs. Fannie Batten, who lives in Howellsville township, has a home-made bedstead which was made by Rev. Ezekiel Bryan in the year 1780, this same bedstead having been in constant use since that time, and is good for many years to come. Mrs. Batten says she wouldn't take any kind of money for this bedstead, which she treasures dearer than gold. Mr. Bryan, the man who made the bedstead gave the land on which the present Columbus county court house is situated, and was one of the first Baptist preachers that ever served churches in Columbus county. He left this State at a ripe old age for the West, and has not been heard of since that time, none of his people knowing where or when he died.

**Trial of Jetton on Charge of First Degree Murder Begins Today.**

Robert Monroe Jetton, the young Davidson druggist who shot and killed his former friend, business associate and kinsman, Dr. W. H. Wooten, Tuesday night of last week at his (Jetton's) home at Davidson, is charged with murder in the first degree, the grand jury of Mecklenburg superior court at Charlotte Monday returning a true bill for murder against him. Jetton's trial was set to begin today, a special venire of 100 being drawn.

A singular circumstance arose when in the drawing of the veniremen the name of the defendant was called. It was soon noticed by the court and the named passed.

**Rowland Firm Files Petition in Bankruptcy.**

Wilmington Star, 18th.

Through their attorneys, McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, of Lumberton, the McArn Company, Inc., of Rowland, filed yesterday a petition in voluntary bankruptcy with clerk S. P. Collier of the Federal Court here. The liabilities named are \$11,143.73 with assets of \$10,347.51. The assets are divided as follows: Stock in trade \$6,352.36, and outstanding debts of \$3,995.15.

The matter was referred to Geo. H. Howell, esq., referee in bankruptcy. The company will pay it is thought about 50 cents on the dollar. Only 3 Wilmington concerns are involved and the total amount of their debts is not over \$500.

**Recorder's Court.**

The following cases have been tried in the recorder's court this week: Mack Campbell, colored, abduction, charge changed to forcible trespass, 12 months on the roads; Dave Britz, assault, judgment suspended on payment of cost; Ira Taylor, drunkenness, judgment suspended on payment of cost; Nash M'White, drunkenness, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

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## MONROE'S SENTENCE COMMUTED.

**Dave Monroe, Negro Boy Sentenced to Die at Last Term of Robeson Superior Court, Escapes Death Chair—Sentence Commuted to Prison for Life, as Expected.**

Governor Craig yesterday commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Dave Monroe, the negro boy convicted of a criminal assault at the recent term of Robeson Superior Court and sentenced to die in the electric chair in the penitentiary at Raleigh March 20. This action was taken on the recommendation of Dr. D. S. Currie of Parkton, whose 5-year-old daughter Monroe criminally assaulted, and on the recommendation of counsel for the prosecution and Judge Geo. Rountree, who imposed the death sentence, because the boy is mentally unable to realize the enormity of his crime.

This is the disposition of this case that was expected. It was stated in The Robesonian at the time the boy was convicted and sentenced to die that the verdict and sentence were not resisted and that it was understood that all concerned would unite in petitioning the Governor to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

## Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Instituted.

A chapter of Royal Arch Masons was instituted here yesterday. The officers are as follows: high priest, G. Y. Jones; king, Q. T. Williams; scribe, Alf. H. McLeod; secretary, J. S. McNeill; treasurer, Lawrence Parker; C. H. J. P. McNeill; P. S. G. E. Rancke, Jr.; C. A., C. P. McAllister; M. I. V., B. H. Stansel; M 2 V, J. C. Stansel; M 3 V, R. C. Lawrence; sentinel, V. D. Baker.

Quite a number of Masons from Laurinburg, Fayetteville and Rowland were here yesterday. While they were here they were entertained in the homes of the Royal Arch Masons.

A banquet was given last night in the Masonic hall, more than a hundred being present, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

## Among the Sick.

Mrs. Rowland Dees was taken Tuesday to the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, where she will undergo an operation today. Dr. Dees and Dr. T. C. Johnson went to Fayetteville this morning to be present when the operation was performed on the former's wife. It is expected that it will be necessary for Mrs. Dees to spend five or six weeks in the hospital.

## Mass Meeting Tonight.

There is much interest in the mass meeting which will be held at the court house tonight at 8 o'clock. It is expected that a large crowd will attend. Matters of vital importance to every citizen of Lumberton and Robeson county will be considered.

The executive committee of the Robeson County Farmers' Union is in session here today.

A box of little chickens without a mother arrived here this morning by express from some point in New Jersey. They were incubator biddies, and had been on the road for more than three days. Only one of the lot was dead. Poor things—but what's the use; they'll make chickens just the same.

Lester Rowan was painfully hurt this morning while working at one of the dredge boats of the Brett Engineering Company, near Pembroke.

Mr. Rowan was holding a cable on which Mr. Albert Paul was using a sled hammer, when the hammer slipped and struck Mr. Rowan on the forehead, inflicting a gash which it took three stitches to sew up. Dr. T. C. Johnson dressed the wound.

Mr. J. A. Stewart, one of the young Scotchmen who last week arrived here from Edinburgh, Scotland, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian, left this morning for Wilmington, where he has accepted a position. Mr. C. H. Phillips, who also came from Edinburgh has accepted a position in the Bank of Lumberton. He began work Thursday. Mr. P. V. Doub, formerly assistant cashier of the Bank of Lumberton left last week to accept a position with the People's Bank of Goldsboro, and it is understood that Mr. Shepherd Nash who been bookkeeper at the bank, will succeed Mr. Doub as assistant cashier.

Tonight the Pastime theatre will offer an interesting Pathe feature in two reels entitled "Her Marked Beauty." The third reel will be "The Midge's Revenge." Vitagraph Tomorrow night, Kalem will present in two reels, "The Battle for Freedom," an historically correct reproduction of one of the battles in the Boer war. "Cutie Plays Detective," Vitagraph, will be the third reel. Saturday "An Accidental Alibi," an Edison drama, featuring "Augustus Phillips and Bessie Learn, will be shown, also "The Forgotten Latchkey," Vitagraph, featuring Miss Aneta Stuart, one of New York's favorite players, and "A Buried Treasure," a Melies comedy, produced in Australia, on the same reel. "The Home of the Terms" will be shown. Mr. Phillips, who appears in the Edison picture has two or three school mates in Lumberton. He is one of the best in the Edison company.

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## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Mr. I. E. Belch has accepted a position in the Lumberton barber shop. He began work Monday.

—Miss Julia Wessel left Tuesday for Baltimore, Md., to study new styles in millinery preparatory to accepting a position as trimmer.

—Miss Josephine Breece will leave Monday evening for Baltimore and New York to purchase spring and summer stock for her millinery store.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. L. Beasley and Mollie Williamson, Calvin Rogers and Rosa Smith, E. O. Israel and Flossie Waddell.

—Mr. D. J. McDonald purchased yesterday a lot from Mr. W. H. Humphrey on Fourteenth street and will build a residence on the lot this spring.

—Rev. Paul T. Britt of Mt. Eliam is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Britt says the farmers down his way are getting things in fine shape for planting.

—As Washington's birthday comes on Sunday the banks of the town will be closed Monday. There will be no R. F. D. mail Monday and Sunday hours will be observed at the post-office.

—Mr. W. T. Mercer of Wilmington was in town Tuesday offering for sale stock in an invention of his own to receive and deliver mail and express packages from and to mail trains.

—The Epworth League of Chestnut Street Methodist church will have a George Washington social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Caldwell tomorrow night. Those attending the league are invited to come.

"Please stop my ad, as the lost article was returned at once after the first appearance of the adv." was the word sent The Robesonian by a man who ran an ad in Monday's paper. Advertise in The Robesonian and get results. They all read it.

—Postmaster D. D. French informs The Robesonian that all the necessities for the beginning of the city delivery of mail have arrived and everything will be in readiness for April 1, when the carriers, two in number, will begin to deliver mail in town.

—Mr. Tom Tolar, who has been in a hospital in Richmond, Va., for several months, where he underwent several operations for injuries received in falling from a street car in that city, mention of which was made in several issues of The Robesonian, is expected to return home Saturday.

—Mr. H. T. Prosser, agricultural agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Co., with headquarters at Hamlet, spent Tuesday in Lumberton getting data about the amount of tobacco planted in Robeson last year and the probable acreage this year, also information as to trucking in this section.

—Mr. M. C. Britt, who lives near Smith's church, Howellsville township, cut his hand very badly yesterday while splitting wood with an axe. The cut was inflicted on the side of his hand just below the thumb. Dr. H. T. Pope dressed the wound. Three stitches were required in sewing up the gash.

—Mr. R. T. Sanderson bought Tuesday from Mr. A. E. White the building and lot on Fourth street in which the Mosley Barber shop is now located. The lot is 27x30. The consideration was \$1750. Mr. Sanderson will at an early date tear away the wooden building now on the lot and erect a brick store building.

—Mr. J. P. Sneed of Rappahannock county, Va., is a guest at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, East Fifth street. Mr. Sneed arrived Sunday from Washington, where he had been undergoing treatment under a specialist for several weeks, and after spending a week or two here he will return to Washington for further treatment.

—A man who has no legs at all from his knees down was walking on the streets here Tuesday. He could walk almost as fast as a man with two feet. He had shoes made that he wears over his knees and by the use of a short walking cane which he used he could move about with plenty of ease. He said he lost one leg from being kicked by a grasshopper in Missouri and the other from a mosquito bite.

—There was a very much-enjoyed occasion at Baker's chapel last Sunday afternoon. There was some special music by the Sunday school, and Mr. J. P. Russell of Lumberton made a very interesting talk, after which he presented gold buttons to fourteen members of the school for regular attendance for a period of one year. There was a large crowd present in spite of the cold weather and all seemed to enjoy the occasion to the fullest extent.

—Lumberton correspondence 14th, Wilmington Star: Mr. J. A. McAllister celebrated the 74th anniversary of his birth on Thursday. He is recognized throughout this section as a true type of the grand old Southern gentleman in all that that term implies. While he has had that term behind him and his head is white, he is as young as any of his fine sons and enjoys being a boy just as well as he did nearly 50 years ago when he engaged in teaching and exterminating the blackgrub crop in this section.