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RECORDER'S COURT

Indians Tried for Shooting Arch Hunt—Objection to a Marriage Brought On More Talk—Ham Thief Gets 6 Months—Gun Play

W. R. Griffin and Martin Sanders, Indians, were before Recorder E. M. Britt Friday charged with shooting Arch Hunt, another Indian, at McDonald some three weeks ago, calling Hunt to his door at 4 a. m. An account of the shooting was published in The Robesonian at the time it occurred. Griffin was released. Sanders was bound over to Superior Court under a \$400 justified bond, which he made. Hunt's condition was so much improved that he was able to attend the trial.

Nash Lamb and "Bob" Britt, of the old Kingsdale section, were before Recorder Britt Saturday afternoon charged with assaulting Boardman Britt, of the same section, with a deadly weapon. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost. The evidence was that Lamb married Britt's sister, which very much displeased Britt. He proceeded to give Lamb a good "cussing", after which Lamb and his half-brother Bob Britt proceeded to make Boardman "eat it". Boardman was then given a hearing on the charge of cursing on the public highway. The case was not proved. Quite a number of people from that section attended the trial.

Archie Andrews, to 15-year-old colored boy who took five hams from a wagon in a back lot here Thursday, was before Recorder Britt Saturday afternoon charged with stealing. He was fined \$10 and costs. The boy pleads guilty of taking the hams.

J. A. Raine was given a hearing Thursday afternoon on the charge of drawing a gun on Mr. J. C. Bodenheimer. The recorder first placed a fine of \$25 and the cost on the defendant, but later changed it and let him off by paying the cost. Mr. Raine's physician and a number of his neighbors urged the recorder to change the sentence.

How to Treat Seed for Late Sowing of Tobacco Beds

Mr. E. O. (Billy) Bransford, manager of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse of Lumberton, says many farmers are asking him whether or not it is too late to sow tobacco beds over where the recent cold weather killed the plants. Mr. Bransford says it is a little late, but if those desiring to sow their beds over will soak the seed in milk or milk-warm water from 18 to 24 hours before sowing them they will come up and be large enough by the first of May, at least. He says, however, where the beds have to be sown over special care in nursing and fertilizing should be given the plants. Where plants have not already been killed special care should be exercised in keeping them preserved from future cold.

Meeting to Organize Government Rifle Club Will be Held Thursday Evening

A meeting will be held at the court house Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Government Rifle Club. The object of the organization is the encouragement of military rifle and pistol shooting. All who are interested are requested to attend the meeting Thursday evening. No special obligations for war service are entailed upon members of such clubs but all rifle and revolver competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations as laid down by the National Rifle Association of America, approved by the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice and the Secretary of War.

Careless Smokers Agree to Pay \$25 Each for Burning Cotton

Messrs. L. C. Evans and N. D. Stanley, who were standing near the cotton belonging to Messrs. White & Gough which was burned over Monday afternoon, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian, agreed to pay \$25 each to Messrs. White & Gough. The loss was estimated at \$100 and the matter was thus compromised. While there was no evidence that the young men fired the cotton it was supposed that as they were smoking they let fire get to the cotton, unintentionally, of course.

Teachers' Association Will Meet in Lumberton March 4

The Robeson Teachers' Association will meet in Lumberton Saturday, March 4. Supt. J. R. Poole is sending out letters to all teachers of the county and expects every teacher to attend this meeting. This will be the last meeting of the association before the county commencement on April 7.

Republicans in Convention

Quite a number of Republicans from different parts of the county are holding a meeting in the court house here today. Delegates will be appointed to the State convention and probably other moves will be made.

Mrs. W. D. Pone arrived last week from Franklin, Ind., and joined her husband, who has been here for several weeks visiting relatives. Rev. and Mrs. Pone will leave Thursday of this week for Oregon, where they will make their home.

Messrs. J. J. Shaw and D. M. Hall of Lumber Bridge are among the visitors in town today.

ROBBERS AT LUMBER BRIDGE

Express Office, Two Stores and Postoffice Entered—Two Negroes Arrested

Robbers broke into the express office, a drug store, the postoffice and the store of the Central Supply Co. at Lumber Bridge Wednesday night of last week. A small amount of whiskey was taken from the express office and some flour and other provisions were taken from the store of the Central Supply Co. The goods were loaded into an automobile and carried to Fayetteville. The officers traced the car to Fayetteville and learned that a negro, whose name had not been learned, stole the auto from a private garage that night. In the auto some tags from the bags of flour were found with the name of Central Supply Co. on them. The negro had been arrested on the charge of stealing something in Fayetteville when the Robeson officers arrived there. He is in the Cumberland jail. Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. H. Prevatt went to the scene of the robbery Thursday and assisted in rounding up the guilty party.

Fayetteville Observer, 19th.

Bob Monroe and Dan Jones two negro men, were arrested near the coal chute this morning by Sheriff McGeechey, assistant chief of police Chas. Davis and deputy sheriff W. O. Patrick, charged with complicity in the breaking open of a box car on the A. C. L. at Lumber Bridge on Wednesday night last, and stealing therefrom a variety of goods, among them an overcoat and other articles were found in their possession when arrested. The thieves are now in jail.

THE DEATH RECORD

Mrs. H. P. Lovett of Old Kingsdale Section

Mr. H. P. Lovett, aged about 60 years, who lived near Old Kingsdale, on route 4 from Lumberton, died about 12 o'clock Friday night. Mr. Lovett had been in ill health for several months and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife and 9 children. The funeral was conducted yesterday morning by Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of Smyrna Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Interment was made in the family burying ground near the home.

Protecting Neutral Commerce.

Washington Dispatch, Feb. 17. Another note from Sweden has been addressed to the State Department through Minister Ekengren appealing to the United States for co-operation with the Swedish Government and other neutral Nations to maintain the preservation of rules of international law concerning the protection of neutral commerce and navigation. Action is proposed particularly against Great Britain, because of the detention of mail by that country and other aggressions against trade regarded by Sweden as unwarranted.

Secretary Lansing informed the Minister, it was learned today, that he could not answer the note until the controversy with Germany over the Lusitania case was settled.

Among the Sick

Mr. E. J. Britt spent yesterday in Fayetteville with his sister, Mrs. Fannie Britt, who is in a hospital there. Mrs. Britt's condition is somewhat improved.

Mr. Adrian Britt is able to be out after being confined to his room with grippe for some days.

Chief of Police H. H. Redfern, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital, was able to be on the streets for the first time Friday.

Dr. T. C. Johnson is able to be out again after being confined for several days with grippe at his home on North Elm street.

The condition of Mr. A. W. McLean, who has been confined to his room for two weeks with pneumonia, continues to improve. He was able to sit up a while today.

The condition of Mrs. M. W. Floyd, who was very sick last week with grippe, is somewhat improved today.

Mr. R. C. Birmingham went Friday to Charlotte, where he entered a hospital for the purpose of undergoing an operation for appendicitis.

The condition of Master Johnnie Barker, who has been sick for several weeks, seems to be slightly improved today.

The condition of Mr. M. G. McKenzie, whose illness has been mentioned in recent issues of The Robesonian, continues to improve slowly.

The Republican National campaign will be fought on demands for adequate military preparedness and tariff reform, opposition to granting early independence to the Philippines and insistence on a vigorous stand for American rights both in Mexico and in relation to the European war, according to the "keynote" platform adopted by the Republican State convention of New York last week.

A Weinstein Inventory Sale

Mr. A. Weinstein will launch a big inventory sale at his department store Thursday of this week, February 24. Read his page ad in this issue.

EXPLAINS HIGH PRICES OF NITRATE OF SODA

Response to Inquiry of Mr. J. W. Hall of Robeson

Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, has written Representative Godwin, as follows: "I have your letter of February 11 enclosing a communication to you from Mr. J. W. Hall of Lumber Bridge.

"In normal times nearly one half of the nitrate of soda imported into this country has been used in the manufacture of munitions; only about 13 per cent has been used for agricultural purposes. Under present conditions of course, a considerably larger quantity of nitrate of soda is being used for munitions as it is the principal source of nitric acid. The advance in price of the material is probably due in part to its increased use in the manufacture of munitions and to the fact that ocean freight rates are higher than formerly."

This Representative Godwin said is a fine argument for the ship purchase bill advocated by the President. The farmers are hard-pressed for fertilizer. They know not where to turn for it. They grab at every straw.

REFORMS RECOMMENDED

Committee on Reform in Judicial Procedure Makes Report

Pamphlets containing the work of the committee on the reform of judicial committee were issued Friday and signed by all the members—Chief Justice Clark, Judge W. J. Adams, ex-Judge W. P. Bynum, State Senator L. V. Bassett and Commissioner W. A. Graham.

The expected minority report of Major Graham was not made. The commission summarizes its findings into 15 recommendations most important of which are:

Increase of judicial districts to 32 and reduction of recorders court between Superior Courts and justices of the peace courts to 15 with uniform jurisdiction; abolition of the rotation system where public opinion desires it, each judge riding his own district; selection of expert witnesses by the judge and limited in number; petitioners as well as railroad companies to have right of appeal from Corporation Commission rulings; six peremptory challenges for State and defense in capital cases, two in lesser criminal cases each; limitation of speeches and their length by the judge's discretion except in capital cases; combining of similar charges against defendant in one bill; repeal of the provision forbidding any inference by jury in criminal cases when defendant refuses to testify for himself; allow juries to add without capital punishment in verdicts; allow jury to fix punishment when it seems fit; supervision of judges by a system allowing designation to courts by a judge; summons by telephone, and a small debtors' court.

Notice of New Advertisements

Embroidery sale Wednesday at Newman's.

Big closing out sale of entire shoe store of Townsend Bros.—White & Gough.

Reward for return of lost sow.

Residence for rent.

Money to loan—Stephen McIntyre. Tanlac makes Valentine Day lucky for young girl.

Legal notice of sale of town property—Dickson McLean, commissioner.

Prices for cleaning and pressing—Carolina Tailoring Parlor.

Program at Pastime.

White & Gough begin big anniversary sale Feb. 24.

A. Weinstein begins big inventory sale Feb. 24.

Notice of application for pardon.

Highest market price for eggs and chickens—H. T. Flowers.

Shad, nice ones—Britt Grocery Co.

Colored woman wants position as cook.

White & Gough Anniversary

Messrs. White & Gough will launch a big "Anniversary Sale" Thursday of this week at 8:30 a. m. This is the second special sale ever put on by this progressive firm and no doubt great crowds will attend the opening and continue to visit this large department store during this 9 days sale. The sale will be conducted by the Whitehouse Special Sales Co. Mr. W. H. Whitehouse has been here for several days making preparation for the opening. Don't fail to read the two-page advertisement in this issue. It makes profitable reading.

Germany's announced intention of destroying without warning armed merchant ships of her enemies was scathingly denounced in the Senate Friday by Republican Senators, who declared that for the United States to acquiesce in such a practice would be humiliating.

MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW

A sluggish liver can cause a person a awful lot of misery. Spells of dizziness, headaches, constipation and biliousness are sure signs that your liver needs help. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills and see how they help tone up the whole system. Fine for the stomach too. Aids digestion. Purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Only 25c at your Druggist.

WITHIN THE STATE

News in Short-Length Form From All Over North Carolina

Ex-Gov. Malcolm Patterson of Tennessee will speak in Fayetteville Friday night of this week on national prohibition.

Mrs. Susan Bond, 72 years old, a granddaughter of Richard Caswell, the first Governor under the Constitution of North Carolina, died Thursday at her home at Kinston.

Lieut. Gov. E. E. Daughtridge has opened headquarters in Raleigh and from now on will wage an active campaign to capture the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Engineer Wells of Raleigh, who was injured in the wreck of the Seaboard Florida Limited train at Franklinton last Tuesday, died Thursday afternoon in Rex hospital in Raleigh after intense suffering.

With the purpose of bringing about a solution of many of the problems of marketing truck, truck growers of western Cumberland county met at Clarkston last week and formed a co-operative marketing association.

Mr. Geo. B. Elliott of Wilmington has been elected general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. to succeed the late Alexander Hamilton, and Wilmington becomes headquarters of the legal department of the road.

It is believed that the body of Consul Ney McNeeley of Monroe has been washed ashore near Alexandria, Egypt. The body was so decomposed that it was difficult to distinguish the features, but articles of clothing have been identified.

Eight convicts escaped from a train standing in the railroad yards at Salisbury Thursday. They were members of a party of 31 being transferred from Baden to points in the western part of the State. Among them was Lowe Daniels of Rowan county, who was serving a 35-year sentence for murder.

Joseph McLawhorn, a Pitt county convict guard, was obtained by Dave Evans, a negro convict, Wednesday and died that night. Evans fired at the other guard with McLawhorn's gun several times but missed and the other guard missed one shot at the negro when his gun failed. Six other convicts followed Evans when he escaped. Two of them were caught Thursday.

The four weeks course in Agriculture, which has just closed at the A. & M. College at Raleigh will be of benefit to far more than the 27 men actually enrolled. These students have organized a "Progressive Association of Farmers" for the ensuing year, the purpose of which is to spread throughout the State a knowledge of improved farming methods as taught in the winter course at the college.

In the State Hall of History at Raleigh Manager F. A. Olds has just installed a special case of old coins and currency that gives a clear representation of coins and bills for the past 3,000 years, there being old Roman coins, early English money, American Colonial and the later money issued in the early days of North Carolina's statehood down to 1875. It is a unique case that is attracting much attention.

Speaking to 1,500 depositors of the suspended Fourth National Bank of Fayetteville, at a meeting in that town last week to discuss plans for reorganization of the bank, C. T. McDonald of Raleigh, the largest individual shareholder, charged that there is a discrepancy of \$50,000 in the bank books. He disclaimed making any specific charges against any one. He said he believed depositors would be paid in full.

Both wings of the Republican party met at Whiteville last week and elected delegates to the State convention. The executive committee was vested with power to appoint delegates to the senatorial, judicial and congressional conventions, the first to be held at Clarkston and the other two to be held at Wrightsville Beach, perhaps.

Irvin B. Tucker, who is expected to be the Republican candidate for Congress in the sixth district, was re-elected chairman.

Desiring to see an aviation school in North Carolina and believing the eastern section of the State to afford a most favorable place for such a school, Senator Overman introduced a bill in the Senate. The fact that the Wright brothers picked a spot in North Carolina where they in the United States where they could make their experiments is pointed to as a splendid proof of the fitness of the State. It is believed that there are plenty of sites offering as favorable an opportunity for flying as anywhere along the Gulf Coast which is favored in the matter of aviation schools.

Entertainment and Box Supper at Renner Feb. 26

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Renner, Feb. 21.—The students of Renner school will give an entertainment next Saturday night, Feb. 26th. After the entertainment there will be a box supper for the benefit of the Renner Presbyterian church. No admission fee will be charged for the entertainment, and the public is invited.

Messrs. A. L. Lawson, I. H. Warwick and Hezzie Phillips of Orrum are Lumberton visitors today.

Mr. J. W. Davis of Elkton is among the visitors in town today.

NEWS NOTES AND COMMENT

In Grip of Grippe—Hurrah for April 7—Another Bible Puzzle—Train Connection at Proctorville Needs Fixing—Why Should Not Banks Guarantee Safety—People of Globe Swamp Need That Road

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 5, Feb. 19.—Mr. A. H. West, who has been right sick with grippe at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. West is improving.

The grippe has had us for the past three weeks, and particularly tried itself for the last several days to see how badly it could make us feel. It won out, for it got us to the point where feelings were about all that was left and occupied the incomparable degree. We are better now, but Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. A. S. Pittman are improving so slowly it is hardly perceptible.

Hurrah for April 7th! We sincerely hope every white school in the county will be represented on that day. The march will begin at 11 a. m. sharp, starting from the graded school building. It is worth many times the cost just to look on those Robeson county school beauties.

Mr. Claude E. Phillips, principal of the Cedar Grove public school, taught four days for us at Sand Hill this week on account of our incapacitated condition, and Miss Emma Fleming, one of Prof. Sentelle's high school pupils, taught in his place at Cedar Grove. With this temporary exchange of teachers and the work done at both places everybody is well pleased.

Three members were received by letter into the fellowship of our Smyrna church last Saturday, and three were dismissed to join at Long Branch and Back Swamp respectively. Thus they come and thus they go. Among the visitors Sunday were Mrs. John Stone of Lumberton and Mr. Isham Lamb of Centerville.

We are exceedingly grateful to the various correspondents for the splendid interest they have taken in those Bible queries. However, one appeared in The Tribune some time ago that remains unanswered. It was this: "Suppose one would return from Egypt and report that he had seen the hoofs and horns of the seven lean and fat kine of Pharaoh's dream, how would we know he had told an untruth?"

While they are fixing train connections for Maxton and Pembroke it is our wish that the little city of Proctorville will also be remembered in a similar manner.

We have recently learned of the failure of two banks and in one of them especially, the depositors lost right heavily. Now, when he is re-rows money from a bank he is required to give gilt-edge security, which is perfectly right, but when one makes a deposit in a bank he gets nothing except the cashier's receipt to show that he did deposit that certain sum on that certain day. Now if that bank would fail in a very short while that depositor can very brood over his loss like a wounded deer in the forest occasionally slaking his thirst from some babbling brook that quietly winds its way through the dale. It really does seem that any bank anywhere would be perfectly willing to guarantee to its depositors absolute safety. We think, however, that all our Robeson county banks are in good shape and that there is no cause whatever to awaken the least alarm.

It is to be devoutly hoped the county commissioners or the road supervisors or President Wilson, Phaethon, Helios or Jupiter, or whoever has the power to do so, will grant swamp section a place in the Globe Swamp mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian. Wishart's township and its people are just as good and just as deple as the people of any other, serving as the people of any other, and we know of none other that has been any more neglected.

J. M. FEMING.

CHURCH NOTES

A well-attended and most interesting semi-annual meeting of the Robeson County Baraca-Philathea Union was held at Purvis yesterday. A report of the meeting will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Rev. J. F. Gorrell was out of town yesterday and there was no preaching service at the Presbyterian church, of which he is pastor, either morning or evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will combine their prayer service for schools and colleges under the direction of the Southern Presbyterian church, with the regular congregational prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program. Everybody cordially invited.

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BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. J. B. Byrd and family moved last week from Laurinburg to the Lumberton cotton mill.

—Mr. W. H. Kinlaw bought last week a house and lot on East Fifth street from Mr. R. W. Shelby.

—Messrs. Bullock Brothers, who conduct an auto livery, have added another new car to their service.

—A joint meeting of the board of town commissioners and the board of trustees of the graded school will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.

—Miss Josephine Breece will leave this evening for the northern markets to purchase spring and summer goods for her millinery store.

—It looked like Christmas Eve at the local express office Saturday. Not less than 100 quart packages were there waiting for the owners.

—Mr. Pink Campbell, who lives about 3-4 of a mile from town on the Fairmont road, killed a hog two years old last week that weighed 525 pounds. Mr. Campbell realized 200 pounds of lard from this one pig.

—Mr. C. A. Parnell of the Raft Swamp section has bought a lot on Fifteenth street and is placing material on the lot to build a 5-room cottage. Mr. Parnell will move his family to Lumberton as soon as the house is completed.

—Mr. Sam F. Thorndyke, a member of Uncle Sam's Navy, arrived Saturday for a 10-days' furlough visit to relatives near town. Mr. Thorndyke is a member of the crew of the U. S. B. S. Franklin. He says he likes navy life fine.

—"Hotel Lumbee" is suggested by Mrs. E. K. Proctor as an appropriate name for the new up-to-date hotel which Lumberton people are hoping and praying will be built at an early date. That would be a fetching name, most appropriate and attractive.

—The condition of Martha Blackwood, the aged colored woman who was shot from ambush some three weeks ago, is thought to be more favorable today. Joe Hester, the negro jailed in connection with the shooting, will be given a hearing tomorrow.

—Mr. D. N. Willis of Beaufort has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Messrs. White & Gough. He began work Saturday. Misses Pearl Humphrey of St. Pauls and Fodie Townsend, Carry Parham and May Prevatt of Lumberton began work as salesladies in the store this morning.

—Mr. J. E. Rowland of the White Pond section, Gaddy township was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Rowland said that the people of his section would reorganize a Farmers' Union Local Friday night of this week. All old members are urged to be present at the school building. Mr. Rowland says there are a number of old members in his section who are anxious to get in line again.

—Messrs. White & Gough bought Thursday afternoon the shoe department of Messrs. Townsend Brothers store. They are placing the stock on sale at greatly reduced prices. They will sell the stock from the same building occupied by Messrs. Townsend Bros. for that department. Messrs. Townsend Brothers will continue a men's furnishing store in the building next to Fourth street. They will not carry any ladies' furnishings of any kind in the future.

—The following Lumberton people saw the Bohemian Girl at the Fayetteville opera house Friday night, making the trip in automobiles and returning the same night: Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, Mrs. R. C. Lawrence, Misses Eva Mace, Minnie Lennon, Mildred McIntyre, Lillie Barker, Mollie Belle Hollowell, Messrs. E. L. and Frank Holloway, Junius Godwin, W. Lennon, Elwood Whaley, Earl Thompson, J. M. McCallum, C. V. Brown, Colin Phillips, S. K. Nash, J. H. Felts, T. S. Golden, Lawrence Parker, Spurgeon Small.

According to information made public the other day the foreign demand for shoes and boots gives prospect of a rise in the cost. The production of hides in this country is said to be insufficient to meet the demands that are being received both from abroad and from the domestic markets. It stated that 6,000,000 more pairs of men's shoes were exported in 1915 than in 1914.

Miss Rosa Lee Eubanks, 20 years old, was shot through the heart at Macon, Ga., last Monday, from an auto as it passed her at high speed. J. A. Gannam, a well-known young man of Macon, was arrested on the charge of firing the shot, and Marvin Jones, a taxi driver, was also placed under arrest. Jones stated that Gannam forced him at the point of a pistol to run the machine at high speed and opened fire as they passed the young woman.

My classes were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFIES