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LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1919.

BEARD GETS 10 YEARS asked the agent what time the train SUPERIOR COURT MAY arrived. Was standing on the side of the railroad track when train came ADJOURN THIS AFTERNOON

Submitted to Second Degree Murder, Accepted by State's

TEMPORARY INSANITY

Attorneys Claimed Rape of Defendant's Wife By Connor, Which At-

J. Q. Beard, who killed Hezzie Con-nor of Lumberton at St. Pauls on December 11, last, was sentenced to 10 years at hard labor in the State prison by Judge W. P. Stacy in Superior court Tuesday afternoon follow ing submission to murder in the sec-ond degree for the defendant by his attorneys, which plea was accepted by the State. Thus a trial which filled the court room with interested spectators Monday and Tuesday and which at first promised to take up the time of the court for the entire week abruptly was brought to a close. A was reached.

Conversed an orthan or one .. & Carolina Southern railroad, was shot by Beard as the train on which he was firing came into St. Pauls from Elizabethtown late in the afternoon of December 11. as he was sitting in his accustomed place in the

when he entered the court room to face trial for his life remained there-on throughout the trial and after sen-tence had been passed. Nothing seemed to affect him. Not even when his aged father and mother, who, judging from their age, will not live to see their son serve out his sentence. bade him goodbye with tears stream-ing down their cheeks, did he shed one

Accepted by State's Atterneys. ARY INSANITY BASIS OF DEFENSE BASIS OF DEFENSE BASIS OF DEFENSE

went to the home of his grandfather in St. Pauls. Was arrested in the yard there by Policeman Newton. Testimony of Mrs. Beard. Had been married 14 months.

torneys for State Said Could Be Disproyed—Large Crowd Attended Trial-

They engaged in conversation. Con-nor went to her home the following day. Her husband was present and she had no conversation with Connor. Connor had conversation with her husband Went to Dublin on Tuesday before the homicide on Thursday. Husband knew she was going. Talk-ed to him about going a week before. Told her husband she wanted to go to see a Mrs. Cashwell. He gave her permission to go. She wrote Mrs. Cashwell she was going. Went on a mixed V. & C. S. train. Left St. fendant and for the State had testi-fied before the compromise verdict g: t off at Tobermore Thurs. Both Hardin, Nasby's wife. get off at Tobermory. There was no one left on the par event ber. The car was "old-timey" and nad small while the train was stopped in the has not been passed woods between Tobermory and Dublin. Arrived at Dublin about 1:30 or 2 o'clock. Returned to St. Pauls about 4 p. m. on the same day. Was cry-ing after she and her husband had

in. Was looking for Connor on the engine. Remembered shooting through cab window. Thought train was mov-Prison For Killing John Chavis-Red Springs Proud of a Valiant Son

Several Whiskey Cases Tried. Dock Taylor, colored who shot and killed John Chavis, Indian, near Fair-

hilled John Chavis, Indian, near Fair-mont three weeks ago, submitted to murder in the second degree and was sentenced by Judge Stacy to 10 years at hard labor in the State prison. Furman Taylor a son of Dock Tay-lor, who was held in connection with the billing was released

the killing, was released. According to eye witnesses to the Mrs. W. A Bu'lock left Tuesd killing, both Taylor and Chavis were for a short stay in Richmond, Va.

drunk at the time of the homicide. Mrs. Duncan McNeill spent Monday Dock Taylor is around 60 years old. with Mrs. John Hughes in Parkcon. As was stated in The Robesonian at the killing.

from George Edwards.

ing liquor and judgment was suspend- superintending the planting of shrub- poll. Pauls about 12 o'clock. Freight cars between the passenger cars and the engine. Two other women on the good behavior in the case of Mag No landscape gardener -could

guilty of manufacturing liquor. car was "old-timey" and had small of manufacturing liquor. W. M. Roberts. A tail oak it is a voin we may be and had small of manufacturing liquor. Sentence the base, its graceful festones almost

Ira Wilkins was found guilty of Red Springs should consider her-manufacturing liquor Judge Stacy self among the honored few to claim has not yet passed sentence. Jetter J. Branch was found

cab of the engine. The same look of sullen hardness that was upon the defendant's face when he entered the court room to face trial for his life remained there-on the reference to what had tak-on the reference to what had tak-on the trip to Dublin on not Sergeant Duncan Davis, who was lec-

whi will have charge if the road work

LUMBERTON VOTES SPECIAL GETS D. S. CROSS TAX FOR GRADED SCHOOLS

By Good Majority-Only 23 Votes Beautifying Premises-Death and Cast Against Tax. Funeral of Mr. Jno. F. McEachern

SGT. DUNCAN DAVIS

Mrs. W. A Bullock left Tuesday tax was 177. Only 23 votes were cast ers' examination conducted by Supt.

Rev. S. L. Morgan has joined his

achieve a more beautiful effect than necessary.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Jetter J. Branch was found not guilty of manufacturing liquor. Will Leach plead guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. It is expected that court will ad-journ this afternoon. 5 TOWNSHIPS WILL VOTE ON ROAD BONDS MAY 20 Rowland, St. Pauls, Fairmont, Park-ton and Lumberton Townships Will Vote on Issue of Bonds for Roads

Plas That Rape Was Involved. Berore submitting to second degree murder Beard's attorneys were bas-ing the fight for his life on the case before Judge Stacy stated that they had evidence to prove that Beard's 15-year-old wife had told him on the night preceding the killing on the engla for Aussis. Jerry Norton, J. B. Pittman on the night preceding the killing on the day of the horizon to the defendant and that he had known the defendant and that he phad known the defendant and t had the reputation of being a bad boy. Character Witnesses. The following character witnesses the assault was committed on the train while it was stopped in the woods between Tobermory and Dub-brought out before the jury. Assault Charge Denied. Council for the State stated that they had evidence which would prove that the alleged assault was not com-that the alleged assault was not comthat the aneged assault was not com-mitted upon the wife of the defend-ant and could further prove that Con-nor did not leave the cab of the train which he was firing and upon which Relatives of Mr. Clarence A. Moore enjoyed by a fair-sized audience. The block cream with cake, a delicious of Lumberton were advised by wire young ladies showed fine training and

Watch the date opposite the name on the label on your paper. When your Special Tax Election Monday Carried

subscription expires your paper. When your be stopped. This applies to all sub-scribers.

The special tax election Monday for BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS Lumberton graded schools resulted -Lumberton chapter 116, O. E. S.

in victory for the special tax. The -Lumberton chapter 116, O. E. s number registered for the election will meet this evening at 8 o'clock. was 257, and since the vote was -Mr. W. T. Norment has accepted against the registration, 129 v tes a position as salesman in the Lum-Bunday in Lumberton with relatives Mrs. W. A Bullock left Tuesday. The number of votes cast for special —Only one teacher stood the teach-

J. R. Poole Tuesday and yesterday. against the tax. The election was held under an act -June 10th to June 14th, inclusive

Mr. J. M. DeVane and family of passed by the last Legislature, the are the dates of the Chautauqua which the time, a whiskey still was found Fayetteville spent Sunday in town measure giving the town's graded is coming to Lumberton this sum-in Taylor's home immediately after with relatives.

tax levy for schools to 75 cents on -Misses Vivian McNeill, Rosa he killing. Ida Edwards was granted a divorce rom George Edwards. Nasby Hardin, Indian, plead guilty to Henderson. Rev. S. L. Morgan has joined his tak tevy for schools to 15 cents of the \$100 valuation of property and \$2.25 on the poll. The school trus-tees say, however, that it will not be they taught school during the last to the charges of manufacturing Mr. and Mrs. Rea of Greensboro than 50 cents on property and \$1.50 —Capt. and Mrs. A. B. Small will

sentenced him to one year in the State guests at hotel Red Springs. Mr. on the poll, the present tax being 30 discontinue operating a boarding prison on the charge of monufactur- Rea, who represents a big nursery is cents on property and 90 cents on the house May 1. They have conducted a boarding house in Lumberton for

Considerable active work was done against the measure but when the people of the town fully understood the situation and realized that the noon at 4 o'clock in the National Bank Revels Henderson was found not the wisteria tree in the yard of Mr. future of their public schools was at of Lümberton building. This is an im-guilty of manufacturing liquor. W. M. Roberts. A tall oak it is a stake, they rose to the occasion and portant meeting and all members are voted to increase the tax the amount urged to be present.

-Messrs. J. A. Sapp and O. C. Gulley, representatives of Allen Brothers 🛩 & Fort of Raleigh, are here prepar-ing to sell the R. E. Sentelle property in North Lumberton at auction Mon-Robeson Members of Famous 119th day. The property contains 35 acres.

Thursday, while she was making a trip from St. Pauls to Dublin, that the assault was committed on the train while it was stopped in the

Gaston Kinlaw. Mr. Kinlaw also tes- A new registration is required in which he was firing and upon which afternoon. He thought the shot were township will elect a riad supervisor. Mrs. Beard made the trip between St. | No. 4. Pauls and Dublin.

auls and Dublin. The defendant went upon the stand W T. Mayers of Lumberton testified Mr. Geo. L. Thompson of Lumberthe alleged assault, but neither were important position of road supervistestimony:

Defendant's Testimony.

Twenty years old. Married at the was about. ge of 19. Lived at St. Pauls at the The jury was completed at 3:30 sition and is popular through the age of 19. time of the homicide. Lived in Lum- Monday afternoon and the first witcounty. berton one month a few weeks after ness called by the State was Dr. R. G-Sentiment in favor if township road marriage. Became acquainted with Rosser. He testified that he reached bond issues seems to be growing and Hezzie Connor a few days after mar- Connor about 5 minutes after the no doubt other petitions for elections riage. Connor went to his home twice shooting and took the wounded man will be filed with the commissioners while he lived in Lumberton. Later to his office, where he lived about an at their next meeting.

moved to St. Pauls. Wife asked him hour and a half. He had a wound

a week before she made the trip to about 4 inches in diameter on right Jurors for May Term of Court. Dublin if she could go. Told her side, at the liver and several No. 2 she could go. Gave her some money shot were found in the wound.

Eye-Witness of the Shooting. on the morning of the day she made the trip. The first time he saw his

how long he waited for Connor. He ton, was in town yesterday.

At the meeting of the county com-Daisy McBryde, colored, the next missioners Monday names of the folwife after she returned home from witness, told of seeing the fatal shot lowing were drawn to serve as jurors Dublin she looked troubled. Asked fired, being as close as the length of at the 2-weeks' term of Robeson Su-her why she looked so dull. She told the court room to the scene of the perior court for the trial of civil him nothing at that time of anything shooting. She said she saw Beard cases which will begin Monday, May day, succeeding Mr. I. T. Brown who that happened on the trip to Dublin. standing at a coal car as the Eliza-12:

that happened on the trip to Luoin. On Wednesday night he and Mrs. Beard retired about 10 o'clock. His wife began crying. Asked her what the "Y" saw him raise the gun as if the trouble was. She made statement the trouble was. She made statement concerning something that had pass-the trouble was. The low of the gun down, then raise it again the trouble was. The low of the gun down, then raise it again the trouble was. She made statement the trouble was. The low of the gun down, then raise it again the trouble was. The low of the gun down, then raise it again the trouble was. The low of the board take the gun down, then raise it again the trouble was. The low of the board take the gun down, then raise it again the trouble was. The low of the board take the gun down, then raise it again take the gun down, then raise it again the trouble was. The low of the board take the gun down, the new secretary, is and fire, then run up the track. The low of the board. the trouble was. She made statement take the gun down, then raise it again ris, conn A. Brite F. D. Floyd, A. D. M. Watson, W. L. Campbell, and fire, then run up the track. Hall, W. A. Wilkinson, H. M. Grims-ed between her and Connor. The statement of his wife made him feel like he was ruined forever. Did not like he was ruined forever. Did not like he did that night. Continued at the shot and immediately the track. He was Ernest Graham. The statement of his wife made him feel like he was ruined forever. Did not like he did that night. Continued at the shot and up the track. He was Ernest Graham. The statement of his wife made him feel like he was ruined forever. Did not like he did that night. Continued at the shot and up the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the board. The bedid that night. Continued at the shot and up the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the difficulty and expense of the board. The children except one, Miss Blanche Infant Son of Sherig and Mrs. R. Bernest Graham. The children except one, Miss Blanche Infant Son of Sherig and Mrs. R. Bernest Graham. The children except one provided the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the board. The children except one, Miss Blanche Infant Son of Sherig and Mrs. R. Bernest Graham. The children except one provided the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the board. The children except one provided the track is the children except one provided the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the provided the track is the difficulty and expense of the provided the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the provided the track is the shot and track is the shot and track is the children except one provided the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the provided track is the children except one provided the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the provided track is the children except one provided the track. He was the difficulty and expense of the provided track is the children except one provided track is the

remember all that he did that night. Was thinking about what his wife had told him all the time until the time of the homicide. Did not see Connor from the time his wife had the conversation with him until the thought about trying not to kill Connor. The more he thought about trying not to kill c wrong to kill Connor. The more he thought about trying not to kill Con-nor the worse it got on him. Did not track with gun behind him. Mr. Faulk, D. W. Davis, John Baggett. eat any breakfast or dinner on the Smith McRainey testified that Con-day he killed Connor and thought of nor told him on the day of the shoot- Listtakers Appointed.

what his wife had told him all that ing that he wanted to shoot a man

and "see him grab himself." Mr. C. P.

In answering the questions put to Tyson testified that he came in on the At their meeting Monday the counhim by council for the State on the train Connor was on, heard the shot, ty commissioners appointed the folcross examination, Beard said that saw "Q", as Beard was called, run-on the morning of the homicide he ning, and saw Connor with a bad ships of Robeson: lowing list-takers for the 25 town-

went up town and later to the cotton wound in his side. gin where he had been working. Had Solicitor S. B. M. Alfordsville-Alex Alford; Back Solicitor S. B. McLean was assisted Swamp-W. N. Townsend; Britts-W. sonversation with Messrs. Will and in the prosecution by the law firm G. Pope; Burnt Swamp-W. M. Pate, Smith McRainey. Asked Will Mc- of McLean. Varser, McLean & Stacy, Fairmont-E. W. Floyd; Gaddy-J. Rainey to let him have a pistol. Did while the defendant was represented O. McArthur; Howellsville-N. A. not get the pistol. Returned home and later went back to the gin. Talk-proctor of Lumberton and Mr. J. S. ley; Lumberton-Wade Wishart; Max-cussed with the county commission-son's quota is \$5,300, and the amount weak to the gin. Talk-weak to the gin. Talk-proctor of Lumberton and Mr. J. S. ley; Lumberton-Wade Wishart; Max-weak to the gin. Talk-cussed with the county commission-son's quota is \$5,300, and the amount weak to the gin. Talk-to arrive to the first max-cussed with the county commission-to arrive to the gin. Talk-to arrive to arrive to the gin. Talk-to arrive to the gin. Talk-to arrive to arrive to the gin. Talk-to ed to Smith McRainey. Asked him Butler of St. Paulston-J. S. McRae; Orrum-N. F. Barabout a gun. Then went to Mrs. John Baggett's and asked for a gun. Mrs. Baggett's and asked for a gun. Mrs. Baggett let him have a single-barrel shotgun. Then went back up town. Went to Kinlaw's store and bought W. H. Hardin, J. R. Floyd, Joe Flack-some shells. Did not remember the size of the shot. Loaded gun just before he did the shoting. Went to shot Hezzie Connor. Did not know how long he waited for Connor. He ton, was in town vesterday. about a gun. Then went to Mrs. John The following constituted the jury den; Parkton-E. K. Campbell; Pem-

-A. E. Israel.

touching the ground.

for a son so valiant a young hero as

ments consisted of oyster cocktail.

salad course, coffee and mints. Dr. Vardell left Tuesday for a visit France yesterday. Mr. Moore spent and following is a summary of his that they had talked to Connor before ton is being urged to offer for the to several Northern cities. He will mire than a year iverseas, having allowed to tell what the conversation or for this township. He is consider-

> Mr. Willie A. Shelby of the U. S. MCGIRT ELECTED CHAIRMAN army, stationed at Camp Eustis, Va., arrived this morning and will spend COUNTY ROAD BOARD.

a week visiting at the home of his Special to The Robesonian. parents, Mr. and Mrs Mrs. R. W. Shelby. Succeeds I. T. Brown-Earl Townsond

Succeeds J. Browne Evans as Sec-

retary-Board Will Meet Again

April 15.

man of the board of road commission- France During the 11 months over- infantry, cavalry, enginee's, and med. ers at the meeting of the board Mon- seas, he received no mail at all that ical department. was sent him.

to the Ten Mile Center road at Bar- the family and the day was most joyously spent ker's church be accepted. The board also ordered that a road

to lead from Henry Edwards' to Tomp Armenian-Syrian Relief Fund. Williams' be laid out and built at the

Co. was ordered paid.

ers Monday.

auto.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

Recruiting Officer Coming to Lumberton to Enlist Men for Over-

seas Service.

Fayetteville, April 9 .- Corporal Jerome Williams, from the U.S. army Among returning soldiers that have will be in Lumberton from April 11 arrived at Newport News is Private to 17. All men who desire to enlist Cleveland Townsend, formerly of and go overseas can enlist for the Lumberton. He was attached to Co. American expeditionary forces. The D, 148 infantry, of the 37th division, following branches of service are now Mr. L. L. McGirt was elected chair- and spent almost 11 months in open for enlistment: field artillery,

The policy is to secure 50,000 men to go overseas as soon as possible. elected secretary to the board, suc- Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond Cele- Every man who volunteers to go brate Golden Wedding Anniversary. overseas will releave one "over there."

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

the children except one, Miss Blanche Infant Son of Sherig and Mrs. R. E.

citizen of the Barnesville section, died Tuesday at 2:45 p. m. following an illness of several weeks. Deceased was 78 years old and served in the Confederate army during the Civil In mention of contributions to the war. He is survived by his wife and the West Lumberton school \$18.25, I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton. Mr. The board will meet in special ses-sion Tuesday, April 15, at which time brings the total so far reported to Branch Baptist church and was one of the leading citizens of his commu-

> so far reported falls far short of that week, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

> > AUTOMOBILE DELIVERY SERVICE DAY or night. Two cars. Robt. McNedl, Third and Water streets (at old wooden bridge). Experienced and careful drivers.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Optometrist Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseas and Fitting Glasses.

expense of the petitioners.

there will be further consideration of Treasurer Stacy to \$892.86. the matter of hiring out the chain Prof. W. H. Cale, chairman for the nity. He will be missed, gang and cutting oc all road work ex- county, wants all schools in the coun-

worth league, 7:30, preaching at 8:30.

A note in the sum of \$357.60 due Armenian-Syrian relief fund in Mon- nine children. The funeral was conthe Austin Westeria Road Machine day's Robesonian the contribution of ducted yesterday at 3 p. m. by Rev.

Mr. and Mrs. John Redmond of