

2 NEGROES RODE WITH WHITE WOMAN; 1 DEAD; OTHER HAS DISAPPEARED

Cries of Woman on Road Near Philadelphia Friday Night Revealed Strange Trio—White Woman Prisoner of 2 Negroes—One Negro Showed Fight When Release of Woman was Ordered and Was Shot—Other Negro Has Disappeared From Jail Where He Was Placed.

As a result of riding along a country road near Philadelphia Friday night, with a white woman, Stewart McNair, colored, is dead and Frank Davis, another negro, has disappeared from the jail at Red Springs, where he was placed. Mystery surrounds his disappearance.

The cries of a woman traveling along the road in a wagon attracted the attention of an Indian who lives near Philadelphia. The Indian approached the wagon and saw that the woman was white and that she was seated between two negro men.

The woman pleaded for assistance, stating that the negroes were mistreating her. Being unarmed, the Indian went to the home of a neighbor and phoned Rural Policeman W. A. Smith of what he had seen.

Policeman Smith phoned Sheriff R. E. Lewis and he, in company with Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt, rushed to the scene. They found McNair lying on the ground where he fell when shot and later brought him to the Thompson hospital, where he died Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Frank Davis, the other negro on the wagon, was taken to Red Springs and locked up, but escaped during the night, according to reports reaching Lumberton.

According to the story told the officers by McNair after he had been shot, the woman in the case went to his home, near Pembroke, and hired him to take her to Buie to catch a train.

A coroner's inquest was held over the remains of McNair Saturday evening and the verdict was that he "came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by party unknown to the jury."

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, acted as coroner and Messrs. W. O. Thompson, Wm. Freeman, T. C. Barnes, B. L. Doby, Ira Bullard and W. R. Ivey made up the jury.

MAN DESERTS FAMILY.

Wife of Frank Green Tells Pitiful Story—Stays Her Husband Took All the Money She and Her Children Had and Has Disappeared.

A pitiful story was told by a woman at the union station Saturday evening of how her husband had taken all the money she had and left home without cause on her part. The woman said she lives at the Lumberton cotton mill village and that her husband took \$20 of her money and what money her children had and came up town Saturday afternoon.

EXECUTIVE ORDER FIXES MAXIMUM PRICES OF SOFT COAL.

An executive order fixing maximum prices for bituminous coal was signed Friday by President Wilson. The maximum prices are fixed by States and for prepared sized range from \$4.60 a net ton at mine mouth to \$2.60. The object of the order was to prevent profiteering or increases.

Mr. J. B. Miller of R. 3, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

GEO. SINGLETARY ARRESTED IN SAVANNAH

Man Charged With Shooting Wife and Child and Charley Edwards Brought Back to County for Trial. After evading the officers for several weeks, George Singletary, wanted on the charge of shooting his wife and child and Mr. Charley Edwards was arrested Thursday in Savannah, Ga., and is now in jail here.

As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, Singletary is charged with shooting his wife and baby and Mr. Charley Edwards while riding in an automobile with them on the road near Antioch church one night about two months ago.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Week's Term of Criminal Court Convened This Morning—Judge Calvert Suggests Correction Farm

A week's term of criminal court convened today at 11 a. m. with Judge Thos. H. Calvert, of Raleigh presiding. Mr. J. A. McDonald is foreman of the grand jury and Mr. E. B. Paul is court officer.

In his charge to the grand jury Judge Calvert advanced the idea that it would be a fitting thing for the county commissioners to purchase a farm and operate same in connection with the county home in order that there might be some place for sending women and children who cannot be sent to the county roads when convicted of breaking the law.

Solicitor S. B. McLean is here to represent the State. Among the out-of-town attorneys attending court today are Messrs. G. B. Patterson, J. E. Carpenter and H. A. McKinnon of Maxton, W. E. Lynch of Rowland, and V. C. Bullard of Fayetteville.

RAFT SWAMP VOTES ROAD BOND ISSUE

Election for \$20,000 Road Bonds Carried by Majority of 4 Votes—19 Townships Have Voted Bonds Totalling \$710,000.

Raft Swamp township Thursday voted a bond issue of \$20,000 for road purposes. The vote was: for issue, 31; against, 27, a majority of four votes being cast in favor of issuing the bonds.

This makes a total of 19 of the twenty-five townships in the county that have voted bonds for building roads and the total bonds voted amounts to \$710,000.

COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

34,673 Bales Ginned in County This Year to Oct. 18—This is 5,772 More Bales Than Were Ginned to Same Date Last Year

Thirty-four thousand six hundred and seventy-three bales of cotton were ginned in Robeson county up to Oct. 18, of the crop of 1919, according to the report of Mr. J. A. McLeod, of Buie, special agent of the census bureau. Prior to Oct. 18, 1918, the number of bales ginned in the county was 28,901.

Horse Was Stolen and Mr. Britt Lost His \$35.

Mr. N. L. Britt, who lives near Lumberton, purchased a horse from a colored man in Fayetteville Thursday of last week. He paid \$35 for the horse and of course thought he was getting a bargain.

Bee Specialist Will Give Instruction.

Mr. C. L. Sams, bee specialist of the Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will give instructions in beekeeping at Prof. J. R. Poole's residence in Lumberton Thursday of this week at 10:30 a. m.

PLATOON FROM CAMP BRAGG VISITS LUMBERTON

Lumberton First Stop on Advertising and Recruiting Tour—Equipped as For Action in Field—Interesting Outfit is Attracting Much Attention.

The third provisional platoon of the fifth field artillery brigade from Camp Bragg reached Lumberton late Saturday afternoon on its tour of the State. The tour is being made for the purpose of advertising the brigade and assisting in recruiting for the army.

The soldiers have their sleeping and eating quarters, the tents being pitched on the McLean lot, near the union station. The soldiers seem to take pride in explaining how the guns and other machinery are operated and the "show" is attracting much attention.

The itinerary of the tour includes, besides Lumberton, Laurinburg, Rockingham, Wadesboro, Monroe, Charlotte, Concord, Statesville, Morganton, Marion, Asheville, Rutherfordton and Gastonia.

Both officers and enlisted men express themselves as being favorably impressed with Lumberton and one of the men suggested that the town get busy and have Camp Bragg moved from Fayetteville to Lumberton.

The outfit left Fayetteville Saturday morning and Lumberton is the first town visited on the extensive tour. The town is pleased to have the platoon as visitors.

NO TRACE FOUND OF ALLEGED ASSAILANT

Story Came From Near St. Pauls Of Criminal Assault of White Woman by Negro, But Officials Failed to Find Any Trace of Alleged Assailant.

According to the story told by a young white woman who lives near St. Pauls, a strange negro entered the kitchen at her home about 9 o'clock Friday morning and criminally assaulted her.

The circumstances and surroundings caused some doubt in the minds of those investigating the alleged occurrence. Word reached Lumberton Friday night that there was considerable excitement at St. Pauls and that a lynching was feared.

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ROAD BONDS SOLD.

\$150,000 of Township Road Bonds Sold for 5 Townships.

The county commissioners sold Thursday road bonds of Alfordville, White House, Thompsons, Rennett, and Lumber Bridge townships to the Hanchett Bond company of Chicago as follows:

Alfordville, \$60,000, sold at 5.75 per cent.

White House, \$30,000, sold at 5.65 per cent.

Thompsons, \$20,000, sold at 5.55 per cent.

Rennett, \$20,000, sold at 5.80 per cent.

TEACHER FINED FOR SEVERELY WHIPPING PUPIL

Anderson Britt, Principal of Raft Swamp School, Fined \$25 for Whipping Lorenza Odum, 11-Year-Old Pupil.

Anderson Britt, principal of the public school at Raft Swamp, was before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday afternoon on the charge of assault and battery upon Lorenza, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Odum, who is a student in the school.

According to the evidence brought out at the trial, the boy has the reputation of being "live" and has given the school teachers some trouble heretofore.

Warren Faison, colored, was fined \$10 and the cost, when convicted of being drunk and disorderly.

FOR BIGGER AND BETTER COUNTY FAIR

Fair Association Will Be Incorporated—Grounds Will Be Purchased and Buildings Will Be Erected—\$50 Shares Will Be Sold.

That adequate fair grounds will be equipped near Lumberton before the next fair season seems an assured fact. It was decided at a meeting at the court house Friday evening to organize and incorporate a fair association and those present subscribed more than \$4,000 for the purpose of purchasing grounds and erecting buildings for holding the sort of fair that Robeson is capable of putting on.

Messrs. R. O. Edmund and V. D. Baker were appointed a committee to solicit the balance of stock needed. The stock is \$50 the share and no one person is allowed more than two shares.

The stockholders will meet in the court house here Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, at which time officers will be elected and the organization perfected.

WILL WITCHHAZEL INTOXICATE?

Witness Testifies That it Did Not Make Him Drunk it Made Him Crazy—John Leach Convicted of Selling Booze and Fined \$25.

Will witchhazel intoxicate? This was the question that seemed to bother the mind of Recorder E. M. Britt Friday when John Leach, colored barber, was hailed into court on the charge of selling witchhazel hair tonic for drinking purposes.

Leach was represented by Messrs. S. McIntyre and T. L. Johnson, while Mr. W. Lennon, solicitor of the recorder's court, was aided in the prosecution by Mr. J. Dixon McLean, town attorney.

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Conservative business interest, it is reported, are willing to support the McAdoo boom and the former secretary of the treasury is also popular with railroad workmen, other laboring classes and the farmers.

DEATH OF MISS NANNIE BELLE BROWN OF PHILADELPHUS.

Red Springs Scion.

Miss Nannie Belle Brown, of Philadelphia, died Monday in the Highsmith hospital where she had been for several weeks.

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NO CHECK TO MENTUM OF COAL STRIKE

Union Members Prepared to Demonstrate Ability to Halt Production of Soft Coal Throughout Nation.

Information obtained from the bituminous coal fields of the United States in which more than 400,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America have been ordered out on strike last night, indicated, states a Chicago dispatch, that there would be nothing which could check the momentum of the walkout, despite the temporary restraining order which was issued Friday in the United States district court at Indianapolis.

Troops, both Federal and State, have been sent in many instances to localities from which they might be guard the coal properties in the contingency of violent efforts to prevent non-union men from taking the places of the strikers.

A Chicago dispatch of the 1st states that although Saturday night found nearly all the nation's vast bituminous coal fields idle as a result of the miners' strike effective Friday night, thousands of non-union miners were at work and in scattered districts where contracts were in effect union miners reported Saturday night and based chiefly upon union leaders' claims, although in many cases conceded by the operators, showed that 435,820 men were on strike.

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A Washington dispatch states that already there are reports there of an early crop of applicants for jobs in Judge Webb's court. It is said that Jas. A. Hartness of Iredell county and Col. Manley McDowell of Mecklenburg will be active candidates for the position of clerk of the court.

Former Governor Locke Craig is being mentioned as one of the deputy clerks of the court, with headquarters in Asheville.

THE ROBESON COUNTY FAIR HAD THE EDGE ON THE CAPE FEAR FAIR.

Lumberton visitors to the Cape Fear fair at Fayetteville last week say that the Robeson county fair at Lumberton was in many respects a much better fair, that the exhibit of farm products at the Robeson fair was much better, also the poultry exhibit, which had the Cape Fear fair exhibit of poultry beaten two to one.

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MARKET REPORT.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 36 cents the pound; strict middling, 36 3/4 cents. The market Friday and Saturday ranged from 36 to 37 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. H. G. Webster had his right arm broken last night when a Ford car "kicked" him.

—Messrs. J. G. Prevatt and Foy Inman have been employed as drivers of the town's fire trucks.

—Robeson chapter, U. D. C. will meet in the municipal building Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Election of officers.

—Messrs. C. A. Floyd and E. A. Mitchell of Fairmont passed through town Saturday evening en route to the West to buy mules and horses for their sales stables.

—Report of a marriage at Pembroke sent in from that place cannot be used because the name of the writer was not given. For the same reason some items sent in from down Fairmont way cannot be used.

—Mr. J. H. Wishart has purchased the market fixtures of Mr. R. C. Birmingham, who recently made an assignment, and will conduct a meat market in connection with his grocery business on Chestnut street.

—Antioch Cor., Red Springs Scion: We hear his friends are urging Hon. Thomas L. Johnson of Lumberton to enter the race for the attorney general of North Carolina.

We second this nomination. He is thoroughly capable, in every sense a man.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Ernest Watts and Lillie Smith; Coy Hickman and Ada Branson; Alvah Watts and Thetis Ivey. Register of Deeds Floyd sold 52 marriage licenses during the month of October, as compared with 67 during the previous month.

—Mr. B. S. Hodges resigned Friday the position he had held for some time in the grocery department of Messrs. White & Gough's department store, and will go tomorrow to Mr. Olive, where he has accepted a position with a dry goods firm. Mrs. Hodges will accompany her husband to Mr. Olive.

—Mrs. Fodie Buie Kenyon, a native of the Philadelphia section of Robeson who has been living in Washington, D. C., for a number of years, writes The Robesonian that they have bought a home at No. 311 Maryland avenue, N. C., Washington, and expect to reside there permanently.

—Mr. E. L. R. Prevatt has purchased the grocery business formerly conducted by Mr. Bud Fisher on East Fourth street. Mr. Prevatt will continue the business at the same stand. Mr. Fisher sold the business to Mr. M. F. Hedgpeth Monday afternoon of last week, but Mr. Hedgpeth sold it back to Mr. Fisher Wednesday.

—Mr. J. M. Kornegay was painfully hurt Friday when a rim wedge flew off an automobile wheel and struck him in the eye. He was pumping up a tire when the wedge flew off. He was wearing eye glasses and the lens was shattered and his left eye was sprinkled with glass. The eye was dressed by Dr. R. S. Beam and it is thought the sight will be saved.

—Messrs. C. M. Fuller & Son has purchased from Mr. H. H. Anderson a lot on the corner Second and Chestnut streets. The lot is 83 by 96 feet and is very desirable property, centrally located. The Messrs. Fuller will erect a two story brick garage and auto show room on the lot at an early date. The purchase price of the lot has not been stated.

—The cash drawer in the office of the Robeson Vulcanizing Co., Elm and Second streets, was robbed Thursday afternoon. All the currency in the drawer, amounting to more than \$40, was taken. Mr. Roy Townsend, proprietor of the business, was out of town and it is thought the money was taken while his assistant was at the gasoline tank drawing gasoline.

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