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## MISS MARTHA FLAX ANDREWS RUN OVER BY AUTO

Ford Car Driven by Indian Woman Passed Entirely Over Her Body—No Bones Broken But Miss Andrews Suffered Severe Bruises—Callie Hunt, Who Drove the Car, Is In Jail.

Miss Martha Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, was painfully bruised about 3:30 yesterday afternoon when she was run down on Elm street in front of the court house by a Ford car driven by Callie Hunt, Indian, of Pembroke. Both wheels of the car passed over Miss Andrews and she was dragged several feet by the moving car. Her face, hands, chest, side and neck were badly bruised. An x-ray examination showed that no bones were broken and the physicians say they feel sure that Miss Andrews will recover. At first it was feared that the wounds would prove fatal.

Immediately after she was run down Miss Andrews was rushed to the Thompson hospital, where Drs. N. A. Thompson, T. C. Johnson and J. A. Martin dressed her wounds.

Miss Andrews was crossing Elm street, going towards the court house, and the car was coming into Elm from West Fifth street when it struck her. Miss Andrews was in the act of stepping on the sidewalk, it is said, when the car struck her. The Hunt woman drove the car over Miss Andrews and up on the sidewalk before it was stopped. Those who were near the scene of the accident say the car was not being driven at an unusual fast speed, but that Callie did not blow the auto horn before entering Elm street.

Recorder E. M. Britt ordered that Callie be locked up in jail and she was still in jail at noon today. Recorder Britt says he will allow her to give bond when the physicians advise him that Miss Andrews is out of danger.

## THE BIGGEST AND BEST.

There Never Was Such Christmas Trade in Robeson County Since the Grade of

"The biggest we ever had—The best in our history"—"Far beyond our expectations"—"Doubled."

These were among the answers of Lumberton merchants when asked by a Robesonian reporter how their 1919 Christmas trade compared with that of previous years. Every merchant approached declared that his Christmas trade was better than ever before.

One merchant made the statement that the people who shop at his store now demand a better grade of merchandise than they formerly did. This merchant thinks this shows good judgment on the part of shoppers, as it is more conservative to buy only good merchandise.

Shot Window Panes Out of School House.

Some cut-ups out Meadow school way, hard by the town of Lumberton, have gone and done it. They shot out the window panes in the Meadow school house Tuesday night. Mr. Fred Brown of Lumberton, who began teaching there Monday, has a steel bullet as a souvenir.

Walked Through Plate Glass Door.

Willie Williams, colored, walked through a plate glass door in the grocery department of Messrs. White & Gough's store yesterday, knocking it completely to pieces. He was counting his money when he struck the door with his

Free Seed For Tobacco Growers.

Messrs. Watkins & Smith, proprietors of the Farmers tobacco sales warehouse of Lumberton, have sent Mr. A. E. Spivey a supply of tobacco seed to be distributed free among the tobacco growers. Those wishing to secure some of the seed can get same by applying to Mr. Spivey in the grocery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's store.

—Mr. C. R. Taylor has resigned the position he had held with Mr. K. M. Biggs for several months and accepted a position in the office of the National Cotton Mill Co.

—Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach at Back Swamp Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Mr. W. N. Hubbard of Fairmont was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Mr. J. Southgate Beaman spent the holidays here at the home of his father, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, leaving Sunday night for his home at Henderson.

Mr. M. N. Smith of R. 7, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. McAn. Nixon spent a part of the holidays with home folks in Pender county.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Nash of Rosemary were guests at the home of Mr. Nash's mother, Mrs. A. Nash, from Wednesday till Sunday.

## FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE IN COLORED SETTLEMENT

Church Building, 6 Stores, Barber Shop, Masonic Hall and 6 Dwellings Destroyed—Loss Estimated at Around \$4,000—Distance From Hydrant Made Fighting Fire More Difficult.

Fire, which is said to have originated in a Seventh Day Adventist church, colored, destroyed the church building, six stores, a barber shop, a sewing room, a Masonic hall and six dwellings in a colored settlement across the river from town Sunday night about 9:30 o'clock.

The stores were all used by colored people. Those who lost their stocks of goods were C. L. Reed, Ran Evans, R. O. Coleman, Moran Powell, Dave Jennings and Alex. Wood. The barber shop belonged to L. S. Stephens, colored, and the sewing room was conducted by Kate Stephens, colored. Alex. Wood owned the store building which he occupied and also the residence in which he lived, losing both in the fire. He also owned another dwelling which was burned. This dwelling was occupied by Kate Rowland, colored. The other dwellings belonged to Mr. L. H. Caldwell and were vacant. The church building belonged to Mr. K. M. Biggs.

All the buildings were wooden structures and were old and dilapidated. The entire loss is estimated at around \$4,000, part of which was covered by insurance.

The fire company had trouble in reaching the fire with water on account of the distance from a hydrant. However, the efforts of the firemen kept the flames from spreading further and also saved the St. John's Baptist church building, colored, which caught on the roof several times.

A number of people drove across the hose with automobiles and caused it to burst, which also hindered the firemen and cost the town considerable money. Fire Chief E. J. Glover says he is going to prosecute in the future any who undertake to drive automobiles across the hose.

## IMPORTANT COUNTY MEETING IN LUMBERTON, JAN. 8

Don't Fail to Attend American Cotton Association Meeting—Cotton Growers Must Protect Themselves—Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Special meeting is called for Thursday, January 8th. Every member is expected to be present. Let no one be absent. The most important meeting of the year. Mr. S. L. Tomlinson of Wilson, the newly elected State president, will address the association, after which the annual election of officers will take place. Your present chairman having been elected as State vice-president can not serve as county president, so you must elect one to take his place, also elect a vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and executive committee. Let every member make it a point to be here.

We do not want a return of 1914 with cotton at 6 cents. The time is now ripe when the cotton grower throughout the entire South must protect himself. If you have the interest of your home and fireside at heart, if you believe in the prosperity and happiness of the farmer, be on hand. The meeting will be held in the court house at 11:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

FRANK GOUGH, Chairman.

## Number of Cotton Ginned This Year Exceeds by 100,000 Bales Number Ginned to Same Last Year.

There were 100,000 bales of cotton, counting round and square bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1919 prior to January 1, as compared with 54,854 bales ginned to Dec. 13, 1918. These figures were furnished The Robesonian by J. A. McLeod of Buie, special agent of the census bureau.

—Ring of the new house bell and some church bells was the only outward and audible sign in Lumberton of the passing of the old year and the birth of the new.

—Maxton had a community Christmas tree in the public square Christmas night. Mr. J. McKinnon acted the part of Santa Claus.

—Mr. H. M. McLeod of Lumberton last week sold at Red Springs hotel to Dr. H. B. Beaman and Mr. John J. Throver, of Red Springs. The sale was through Mr. J. J. Goodwin and the consideration was \$15,000.

—The appearance of the interior of Mr. A. H. Hinds' meat market has been greatly improved by a new coat of paint.

—Mrs. Leslie P. Carlyle left Tuesday evening for New York, where she will study under a voice specialist.

## MISS VASHTI WHITE TAKES AIR TRIP TO ROCKINGHAM

First Robeson County Woman to Take Cross-Country Trip in Airplane—Fancy Flying Witnessed By Large Crowd—Many People Took Ride With Lieut. Fillmore.

Miss Vashti White of Lumberton has the distinction of being the first Robeson county woman to take a cross-country flight in an airplane. Miss White occupied a seat in Lieut. W. H. Fillmore's plane when he flew to Rockingham from Lumberton Tuesday. They flew over Rockingham before landing near Hamlet, making the trip of 55 miles in 50 minutes. Miss White will spend some time at Rockingham visiting Miss Mary Entwistle.

Lieut. Fillmore spent 2 weeks in Lumberton and during that time took more than 50 people for a ride in his airplane. He will spend some time at Hamlet.

The Robesonian has not been able to secure a list of the names of the many who took a flight with Lieut. Fillmore since the last issue was published. Mrs. A. E. White made a trip Tuesday afternoon just before Lieut. Fillmore and Miss White "hopped off" for Rockingham and Hamlet.

Lieut. Fillmore did not have the slightest mishap while here. He appears to be a master pilot, and all who "went up" expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the trip.

Several thousand people gathered about the landing field near the Jennings cotton mill on Christmas afternoon to witness the aerial show put on by Lieut. Fillmore and they were pleased with the show. Mr. Harry Green accompanied the aviator on the "stunt" trip and many were the stunts pulled off by Lieut. Fillmore with his plane. He reached an altitude of 4,800 feet on the trip; among the daring features of the show were looping the loop, falling leaf, aerial jazz, engine spirals, spinning nose dive, vertical side slip and Immelman turns. The show lasted about a half-hour and Lieut. Fillmore was paid \$300 for the exhibition.

It is probable that Lieut. Fillmore will return to Lumberton for a few days before he finishes his Hamlet engagement. He expressed himself as being pleased with Lumberton and made many friends while here.

—The usual New Year's watch service was held at the Gospel Tabernacle last night. As the old year passed out and the new appeared on the screen of time a number of bells were sounded about town and there was some other noise.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Combs arrived today from Orlando, Fla., and will occupy the Gospel Tabernacle parsonage. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Combs recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Gospel Tabernacle, of which church he was formerly pastor for several years.

—Mr. A. M. Diggs, an experienced watch-maker, has accepted a position with Mr. A. J. Holmes, local jeweler. Mr. Diggs came here from Clio, S. C. He formerly lived here and has many friends in Lumberton.

—The fire alarm was turned in about 7:15 Monday evening on account of a blaze at the home of Harry Sinclair, colored, in the "bottom." The fire originated from a stove flue and was extinguished by a bucket brigade before the fire company reached the scene.

—A license has been issued for the journey of A. Floyd and H. J. Smith and Lela H. Smith to the States.

—Miss Belle Harrington, Gladstone Smith and Mary Addie West; Jas. A. Skipper and Delphia Phillips; Luther Mincey and Bessie Hayes; Willie Fowler and Susie Jane Long; Watus Hickman and Artie Brissan; A. S. Plott and Bertha Barnes; Guy A. Plott and Mary Martin; Marion B. Pate and Ruth Townsend; Charlie McGoggin and Annie Belle Gibson; Rembert Cook and Martha Huggins; Jno G. Fisher and Katie McDonald.

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd sold 86 marriage license during the month of December and of that number only one was returned unused. This is the largest number of licenses sold during any one month since Mr. Floyd has been register of deeds.

—Ossie King and Robert Simon, a colored couple from Rowland, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd at 10:15 of the clock this morning. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated. Simon saluted Ossie after they were thus united.

—Miss Vera Cornalis left Monday evening for her home in New York after spending a few days here visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Prevatt, Third street.

—Miss Nellie Hamilton of the Marietta section is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. Grover Britt, Seneca street.

## KILLED ONE MAN AND WOUNDED TWO OTHER MEN

Vance Ford, Negro, of the Governor's Pardon Mill, Cut Loose With His Shooting "Arn" in Rowland With Result Stated Above—Then He Vanished.

One colored man was shot and instantly killed, another colored man was shot and seriously injured and Mr. Frank Tatum, white, was shot through the right leg on the streets of Rowland by Vance Ford, colored, late Wednesday afternoon of last week. Ford fired upon the two colored men while they were talking to a colored woman. Mr. Tatum made an effort to stop Ford after he had shot the two colored men and Ford then fired a shot at him. Ford escaped and has not been apprehended. He was pardoned several months ago by Gov. Bickett while serving a two-years' road sentence for carving up a colored woman. The names of the two colored men shot have not been learned.

## FAIRMONT SOCIAL ITEMS.

Sidney Lanier Book Club Meets at Home of Mrs. O. I. Floyd—Dinner Party in Honor of Miss Juanita Privette—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Dec. 30.—The Sidney Lanier Book club met on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. I. Floyd. Mesdames Floyd and Bobbitt, being hostesses on this occasion, received the guests at the door. They were asked to register in the guest book and then were taken into the music room. The beautiful Christmas decorations added much to the attractiveness of the home.

After the business of the club was transacted, a very interesting program was rendered, consisting of papers by Mrs. D. C. Lassiter and Miss Bennie Baker, several musical selections by Mrs. S. L. Clement of Fayetteville, Miss Lois Miller, Mrs. O. I. Floyd and Miss Bennie Baker. Miss Fannie Thompson told the story of Christmas in a very graceful manner.

Cream in the shape of Christmas bells with cake was served, followed by after-dinner coffee and salted almonds.

Sleigh bells were heard in the distance and soon Santa Claus appeared summoning the guests to the back hall, where he unveiled a beautifully-decorated Christmas tree from which he presented Christmas favors to each one. The guests again assembled in the music room and sang "Silent Night."

The out-of-town guests were Mrs. S. L. Clement of Fayetteville and Miss Juanita Privette of Spring Hope.

Mr. Vernon C. Lassiter entertained at a dinner party at his home on North Main street Saturday evening, December 27th in honor of Miss Juanita Privette of Spring Hope, the attractive house guest of Miss Mary Belle Ricks. The home was beautifully decorated in long leaf pine and mistletoe. A five-course dinner was served and the evening was much enjoyed by the young people.

Miss Mary Belle Ricks has as her guest for the week Miss Juanita Privette of Spring Hope, N. C.

Miss Annie Sledge of Nashville, N. C., is a guest of Mrs. W. T. Sledge during the holidays.

Mrs. Guy Bailey of Chadbourne spent the week-end with Miss Jeddie Mae Bristow.

## Will Pound Pastor Tonight.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Owing to the fact that it was overlooked on Sunday at the morning service at the Gospel Tabernacle church to announce to the congregation that it is desired to make a contribution to our pastor in the way of a "pounding," we take this method of letting and any other friends who may be interested. The place for this meeting will be at the parsonage, and time Thursday night, January 1, at 7:30. We are expecting Rev. W. D. Combs to arrive some day this week to take up his pastoral work.

Come out and hear him Sunday morning 11 o'clock.

ED. B. FREEMAN, For Congregation.

## Two More Lard Can Stills.

Rural Police W. W. Smith captured two more crude blockade stills near the place of Mr. D. L. McLean and Sid Braddy, colored, who was tried before Recorder R. M. Williams this Saturday morning and found guilty. He paid a fifty dollar fine and was released.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

—Mr. Jno. Anderson of St. Pauls will not leave the St. Pauls Flour Mill, as has been announced, but will continue his connection with that firm and will serve his patrons as heretofore. No doubt many people of that section are glad of his decision to remain.

Mr. Wesley Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, was in town yesterday.

## HEAVIEST MAIL EVER.

Never Was So Much Mail Handled

During a Christmas Season as Was Handled Last Week—Force Worked Night and Day to Dispatch Christmas Packages.

Never in the history of the Lumberton postoffice has so much mail been handled during a Christmas season as was handled this year. During the 3 days previous to Christmas Day 300 bags of parcels post mail were dispatched from the local office, and every package that was mailed before the hours for closing the mails for the various trains was gotten off, according to Postmaster D. D. French. Every package addressed to a patron of the local office was delivered the day it arrived.

The postoffice force was hard worked, but they stuck to the task both day and night while the rush was on and did not complain, Mr. French says, for which he is grateful to each member of the force.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Remains of Mrs. A. W. Bennett Brought to Lumberton for Interment—Passed Away in Raleigh.

The funeral of Mrs. A. W. Bennett was conducted at the grave Tuesday at 11 a. m. by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and interment was made in the McMillan cemetery, East Fifth street. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. E. White, Frank Gough, J. H. Wishart, v. T. Williams, D. D. French and Jno. D. McMillan.

Mrs. Bennett died Monday at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watson, in Raleigh, with whom she made her home. She was 72 years old and death resulted from heart trouble. She was a member of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, and lived here several years ago. Her husband, the late S. W. Bennett, was at one time register of deeds of Robeson county. The remains were accompanied to Lumberton by Mr. and Mrs. Watson.

Remains of C. R. Pittman, Who Died Christmas Day in Petersburg, Interred Here.

The funeral of Mr. C. R. Pittman, who died on Christmas Day at Petersburg, Va., was conducted at the grave Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. L. E. Dailey, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, and interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral, Lumbert tent No. 18, Maccabees, attending in a body. Deceased was a member of a Maccabee tent in Virginia. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. F. Alexander, W. M. Dawkins, J. W. Long, J. C. Bryant, I. L. McGill and L. M. McKenzie—all Maccabees.

Deceased was a native of Robeson and formerly lived in East Lumberton. He had made his home at Flint, Mich., for several months and suffered an attack of appendicitis while en route here to spend the holidays. He underwent an operation at the Petersburg hospital, and death followed the operation. He is survived by his widow and two children, besides a number of other relatives.

Mr. A. H. Pittman, a brother of the deceased, reached Petersburg a short time after his brother had died and accompanied the remains here, reaching Lumberton Saturday morning.

## Mrs. W. J. Johnson of Red Springs.

Mrs. W. J. Johnson died Sunday night at her home near Red Springs. Deceased had been in ill health for several months and her death was not unexpected. She is survived by her husband and two children, Mrs. Sevy Highsmith of Fayetteville and Miss Annie Johnson of Red Springs. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Presbyterian church at Red Springs. In her passing her community lost one of its noblest women.

## Miss Eliza Sutton.

Miss Eliza Sutton, aged 24 years, died Saturday morning at the State hospital, Raleigh, where she had been a patient for several years. The remains were shipped to Lumberton Saturday night and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Sutton, on R. 4, Lumberton, parents of the deceased. Interment was made in the family burying ground, near the Sutton home, Sunday at 3 p. m.

## Infant of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stanley.

An 8-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stanley of the Ten Mile section died Monday night of colitis. Interment was made in the church cemetery at Ten Mile Tuesday at 3 p. m.

## Jim McKellar, Colored.

Jim McKellar, colored, died Friday of paralysis at his home across the river from town. Deceased was about 60 years old.

Mr. F. M. Barnes spent yesterday in Charlotte on business.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The Collegen is the next Lyceum course attraction, January 10.

—The Lumberton graded and high schools will open for the spring term Monday of next week.

—Mr. Fred Brown began teaching at the Meadow school, two miles north-east of Lumberton, Monday.

—Mr. W. F. Parnell and family moved Tuesday from R. 6, Lumberton, to a farm belonging to Dr. L. E. Ricks, near Fairmont.

—Messrs. Mack Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, and Raymond Powell of R. 2, Lumberton, have accepted positions as salesmen in Mr. K. M. Biggs' department store.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bracey returned Tuesday night from Baltimore, where Mrs. Bracey underwent an operation at the university hospital on December 2. Her condition is very much improved.

—Dr. W. A. McPhaul, former county health officer in Robeson, now city health officer of Montgomery, Ala., spent part of last week here visiting friends and looking after business interests.

—Mr. G. M. Whitfield received Christmas a handsome gold-headed cane from the board of stewards of Chestnut Street Methodist church as an expression of appreciation for his faithful services for many years as church treasurer.

—Dr. Parker left Thursday morning for New York, where he will visit the eye clinics and incidentally take a few days much needed rest. He is accompanied by Mrs. Parker. Dr. Parker will be away from his office until January 15th.

—Mr. C. Guy Townsend left last evening for Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Townsend has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the Novell-Dozier Paint Co., of Jacksonville. He will travel through a part of Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cobb and small daughter, Mary, are expected home tonight from Rock Hill, S. C., where they spent two months. Mr. Cobb suffered an attack of typhoid fever while on a visit to relatives. He is cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton.

—Christmas 1919 was perhaps the quietest ever known in the history of Lumberton. The day was spent in a Sunday-like manner and not a single arrest was made either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There was but little evidence of whiskey and substitutes.

—Mr. E. L. Phillips of Wilmington was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Phillips is vice-president of the Liberty Engineering and Construction Co. of Wilmington. This firm was recently awarded the contract for erecting a new school building in Wilmington to cost \$312,000.

—An army captain, who gave his name as W. A. Smith, was arrested and locked up in jail by Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Night Policeman J. B. Boyle Tuesday afternoon. The captain blew into town, it is said from Red Springs, and was "tanked up" good and proper. He was allowed to go after sobering up upon payment of the cost.

—People of Lumberton contributed a splendid Christmas dinner for the inmates of the county home. Besides the cooked food, each inmate was presented with a supply of fruits. The dinner was prepared by Miss Lizzie Caldwell, who always looks after the Christmas dinner for the unfortunates at the home. The dinner was taken to the home by Messrs. W. C. and Burney Collins.

—Mr. O. T. Atkinson of Chase City, Va., R. 2, was a Lumberton visitor Monday. Mr. Atkinson is spending a few days in Robeson, his native home, visiting relatives. He was accompanied to Lumberton by Mr. G. C. Atkinson of R. 1, Orrum. Mr. Atkinson reports tobacco-selling high in his section. He has sold a good part of his crop for around \$1 the pound.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler of Renner and son, Mr. Oliver Butler, of the U. S. army, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Butler is spending a 30-days' furlough with home folks, who had not heard from him for more than a year until recently. He spent several months in France during the war and since returning to the States has been stationed at Camp Upton, L. I., and Camp Merritt, N. J.

—Mr. W. O. Thompson resigned yesterday the position he had held for 11 years as manager of Mr. W. I. Linkhaw's sales barns. Mr. Thompson will go into the automobile business. He has the agency for the Cleveland and Chandler automobiles. Mr. Colin H. Phillips is succeeding Mr. Thompson with Mr. Linkhaw. Mr. Phillips was recently given an honorable discharge from the U. S. army, having served with the A. E. F. several months and later visiting relatives in Scotland before returning to the States.

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