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MRS. J. PINK WILLOUGHBY SHOOTSELF THROUGH HEAD

Ended Her Life Thursday Evening at Home in Globe Swamp Section—Had Been Invalid for Some Time and Had Threatened to End Life—Husband and Several Children Survive.

Mrs. J. Pink Willoughby of the Globe Swamp section ended her life about 7 o'clock Thursday evening when she fired a bullet from a .38 calibre pistol into her head. Deceased had been an invalid for several months and it is supposed that ill health was the cause. Other members of the family were eating supper when they heard the pistol fired. When they reached the bedside they found Mrs. Willoughby dead. The bullet entered the forehead just above the left eye. Deceased was around 55 years old and is survived by her husband and several children.

An inquest was held over the remains Friday morning by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county coroner. The jury was composed of Messrs. E. V. Pittman, Fred Brown, Q. T. Williams, A. R. Pittman, Walter Shooter and Dan Tucker. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to her death from a pistol shot fired by her own hand.

Children of the deceased stated at the inquest that their mother had threatened to take her life several times during the last few months.

FOUR STILL CAPTURED.

Officers Located 4 10-Gallon Affair—Near Pea Ridge Yesterday—Mike Herring Jailed on Charge of Retailing.

Four 10-gallon whiskey stills were captured in the Bluff swamp near Pea Ridge yesterday and Mike Herring of that section was arrested and placed in jail on the charge of retailing. The stills were located near each other and apparently had been operated a short time before they were located. Two 60-gallon barrels of molasses were found about the stills. The molasses had not been opened.

The raid was made by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputies A. H. Prevatt and J. R. McLeod, Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman and Policeman S. V. Stanley of Fairmont.

Pea Ridge is hard by Lumber River, near Boardman, and has the reputation of being the nest of blockading in Robeson county. People living near by say that hundreds of automobiles go that way at night each week and when returning the occupants show signs of having had "something to drink."

FINED ONE PENNY.

Recorder Finds Road Trustee F. C. Jones Guilty of No Moral Wrong or Fraud Though Technically Guilty

Fairmont, May 14.—The case of State vs. F. C. Jones, in which Dr. J. P. Brown had Mr. Jones indicted for purchasing supplies from the Fairmont Garage for township use was tried before Recorder A. E. Floyd here yesterday. It appeared that Mr. Jones, as road trustee, had purchased some gasoline and oil from a garage in which Mr. Jones was interested as a partner. The evidence was that Mr. Jones' garage had sold the gasoline cheaper than the other places in town, and the court found there was no intention on Mr. Jones' part to violate the law, and stated that there was no moral wrong or fraud, although because of the statute he was technically guilty. Judge Floyd imposed a fine of one penny.

Wilson Warns Congress Against Usurping Powers of Executive.

President Wilson pointedly informed Congress Thursday that in his opinion the legislative branch of the government was showing an increasing tendency to interfere unduly with the exercise of executive functions.

Taking as a vehicle for his admonition a sharply phrased veto of the annual legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, the President declared that one of the riders of the big supply measure would muzzle the executive officials with a "censorship" regulated by the congressional joint committee on printing.

The section of the appropriations bill which led to the veto would prohibit the printing or mimeographing of any government publication except by authority of the joint committee. Such a provision said the President, would give to the committee "power to determine what information shall be given to the people of the country by the executive departments."

Fainted in Pastime Theatre.

Mr. C. P. Smith of East Lumberton had a fainting spell in the Pastime theatre Saturday about 7 p. m. and was carried out and laid upon the court house lawn until he was revived by Dr. H. M. Baker, who then carried him home. Mr. Smith accidentally shot himself in the head some months ago and has been subject to fainting spells since.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams and children of the Fairmont section were Lumberton visitors Saturday. Mr. Evander Harden and son, Mr. Jas. Harden, of R. 7, Lumberton, were in town Saturday.

Raleigh, 24,418; increase, 5,200, or 21.1 per cent.

WORLD PROHIBITION SURE.

Dr. J. H. Eager of New York Takes Charge of World Prohibition Work in This Section—Preached Two Sermons Here Yesterday.

Dr. John H. Eager of New York city, a native of Miss., for 8 years financial secretary of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, arrived in Lumberton Saturday and will spend a month or more in the territory from Hamlet to Wilmington in charge of the work of the world prohibition movement. Dr. Eager is an extensively traveled man, having crossed the Atlantic 28 times. He lived in Italy 16 years—10 years in Rome and 6 in Florence—and has visited Egypt, Asia and other parts of Europe.

Dr. Eager filled Dr. C. H. Durham's pulpit at the First Baptist church yesterday morning and last evening he filled Dr. R. C. Beaman's pulpit at Chestnut Street Methodist church. His morning subject was "God's Unfinished Tasks"; evening, "The Kingdom of God and World Prohibition." "For the first time in history," says Dr. Eager, "we are living in an inter-national time. The 19th century made the world a neighborhood, it remains for the 20th century to make it a brotherhood." He bases his firm belief in the coming of world prohibition on the promises in the Bible, every one of which will be fulfilled. Jesus never would have told us to pray for God's will to be done on earth as it is done in heaven if it were not possible, he said last night, and God's will cannot be done so long as whiskey is made and sold.

HALL OF LUMBERTON POST OF A. L. WELL FURNISHED

Cost of Fitting up Hall in Municipal Building Around \$2,000—Important Meeting of Post Tuesday Evening.

An important meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion will be held in the Legion hall in the municipal building tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. All ex-soldiers and ex-sailors are urged to attend the meeting, whether members of the post or not.

Practically all the fixtures for equipping the hall have been installed. The furniture already installed consists of 2 large upholstered davenports, 10 upholstered chairs, 14 mahogany chairs, two mahogany tables and seven beautiful paintings, including one each of Presidents Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Wilson. A bookcase will be put in and a number of high-class magazines and daily papers will be subscribed for. Stationery will be provided and members of the post can spend a pleasant hour reading or they can write a letter if they wish. A graphophone will also be put in the hall.

The post has ten army rifles and also has several thousand rounds of ammunition. The cost of fitting up the hall will total around \$2,000.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE EXHIBIT SWEET POTATO CAR

Don't fail to see the exhibit sweet potato car at Lumberton from 9 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. Thursday, May 20, and at Elrod Tuesday, May 25, from 7 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

This exhibit will be a complete potato house, potato machinery, crates, barrels, charts, maps, grades, and everything that goes with making and marketing a crop of sweet potatoes.

It will pay you to see this exhibit. The sweet potato is proving one of the most profitable crops in the boll weevil territory. In thinking this over, remember that the boll weevil reached the lower part of Robeson last fall. Let's beat him with sweet potatoes. Car will be on the seaboard track.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Dem. Agent.

EX-GOVERNOR GLENN PASSES.

Robert B. Glenn, former Governor of North Carolina and a member of the International Great Waterways commission, was found dead in bed at the Royal Alexandra hotel in Winnipeg Sunday night. Death was due to heart disease.

Fruit Growers Association Organized At McDonalds.

A Fruit Growers association was organized at McDonalds Saturday afternoon by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator. The following officers were elected: President, D. H. Britt, Sr.; vice-president, Dr. G. M. Pate; secretary-treasurer, L. S. Townsend.

The membership represents a total of 5,000 bearing fruit trees. The purpose of the organization is to promote the fruit-growing industry and co-operative marketing.

Miss Leona Powers of Powersville and Mr. Spire Guyton were married yesterday at 4 p. m. at the Methodist parsonage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman. The groom is a clerk in Mr. K. M. Biggs' store.

Negro Found Dead On Railroad Track.

Reports reaching Lumberton state that an unknown negro man was found dead on the A. C. L. railroad track at Elrod this morning.

TAXATION AND PROPERTY RIGHTS INVOLVED IN COUNTY DIVISION

It is An Economic Question, Rather Than Political—It Would Affect the Rights of All the People—Division Candidates Make No Definite Proposition—They Do Not Say Where Lines Will Be Run, Where Court Houses Will Be Located, What the Bonded Debt and the Rate of Taxation Will Be—Republicans Are Just As Much Interested in This Matter as Democrats—Examine the Road the Division Candidates Travel.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

It is seldom that I express my views in the press, and I do so now only because I see an attempt on the part of at least some of the advocates of county division to perpetrate a political wrong.

I am now, and have always been, opposed to any division of Robeson county. At the same time, I have had some experience in the public affairs of the county and I am somewhat familiar with our legalized primary. Mr. Patterson, being a lawyer, surely must know the law governing this primary, and if he does, then he must know that what I am now about to say is true.

The primary of June 5th is a Democratic primary, and under the law only Democrats can participate in it. All who vote in the primary are under both moral and legal obligation to support the nominees.

The division proposition is not a political proposition, but an economic one, affecting as it does the rights of all the people of the county. Republicans as well as Democrats—all property owners in fact. The division question involves taxation, and the right of transferring property of one county into another county, so to speak, with the cost thereof to be borne by all the people. Division means the taking away of large taxable corporate property from the people of the whole county and placing it at the disposal of people living in certain sections at the expense of those living in other sections. I refer here mainly to the thousands of dollars in taxes paid every year by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company upon its main line. Heretofore this has been for the benefit of all our people, but division means the taking away of this property from the whole county, and giving only a section of the present county the benefit of it. The result of this would be, so far as Old Robeson is concerned, that the large tax thus lost could only be replaced by increased taxation on the land and personal property left in the county. These taxes, if transferred to the new counties, would only serve to help pay interest on large bonded debt for new courthouses, jails, poor houses, etc., and leave the people in the new counties to levy higher taxes on land and personal property for the usual expenses of county government.

While I feel assured that the legislative candidates who favor division will be defeated by an overwhelming majority, yet it is worth while to see what road they travel in an effort to secure election. They make no definite proposition to the people whose support they ask. They do not say that if elected, the lines of the new counties will run thus and so; they do not say that the new courthouses will be established in a certain place or places; they do not say that a certain amount of bonded debt will be created in each new county and a certain rate of taxation levied. Instead of this they run on a vague and indefinite platform, saying that the county lines will be here or in another place, as the one place or the other will gain most votes; also leaving every town in the new territory believing they will get the county seat; making many promises all around which they know they cannot fulfill and have no intention of fulfilling.

Also they run on this indefinite basis in a primary held by the Democratic party in which no Republican citizen can vote although Republicans are just as much interested in this matter as Democrats. Thus, even if they were nominated there would be only a very small fraction more than half of even the Democrats who participate in the primary voting for them. The result would be, however, that all the Democrats who voted will be bound to their hand and foot at the general election, although about half of them dissent from their views, and the Republicans had no way of expressing themselves at all. In short, they would propose to create these new counties by a vote of a fraction more than one-third of the entire political strength of the county. And if they are elected, then these three men will have it in their absolute power to fix the lines of the new counties, name the sites of the two new courthouses, jails, county homes etc., fix the tax rate in the new counties and appoint all officers in the new counties.

VALUE OF AN EDUCATION.

Importance of Finishing High School—ed at Meeting Held at High School Work and Going to College Stress—Friday—Address by T. L. Johnson. The importance of finishing high school work and going to college was stressed at a meeting held in the high school auditorium Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Besides the more than 500 pupils of the graded and high schools, a number of the patrons gathered for this special occasion.

The feature of the meeting was an address by Mr. T. L. Johnson, a member of the county board of education, in which he pointed out the great mistake being made by so many boys and girls who give up the fight for an education when they finish high school work, and especially that made by those who drop out of school before they get a high school education. The speaker stated that Lumberton was not sending the number of boys and girls to college that it should, and declared that there were none who could not go to college if they so wished. Mr. Johnson told of the advantage a collegian or woman has over those who stop when they finish high school and also of the advantages of those who finish high school work over those who do not. The chances of the high school graduate are 100 times greater than those of one who does not enter high school, while the chances of the college graduate are 1000 times greater than the chance of those who try to go through life uneducated.

There will be more need for an education in the next generation than there is today. Boys and girls who fail to equip themselves will be greatly handicapped. Brains mean money. The world is looking for men and women trained and prepared. Education adds much to the happiness of life. It is a tragedy for a person to go through life without being able to read and write. An education gives the capacity for getting out of life what God intended. No investment will pay such a dividend as an educated brain. Practically all there is in the world worth while came from the process of training and education.

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All men are human and the leading divisionists have large property rights in the proposed new counties and thus expect to personally profit to a considerable extent by the division. They expect their real estate holdings at St. Pauls and Maxton to increase in value and thus more than reimburse them for the heavy expenses incurred in promoting the division. More than this, they cannot and will not be bound by ante-election promises or ante-election expectations of their supporters. All promises and all expectations cannot be met, because there are too many of them.

This is a matter which affects the people of the county as a whole, without regard to political affiliations, and before the people vote for the division candidates these candidates should be asked to publish the bills which they propose to introduce in the General Assembly creating the new counties. Then the people can see where the lines are to be run, where the courthouses are to be placed, who are to be the county officers, what the tax rate is to be, etc.

Respectfully,
A. J. FLOYD,
Fairmont, N. C., May 11, 1920.

SUGAR MARGIN OF PROFIT.

One Cent Per Pound Wholesale, Two Cents Retail.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis has just received the following letter, dated Elizabeth City, May 11:

Dear sir:—I have just received from the Attorney General, the following telegram:

"Washington, D. C.
May 11, 1920.

"You will immediately announce in your State only recognizable margin of profit on sugar by Department of Justice, one cent per pound wholesale, two cents per pound retailers. Instructions contained in Circular Thirty-eight hereby rescinded, same sent by mistake.

"Please notify the merchants in your county."
E. F. AYDLOTT,
U. S. Attorney.

President's Veto Sustained.

President Wilson's veto of the legislative appropriation bill as containing an infringement on executive authority was sustained in the House of Congress Friday against the effort of the Republican party to override it.

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VARSER SPEAKS AT ROWLAND.

Candidate For Senate Well Received in Division Strong-hold—Warns Against Irretrievable Step—Robeson's County Tax Levy is 19 Cents as Compared With 67 1-3 of One of State's Newest Counties.

A representative assembly of Rowland citizens heard Mr. L. P. Varsar, one of the two Democratic candidates for the State Senate, present his views on dividing Robeson at Rowland Thursday evening. The speaking took place in the high school auditorium and the address was listened to with interest and close attention by those present. While sentiment about Rowland is strong for division, the citizens seem anxious to hear both sides of the question and Mr. Varsar was accorded hearty applause at the conclusion of his address.

Warns Against Irretrievable Step.

In beginning his address Mr. Varsar declared that before casting his vote in the coming primary each citizen should consider the interest of the whole county as well as that of himself. He paid high tribute to his opponent and said he hoped that the campaign would be waged to a finish without severing or straining the strong personal relations that exist between the candidates and their supporters. "I am anxious to aid any citizen of the county in finding the truth regardless of the conclusion," the speaker said. This is a question that not only concerns us now, but one that will concern us as long as life shall last. We should consider the matter calmly. If Robeson county is divided and then it is found that an error has been made, it cannot be changed. On the other hand, if it is not divided now and later it is found that it should be divided, there will be a change of right and wrong.

County Tax Levy.

Discussing the tax question, the speaker suggested that the tax levied by the State upon a county does not reflect upon the county, be it large or small. Neither are the special school taxes, school bonds, township road bonds county matters. It is the county tax levy that must be considered. Here the speaker offered figures furnished by the State Tax Commission to show that the county tax levy in Robeson is smaller than in any of the counties established during the last several years and much lower than in some of the smaller ones. As an example he gave the tax levy in Avery, the State's newest county, which totals 67 1-3 cents on the \$100 valuation, while Robeson's is 19 cents.

Fair Enough.

Dealing with the charge that Robeson has too many officers, Mr. Varsar pledged himself if elected to use his power in abolishing any office that is not paying 100 per cent. of its cost to the county. "If there are any other leaks, they should be stopped," the speaker added.

New Counties Will Not Cure All Ills.

If new counties are established there must be certain elements of machinery. Under the constitution, each county must have a sheriff, a register of deeds and a clerk of the court. No one man can hold more than one of these offices, as has been suggested by some divisionist leaders. This would not be best, no matter how good a man might be. New counties will not cure all the ills.

In answering the charge that the power of the county as it now stands is centralized, the speaker told of how the county is divided into districts, that only one commissioner can be elected from each district and one member of the road board from each of the districts. Under such a law no one section of the county can run the affairs of county government. All officers are elected by a majority of the people.

Each Township Spends Own Money.

Some will argue that if you divide Robeson into three parts it will result in good roads. If dividing the county into three parts should make the roads three times as good, why would not the township road law make them eight times as good? Under the present road law each township spends its own money and is at liberty to vote all the bonds desired for building roads and then elects a man to supervise the work.

Rowland Would Stand No Show.

Mr. Varsar gave evidence to show that if the matter of creating the court house was put to a vote of the people in the proposed county of Liberty Rowland would be outvoted and would stand no show in becoming the county seat. The candidates favoring a division should draw a bill showing where the county lines would be and where the courthouses and jails would be located before they ask the power to carve up the old county.

In closing his address the speaker urged his hearers to consider the question of dividing Robeson seriously before casting their ballots in favor of it.

Mr. Varsar was introduced by Prof. E. S. Bennett, principal of the Rowland graded school.

Shortage of Sugar Likely to Continue.

Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, giving his views to Congress Friday on the sugar and industrial situations, declared that the world shortage of sugar is likely to continue 2 or 3 years.

\$3.00 AFTER JUNE 1ST.

On and after June 1st, 1920, the subscription price of The Robesonian will be as follows:
One year \$3.00
Six months \$1.50
Three months 75c.
This increase in price is made necessary by the greatly increased price of newspaper paper and everything else that enters into the cost of production. Until June 1st subscriptions will be taken at present rate of \$2.00 the year for one year in advance only.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—A young chicken with four feet can be seen at the home of J. P. Raines in the northern part of town.

—Mr. M. S. Humphrey and family moved last week from Wingate to Mr. Humphrey's farm, near Rennett.

—A new fire alarm box has been installed at the corner of Fifth and Willow streets. The box number is 41.

—Miss Podie Todd of Bellamy resigned Saturday the position she held as saleslady in Mr. K. M. Biggs' store.

—Mr. W. B. Smith returned this morning to his home at Elizabethtown after taking treatment here at the Thompson hospital. His condition is improved.

—A get-together meeting will be held in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to attend.

—Mr. W. W. Lewis, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, has entered the race for road supervisor of Fairmont township. His card will be found elsewhere in this issue.

—Queenie Callahan and June Holmes, Indians, who live near Lumberton, were married in Mr. J. H. Wishart's store Saturday at 4 p. m. Justice J. H. McNeill officiated.

—The condition of Mrs. A. F. Ward, who underwent an operation at the Cumberland General hospital, Fayetteville, two weeks ago, is improving. Mr. Ward spent the weekend at Fayetteville with Mrs. Ward.

—Mr. J. C. Prevatt of R. 2, Lumberton, spent Friday night and Saturday with his sister Mrs. R. L. Welch, at Gastonia. His condition is very much improved since consulting a specialist at Charlotte a week ago.

—Mrs. Geo. E. Thompson of the Long Branch section returned home yesterday from the Cumberland General hospital, Fayetteville, where she spent two weeks undergoing treatment. Her condition is somewhat improved.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Spire (Jack) Guyton and Leona Powers; Andrew Branch and Alice West; Jas. Hilton Miller and Alice Vera Smith; Andrew Britt and Eloise Walters; Jas. Hobson Roberts and Emma Hester.

—Agnes Worley and Alex. Williams, a colored couple from Fairmont, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Saturday at 1 o'clock. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated. Alex. saluted Agnes after the uniting words had been spoken.

—A check for \$5,000 was turned over to Mr. J. Strong Floyd, son of the late John P. Floyd, Friday by the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Lumberton in payment of a policy held by his father. This claim was delivered by Mr. A. P. Page, representative of the company.

—J. E. Dial, a progressive and prosperous Indian who lives on R. 2 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Thursday afternoon. Referring to the county division agitation he said that it would be better to consolidate some of the smaller counties than to cut Robeson up into small counties.

—The county home cow came to an untimely end Friday in rather an unusual manner. She got the chain with which she was staked out wrapped around a for, leg and a hind leg and in trying to get free her legs were drawn together and she was thrown on her neck. She had been dead some two hours when she was found by Mr. I. J. Flowers, keeper of the home.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Wilson Pridgen.
Mr. Wilson Pridgen, aged 66 years, died Saturday night at his home in North Lumberton of pneumonia.

Remains of Manuel Deal, Indian, Brought Home.

The remains of Manuel Deal, Indian, formerly of the McDonald section, arrived here last evening from Massena, N. Y., where he died Monday of last week as the result of fall while working at an aluminum plant. The skull of the deceased was fractured in the fall it is said.

Senate Adopts Peace Resolution.
The U. S. Senate Saturday adopted the Republican resolution declaring the state of war with Germany and Austria-Hungary at an end.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER
EYE SPECIALIST
Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.