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JOHN HENRY BETHEA ARRESTED

Negro Charged with Killing Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin Arrested in South Carolina—In Columbia Jail—Will Probably Be Carried to Raleigh From Columbia.

John Henry Bethea, colored, charged with killing Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin on the night of July 2, has been arrested and is in jail at Columbia, S. C., according to a wire message received by Sheriff R. E. Lewis yesterday from the South Carolina authorities. Bethea will probably be removed to Raleigh as soon as the proper requisition papers have been furnished.

As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, Deputy Kitchin died as a result of being shot as he stepped out of his auto when he was with Rural Policeman W. W. Smith came upon a car in the road in Alfordville township on the night of July 2. One negro, Dave Bethea, brother of John Henry, was killed at the same time, the other negro escaping. The car driven by the negroes was loaded with whiskey and sugar. The Bethea negroes lived in Dillon county, South Carolina, and according to the testimony of some colored women who were with them in the car, had been to Cumberland county after whiskey and were returning home when they had a puncture. It was while they were patching the tire that the officers overtook them.

Near-Serious Auto-Truck Collision. A near-serious automobile-truck collision occurred on North Elm street Saturday afternoon when a Dodge car driven by Mr. W. H. McLellan of Rowland and a Ford truck driven by Jerry McKellar, colored, collided. McKellar drove the truck, which belonged to Mr. L. H. Caldwell, into Elm street from Eighth street and Mr. McLellan was driving up north on Elm, the collision occurring just as the truck entered Elm. Mr. McLellan's right hand was cut by parts of his windshield and Lonzo Walker, colored, who was in the car with him, suffered a nasty gash in his forehead and other bruises about his face. McKellar was also cut on the arms and hands.

The front end of the truck was completely demolished and the Dodge was also badly damaged, both being put out of running commission as a result of the accident.

Master Knox Thompson Had Close Call.

Knox, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Thompson, had the two front fingers on his right hand amputated at the first joint Saturday afternoon as a result of injuries received when a piano upon which he was riding fell off a truck on West Fifth St. Young Thompson fell with the piano to the street and his hand was caught under the piano. His right arm was also bruised and it is feared the other fingers on his right hand were impaired. He was carried to the Thompson hospital, where the fingers were amputated and the wound dressed.

The piano belonged to Mr. J. W. Griffin, proprietor of the Pastime theatre, and Mr. Griffin had loaded the piano upon the truck for the purpose of sending it to Red Springs. The piano was badly damaged.

Severe Electric Storm.

Mrs. W. L. Parham was badly shocked by lightning about 9:15 last evening just as she was leaving the First Baptist church. While she has suffered with a severe headache since the shock, her condition is favorable today. The electric storm which broke over town about 9 o'clock was one of the severest ever witnessed here. The lights were off for a short time as a result of the storm.

A hard wind and rain storm visited the Barker's section yesterday afternoon, but no serious damage has been reported.

Good Tobacco Selling High.

Good sales were conducted on the Lumberton tobacco market each day last week after the opening on Tuesday. Practically all the tobacco sold last week was first primings. Prices ranged as high as 65 cents the pound and the better grades are selling at very satisfactory prices, according to the farmers. The offerings this week are expected to grade better.

Army Worm Invades County.

The army worm has appeared in some sections of the county. Mr. Scott Stone of the Raynham section, who was a Lumberton visitor Friday, says the worm has appeared on his farm. The greatest damage from the army worm is expected to the hay crop.

Tobacco Barn Burned.

Fire destroyed a barn filled with tobacco belonging to Mr. E. McQ. Rowan, who lives near Smyrna church, Thursday night. It is thought the fire started from dry tobacco falling upon a hot flue. The barn was filled with good tobacco.

Mr. W. W. Whaley of Wilmington spent the week-end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley, Elm street.

FOR SALE—NEW DODGE BROS. ROADSTER. R. M. BALLARD.

MUST REMOVE GAS STATIONS.

Ordinance, Passed by Town Fathers Provides That All Gasoline Filling Stations be Moved Off Streets and Sidewalks.

All gasoline filling stations must be removed from the sidewalks and streets of Lumberton by January 1, 1921, according to an ordinance passed by the town fathers at a meeting Thursday afternoon. The stations must be removed to some other location, according to the provisions of the ordinance, and no further permits will be granted for installing stations on any front street or sidewalk.

SOVIET WILLING TO AN ARMISTICE WITH POLAND

London, July 26.—The Russian Soviet government has notified Great Britain that it is willing to meet the leading allies for a peace conference in London, but as a preliminary to such a conference it demands the surrender of General Wrangel, the anti-bolshevik commander in the south under a guarantee of personal safety according to the Daily Mail.

In a note conveying this demand the Soviet informs Great Britain of its willingness to agree to an armistice with Poland.

Warsaw, July 25.—Armistice negotiations between Poland and Soviet Russia probably will be held at Brest Littovsk, according to diet critics today.

Negotiations to bring about the initial meeting of the military commanders to arrange for a conference between the deputations of both sides already are under way.

BASEBALL.

Several Games Expected This Week—New Players Added to Club. Reported for The Robesonian.

The present week will probably be the busiest of the season for the Lumberton baseball club. Camp Bragg is playing here this afternoon and the locals go to the Camp to return the game Friday. Sanford, which won from Lumberton at Sanford last week 4 to 0, comes here Thursday and the home boys expect to turn the tables on them. Raeford comes here Saturday. Manager Glover is trying to close games for Tuesday and Wednesday, making it a full week.

Five or six new faces will be seen in the local line-up this week. Two pitchers joined the club this morning and both of them came highly recommended. Hayle, a catcher from Columbia and a new third baseman joined the club Friday, and the present line-up is expected to be a great improvement over any team which has represented Lumberton this season.

WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT PASSES AWAY IN PARIS

Paris, July 22.—William K. Vanderbilt, the American financier, died here today.

Mr. Vanderbilt's death occurred at 6 o'clock this evening. At the bedside were his wife, his daughter, the Duchess of Marlborough; his two sons, William K. Jr., and Harold, and Dr. Edmund Gros, the family physician in Paris.

The funeral will be held on Monday next from the American church in the D'Alma. The body later will be taken to the United States, where it will be buried in the family plot on Staten Island.

Negro Says He Murdered Seven.

Los Angeles, Dispatch, July 23. California authorities tonight were communicating with Florida and Louisiana officials in an effort to assist in confirming the confession of Mose Gibson, negro, that he had murdered seven persons during the last few years, including a woman at Orange City Junction, Fla., killed in November, 1919. Gibson is under sentence to hang for the murder of Roy Trapp, of Fullerton, Cal., rancher.

Gibson has confessed to having killed J. R. Reavis, Baton Rouge, La., about 10 years ago, a watchman at a sugar mill at Gramercy, La., in November, 1910, and a storekeeper at Wagoner, La., also in November, 1910.

Gibson, since his sentence, has been under investigation in connection with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Earheart, an aged couple, in their home here the night of June 6.

Annual Indian Picnic August 7th.

The annual Indian picnic will be held at Union chapel Saturday, August 7th. Calvin Lowrey, Indian, of the Union chapel section, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, says plans are being perfected for making the picnic his year one of the "biggest and best" ever held. This annual picnic always draws large crowds.

Mrs. T. W. Bullock and small daughter, Ruth Neal, are expected home tonight from Hendersonville, where they spent some time.

HARDING PROMISES EFFECTIVE PEACE

Proposes Peace Resolution in Lieu of League—Wilson Arraigned.

Marion, Ohio, Dispatch, July 22. Peace by a resolution of congress, and after that, an effort to form an association of nations that would not impair sovereignty, were promised today by Warren G. Harding, in his speech accepting the republican nomination for the presidency.

He declared the time had come to recognize "the failure, attending assumption, obstinacy, impracticability and delay" in President Wilson's attempt to form a league of nations and that a new pathway must be found to peace and world content.

In reaching formally his party's mandate the nominee also outlines a stand for government by party, rather than by industries. Railway employees might well be accorded a status of public servants, indorsed co-operative marketing for farmers, and pronounced increased production the key to a lower cost of living.

The address constituting the candidate's personal platform in the campaign, was delivered here at the climax of a day of celebration, which brought to Marion a notable company of party chiefs and a crowd of many thousands. Their plaudits and serenade kept the nominee at the center of a seven-hour reception, as delegations from many states paraded past the Harding residence in a clamoring cavalcade.

Start Early Celebration.

Soon after sunup the march of the first delegation brought the senator to his front door step and after that, there scarcely was a let-up until he left for the notification ceremonies on the outskirts of the city at 2 o'clock. Old friends from nearby points mixed with representatives of the powerful republican clubs of distant cities in the procession, gay with decorations and blatant with noise.

At the Chautauqua pavilion where the notification took place seats had been provided for 4,000 any many times that number surged about the park and surrounding fields unable to get within earshot of the speakers. The pronouncements of the candidate were received with a tumult of applause and he was cheered back to his home through crowded streets a tired, but smiling man.

Will H. Hays, the national chairman, presided at the ceremonies, and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who was chairman of the Chicago convention, formerly notified the candidate of his nomination in a speech rapping President Wilson's league of nations and raising the part Senator Harding had taken in preventing its unreserved acceptance.

Emphasized Points.

Speaking slowly and with a characteristic gravity, the nominee declared his declaration of policy in a clear, full voice that penetrated far into the crowded outskirts of the pavilion. Points he wished to drive home with particular force, he emphasized by aggressive gestures and several times he got the crowd on its feet cheering as he hammered with clinched fist to land his blows where they would tell.

His thrusts at the league of nations were answered by repentful thunder claps of cheering, but the passage the crowd seemed to like best, came almost at the end of the hour and a half of speaking, when he voiced his humility in the presence of the responsibilities of the presidency and then, squaring his broad shoulders, added that his confidence in the support of his fellow citizens made him "wholly unafraid."

In his discussion of the league, he made no direct recommendation for rejection of the peace treaty and did not take up in detail the league of nations. Contenting himself with the declaration that the league as conceived by the president was unthinkable. He passed on to state his own view on what should be done.

Promises Effective Peace.

"In the call of the conscience of America, is peace," he said, "peace that closes the gaping wound of world war and silences the impassioned voices of international envy and distrust. Heeding, as I do, the disposition and knowing as I do, the disposition of congress, I promise you formal and effective peace so quickly as a republican congress can pass its declaration for a representative to sign—disposed as we are the way is simple. Let the failure attending assumption of obstinacy, impracticability and delay be recognized, and let us find the big, practicable unselfish way to do our part—with a senate advising as the constitution contemplates, I would approach the nations of Europe, and of the earth proposing that I am understanding, which makes us a willing participant in the conservation of nations to a new relationship, to commit the moral forces of the world, America included, to peace and international justice, still leaving America free, independent and self-reliant, but offering friendship to all the world."

Favors Collective Bargaining.

Reviewing and commending briefly many other planks of the party platform, the candidate declared for collective bargaining for farmers, repression of the disloyal, generous federal co-operation in rehabilitating

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Clarence Britt of Back Swamp. Mrs. Clarence Britt, aged about 17 years, died at the Thompson hospital yesterday at 4 p. m., death resulting from Bright's disease. Deceased is survived by her husband. The funeral was conducted from the home, near Back Swamp church, today at 10 a. m. by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, and interment was made in the family burying ground.

Funeral of Mr. L. C. Tilley.

The funeral of Mr. L. C. Tilley, whose sudden death at Wallace, Wednesday morning of last week was reported in Thursday's Robesonian, was conducted from the Tilley home in the eastern part of town yesterday at 4 p. m. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church. A large number attended the funeral and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. K. M. Biggs, Jno. D. McAllister, A. E. Spivey, John Lewis, C. C. Clewis and E. S. Miller. Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

CLEAN UP TIME EXTENDED.

All who failed to clean up their premises last week are urged by Mayor A. E. White to clean them up this week. The rains interfered somewhat with the clean up work, but Mayor White is anxious that the work be continued until the town has been put in good condition.

Messrs. Ralph Whaley and Robert Proctor went today to Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend several days.

The railroads, intelligent deflation of the currency, enlargement of government aid in reclamation, a genuine expression of gratitude to veterans of the world war and maintenance of an ample navy and "a small army but the best in the world."

In his promise, of a "party government," Senator Harding reiterated his belief that the vice president should have a part in the affairs of the chief executive's official family and declared there also should be a "cordial understanding and coordinated activities" between the executive and congress.

"No man," he said, "is big enough to run this great republic. Our first committal is the restoration of representative popular government, under the constitution, through the agency of the republican party."

"We republicans of the senate," he continued, "when we saw the structure of a world supergovernment taking visionary form, joined in a becoming warning of our devotion to this republic."

Shoulder Responsibilities.

"We do not mean to hold aloof. We do not mean to shun a single responsibility of this republic. We were resolved then, even as we are today, and will be tomorrow, to preserve this free and independent republic. Let those now responsible, or seeking responsibility, propose the surrender, whether with interpretations, apologies, or reluctant reservations—from which our rights are to be omitted. We welcome the referendum to the American people on the preservation of America."

"With a senate, advising as the constitution contemplates, I would hopefully approach the nations of Europe and of the earth, proposing that understanding which makes us a willing participant in the conservation of nations to a new leadership, to commit the moral forces of the world, America included, to peace and international justice, still leaving America free, independent and self-reliant, but offering friendship to all the world."

Declaring railway employees ought to be the best paid in the world, the candidate emphasized the responsibility of such service and added: "The government might well stamp railway employment with the sanctity of public service, and guarantee to the railway employees that justice which voices the American conception of righteousness, on the one hand and assures continuity of service on the other."

Urges Law Enforcement.

In his reference to prohibition and law enforcement he said: "People ever will differ about the wisdom of the enactment of a law—there is divided opinion regarding the eighteenth amendment and the laws enacted to make it operative—but there can be no difference of opinion about honest law enforcement. Modification or repeal is the right of a free people, whenever the deliberate and intelligent public sentiment commands; but perversion and evasion mark the paths to the failure of government itself."

At the conclusion of the speech the senator returned to his home, but several visiting delegates not content with their first reception, called again to say good-bye. With Mrs. Harding who had been by his side of the nominee during most of the morning, he again shook hands with the callers.

SUMMER SCHOOL CLOSES.

One Hundred Students Enrolled Under a Strong Faculty—Work of High Order Done.

Red Springs, July 23.—The county summer school for teachers of Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland and Scotland closed here today after a six weeks session. One hundred students were enrolled under a faculty made up of Edward Allen, superintendent Warren county schools, Misses Sue Nash, Salisbury, Lillian Crisp, Faulkland, Melethieth Frazier, Wilson, Elizabeth Farris, Winston-Salem, Sara Korngrey, Goldsboro, Annie Watkins, Sanford, Anna S. Daniel, Farmville, Va. Two schools were conducted, an approved summer school granting the same credits as the State summer schools and a county summer school. The character of the work done was of a high order. In the approved school where three 5 hour courses were required, almost all of the students voluntarily took 4 five hour courses. The observation school, in charge of Miss Elizabeth Farris of the Reynolds school, Winston-Salem, was a new feature successfully carried out. Twenty four children from the town of Red Springs were in attendance and primary methods were demonstrated. The government of the school was under a student council, Miss Emma Norment, Lumberton; chairman, Mrs. J. D. Bobbitt, Fairmont, student-president and an executive committee made up of Mrs. M. D. Gaster, Fayetteville, Janie D. Evans, Fayetteville, Lillian McKinnon, Laurinburg, and Agnes Elliott, Fayetteville.

Numerous social events marked the session of the school of six weeks and included a faculty reception to students, faculty and student reception to citizens of the town, complimentary recital to students and faculty by four prominent alumnae of Flora Macdonald college—Mrs. Misses Dixon, Peersall and McEachern of Red Springs and McKinnon of Laurinburg, and one evening of folk dancing by young students of the observation school and college students.

During the session the faculty were the recipients of numerous social attentions at the hands of citizens of the town. Resolutions of appreciation of courtesies extended were drawn up by the faculty and sent to the State Department of Education, the four county superintendents, the authorities of Flora Macdonald college, the citizens of the town and the students of the school.

Visitors during the session were Mrs. Alderman, representing the fire and accident prevent on department of the State, Miss Elizabeth Kelly, adult illiteracy department, Miss Katherine Wicker, representing the War Savings department of the Government and Miss Susan Fulghum of the board of State examiners and institute conductors.

BRYAN REFUSED NOMINATION.

Cannot Give Entire Time to Prohibition—Not Willing to Sever Connection With Democratic Party. Bozeman, Montana, Dispatch, July 22. William Jennings Bryan tonight reiterated his refusal to accept the prohibition party nomination.

The first intimation of his nomination for the presidency by the prohibition convention at Lincoln, Neb., was received by him at 1 o'clock this afternoon at Madison lake upon his return from a forenoon of fishing when he read an Associated Press dispatch giving the text of the telegram sent by him to Lincoln.

"It was forty miles from any telegraph office at the time, but as soon as he reached Norris, Mont., he sent a telegram declining the nomination. The text of his telegram follows: "Please deliver the following message to the chairwoman of the prohibition national committee, now in session at Lincoln. Having been away from the railway and telegraph facilities for the past two hours, I have not received your telegram tendering me the nomination by the prohibition national convention. But upon seeing a copy of it in the Bozeman newspapers, I hasten to reply. "I profoundly appreciate the honor done me, in tendering this nomination, and I fully share in the conquest of prohibition as a permanent policy of our country, and in the strict enforcement of the Volstead act, without any weakening of its provisions. I also share the convention's disappointment at the failure of the democratic and republican parties to pledge their candidates to such a policy, but I cannot, in justice to the prohibition party, nor to myself accept the nomination."

"My connection with other reforms would make it impossible for me to focus my attention upon the prohibition question alone, and beside I am not willing to sever my connection with the democratic party, which has so signally honored me in years past. "I have not decided yet, how I shall vote this fall, but whatever I feel it my duty, I expect to continue as a member of the democratic party and to serve my country through it."

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Jno. M. Rozier and Mary E. Edge.

—Mr. H. G. Meares left yesterday for Baltimore, where he will enter the Johns Hopkins hospital for an operation.

—Street foreman H. B. Robeson has added much to the appearance of the sunken garden at the union station by cutting the weeds and cleaning it up.

—The county pension board will meet in the office of Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper next Monday for the purpose of passing upon applications for pensions.

—Miss Vashti White went Saturday evening to Rockingham to join a party on a camping trip to Ledbetter's pond, near Rockingham. She will be away ten days.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bryant, who were married July 18, returned Friday from Asheville, where they spent several days and are at home here on South Chestnut street.

—The aquatic meet that was to have been held at Jennings Beach Thursday, July 29th has been postponed until Thursday, August 5th on account of high water.

—Jno. F. Daniel and Lina Martin, a colored couple from Elizabethtown, were married in The Robesonian office Saturday afternoon at 5 of the clock. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated.

—Rev. Theodore Partrick, Jr., pastor of Trinity Episcopal church, Lumberton, exchanged pulpits yesterday with Mr. Harvey Cox, student in charge of the Episcopal churches at Red Springs and Maxton.

—Lightning killed seven fine hogs belonging to Dave Ray, colored, who lives near Bueje, yesterday afternoon. A 300 pound hog belonging to Mr. Will Humphrey of the same section was killed by lightning Thursday.

—Mr. K. M. Biggs returned Friday morning from Wrightsville Beach, where Thursday he attended a meeting called for the purpose of organizing a State chamber of commerce. A report of the meeting will be found elsewhere in today's paper.

—Among the many Lumberton people who spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach, were Misses Ethel Pittman, Ruth Jones, Bonnie Sessions Alice Kelly and her guest, Miss Nannie Lee Ross of Washington, D. C. Messrs. C. H. Boyd and R. F. Thomas.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister and two children, Hugh, Jr., and Jean, and Miss Elise Payne of Roanoke, Va., who had been a guest at the McAllister home for several days, left Saturday for Montreal, where they will spend some time. They made the trip in Mr. McAllister's auto.

—Dr. R. S. Beam expects to sail on the S. S. Adriatic, of the White Star line, on August 14 for England, where in London he will spend some time, in the eye, ear, nose and throat clinics. He will make a special study of the work that is being done in reconstructive head surgery there at this time. He will probably visit Paris and other parts of Europe before returning home.

—Members of the Wesley Bible class of Chestnut Street Methodist church enjoyed a barbecue at the artesian well beside the river near the power plant Thursday evening. Besides members of the class a number of invited guests were present. Several short talks were made and the barbecue—a pig—was thoroughly enjoyed. Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman is teacher of the class.

—Mr. R. H. Covington has resigned as cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank to accept like position at Elberle, Richmond county. His resignation will go into effect August 5. Mr. Covington came to Lumberton from Richmond county, his native home, about a year ago and has made many friends here. He will be succeeded here by Mr. C. W. Carter of Richmond, Va. Mr. Carter arrived Thursday. He was formerly employed by the government and has recently been engaged in auditing and general accountant work.

OHIO GETS THIRD NOMINEE; WATKINS HEADS DRY TICKET

Lincoln, Neb., July 22.—Ohio got its third presidential candidate for the 1920 campaign when the prohibition national convention nominated Aaron S. Watkins, of Germantown, Ohio, after learning from William J. Bryan that he would not accept the nomination voted him yesterday.

Mr. P. A. McCormack of Rowland was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. Clifton Morgan of the Marietta section was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. William C. Steele of San Francisco, Calif., who had been the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. E. Steele, Fifth street, for a week and niece, Miss Dorothy Steele, left yesterday for Portsmouth, Va., where they will visit Miss Steele's brother Mr. R. E. Steele, Jr. Mr. Steele will visit several northern points before returning to his home at San Francisco.

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