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TRAWICK RELEASED ON \$5,000 BOND

Man Who Shot Mr. A. F. Spell Following Auto Collision Sunday Will Be Given Preliminary Hearing Sept. 13.—Mr. Spell is rapidly recovering.

Clarence Trawick of Blenheim, S. C., who shot Mr. A. F. Spell of Red Springs Sunday afternoon following the collision of an auto in which he was riding and one in which Mr. Spell was riding, was released last night under a \$5,000 bond. Messrs. W. K. Charles and Make Culbreth are the bondsmen.

Trawick had been in jail here since Sunday night, having been arrested soon after the shooting, which took place seven miles from Lumberton on the Lumberton-Red Springs road. He stands charged with felonious assault with intent to kill, carrying concealed weapons and being drunk and disorderly on the public highway. He has retained Mr. R. E. Lee of Lumberton as counsel, while Messrs. McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy of Lumberton represent Mr. Spell. A preliminary hearing will be given Trawick before Recorder E. M. Britt September 13.

Herbert Culbreth, who was driving the auto in which Trawick was riding when the collision occurred, will be given a hearing at the same time on the charge of reckless driving.

Mr. Spell is rapidly recovering. Instead of going straight through, the bullet traveled around a rib, which probably saved his life. At the Thompson hospital it was learned this morning that Mr. Spell would be allowed to sit up today and that he would be able to return home in a few days.

Mr. Spell says he did not see a pistol and had no weapon that a bullet was coming. When the bullet struck him was the first he knew of any one having a pistol. Trawick, who had been sitting in the car during a friendly talk between Culbreth and Mr. Spell, the subject of damages having been brought up by Culbreth, began cursing, climbed down from the car, came close to where the others stood, made some remark to the effect that there would be no damages, and fired.

Mr. Spell says there was plenty of room for more than one auto to pass where the collision occurred. His car was hugging the right side of the road and he fully expected the approaching car to go to the right, but it came on him head-on with all its speed, apparently. The engines were locked together.

TOBACCO SALES HEAVY

Rains Have Affected Grades—Market Will Remain Open Through Next Week and Maybe Longer.

Tobacco sales have been heavy on the Lumberton market this week. The grades are off, resulting from the excessive rains, and the prices are also lower, according to the farmers. The market will be open through next week, probably longer.

4-Cent Stove Rate Restored, With \$4 Minimum.

At a meeting Monday evening the town commissioners rescinded a recent order raising the rate for electric ranges to 6 1-2 cents and restored the former rate of 4 cents, with a minimum charge of \$4 a month, which seemed to be satisfactory all around. A number of citizens who have installed electric ranges appeared before the board and submitted facts and arguments in support of their contention that the proposed increase was too high and would discourage the use of electric ranges. It was shown that the proposed rate is higher than the rate charged in other towns. Monroe, which pays more for its current than Lumberton pays, sells for stoves at 3 1-2 cents.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been aired before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson this week:

Onb Thomas, Indian, drunkenness; submitted and paid the cost.

F. E. Carlyle, driving auto without license; dismissed.

William Sellers and Mrs. May Sweet, fornication and adultery; not pressed.

Will Graddy, colored, larceny; not guilty.

P. N. White, reckless driving; fined \$25 and cost.

Town Buys Heavier Tractor.

An order was placed for a Holt Caterpillar tractor at a meeting of the mayor and board of town commissioners Tuesday evening. The tractor will cost around \$4,500 delivered. It will be used for dragging, plowing and discing the streets. The old tractor, which was too light for the work required, will be sold.

\$3,000 for 3-Acre Tobacco Crop.

Mr. A. D. Barnes of R. 3, Lumberton, sold a 3-acre tobacco crop for around \$3,000. He sold three crops unpicked for \$70 the hundred. Mr. Barnes is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper, Sr., returned home today from a two weeks' visit to Virginia.

Miss Nellie Hamilton of the Marietta section spent yesterday and last night here visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. Grever Bell, Sussex street.

BAD DAY FOR AUTOISTS.

Mr. Jno. L. McNeill of Buie Was Cussed With Trimmings By Bunch of Drunks He Ventured to Pass.—They Had Stopped Their Car and Were Drinking and Flourishing Pistols.

Sunday was a bad day for peaceably inclined autoists in Robeson. Mr. A. P. Spell was shot without provocation and Mr. Jno. L. McNeill of Buie was roundly cussed by some drunks and if he had batted an eye as he eased past the lords of the road no doubt he would now be full of lead. Mr. McNeill had been to Lumberton to see Mrs. McNeill, who is a patient at the Thompson hospital. Four or five men had taken possession of the road, with their auto across it. Mr. McNeill saw whiskey bottles and three or more pistols. One drunk tried to get in front of his car as Mr. McNeill pulled out as far as possible to pass. Another man pulled this fellow out of the way. Mr. McNeill was cussed up and down and across so long as he was in hearing.

Mr. McNeill's offense was great; he had ventured to drive peaceably and decently along a public road.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Death of Mrs. N. Graham. Lumberton, R. 6, Sept. 1.—We have been having some fine weather for the last week.

Pulling fodder seems to be the order of the day in this section.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Nanson Graham who died at her home Saturday, Aug. 28. She is survived by her husband and three children and a great host of kindred. She will be missed in her home and not only in her home but in her community and her church. The funeral was conducted at the cemetery by Rev. Henry Lowery. There was a large crowd attend the burial.

Evander Lee Atkinson. Evander Lee Atkinson, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Atkinson of the Fairmont section, died at the Thompson hospital early yesterday morning following an operation for appendicitis. Interment was made in the family burying ground at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Nelson Helen Freeman. Nelson Helen, 1-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Freeman of Bladenboro, died yesterday.

State Supervisor of Public School Buildings.

The State Board of Education Tuesday announced the appointment of John J. Blair of Wilmington as supervisor of the erection of all new public school buildings in the State. The new law, passed by the extra session of the Legislature, requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to approve the plans of all new school buildings, and the supervisor will handle this phase of the work of the Department of Education. He will spend his full time in aiding counties, cities, towns and school districts in providing plans for modern school buildings. These services will be furnished free of charge of any community intending to erect a new school building. Mr. Blair will also have general charge of the inspection of the school buildings in order to secure the erection of a better type of schools.

Meeting at Singletary's Next Week—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 5, Sept. 1.—Farmers in this section are rushing to get through pulling fodder so they can attend the meeting at Singletary's cross roads next week.

The R. 5 items last week was all a mistake. Just a word to the one that wrote them, when you write a married lady's name don't write "Miss" but "Mrs."

Miss Edna Barnes spent Sunday with Miss Nettie Pridgeon.

Messrs. Hampton Mercer and Budde Bryan were callers at the home of Mr. William Seasons Sunday p. m.—Messrs. Asbury Taylor and Dwight Byrd were callers at the home of Mr. Charlie Seasons Sunday p. m. Listen for the wedding bells soon.

Marriage Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson Martin announced the marriage of their daughter, Annie Odum, to Mr. Walter Eugene Hollingsworth, Wednesday, September 1st, St. Pauls, N. C.

At home after September the fifteenth, 829 Raymond, Fayetteville, N. C.

Madge Tillman, 17 years old, was instantly killed, and her sister, Thelma, 18 years old, probably permanently blinded, when Randolph Landum, 11 years old, a cousin, fired a single-barrel shotgun at them near their home at Daman, Va., Monday night, states a Charlottesville, Va., dispatch.

R. B. Dunn, a traveling salesman of Knoxville, Tenn., is in jail at Roanoke, Va., charged with the murder of D. W. Divers, night clerk in a Roanoke hotel. Following a quarrel Monday night in which he charged "poor service," Dunn struck the clerk in the head with an ink stand, fracturing his skull, and Divers died Tuesday night.

Mr. H. S. Nye of Orrum is among the visitors in town today.

ANTIS EXPUNGE SUFFRAGE VOTE FROM RECORDS

Tennessee House Expunges From Journal All Record of Ratification of Suffrage Amendment—Action Not Taken Seriously.

The Tennessee House of Representatives with a quorum present for the first time since August 20, Tuesday expunged from its journal all record of ratification of the suffrage amendment and voted 47 to 24 with 20 not voting, to non-concur in the action of the Senate in ratifying. A Nashville dispatch of Aug. 31 states:

Shortly after the House convened it became evident that the anti-ratificationists, a majority of whom have been in Alabama on a filibuster for more than a week, were in the majority through failure of several of suffrage members to arrive in time. With clock-like program, the anti proceeded to put through their plan of attempting to undo what was done on August 21, when ratification was accomplished.

The first step was the motion to expunge from the journal of that day all reference to the proceedings upon the suffrage ratification resolution. After this was carried 47 to 37, with six not voting, motion was made and carried that a certified copy of the resolution, the original of which is in the hands of the Senate, be spread up on the journal.

Representative Riddick, floor leader of the ratificationists, made the point of order that he resolution was out of the hands of the House and now a part of the Federal constitution through proclamation of Secretary of State Colby. He was overruled by Speaker Walker.

The House by a viva voce vote then adopted a motion to reconsider its previous action upon the resolution. Motion was then made and carried to non-concur in the action of the Senate in ratifying the ratification resolution.

In the course of the discussion on the legality of the action of the House in reconsidering, Representative Riddick read a letter from State's Attorney General Thompson, in which the latter expressed the opinion that reconsideration of the resolution was impossible, since the House had already ratified it and Governor Roberts had certified to Secretary Colby this action by both House and Senate.

Action of the House is not taken seriously here, as the general opinion prevails that legality or illegality of ratification will be decided upon the record certified to Washington by Governor Roberts. Anti-ratificationists would not state tonight whether they expect to make an effort to have the Senate, which voted to ratify 25 to four, to reverse its action.

Pardoned on Condition That He Take Care of His Mother.

Governor Bickett Tuesday issued pardons to James Knotts, Mecklenburg county, and to Charles B. Plyler, of Union county, both of whom are serving prison sentences in the State penitentiary. Knotts was convicted in 1914 of an assault on two policemen. The policemen recommended the pardon of the man as did the solicitor. It was shown the governor that the mother of the prisoner is now in dire distress and needs the services of her son. The pardon was granted on condition that the man return to his mother, take care of her and refrain from violating any of the laws.

Plyler is a Union county man, convicted of murder in the first degree in 1910 and sentenced to death at first, and later commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Kitchin. The prisoner has served ten years and has made a model prison record.

\$1,000 Sales From 1-4-Page Adv.

You wouldn't have thought it! "I sold more than \$1,000 worth of merchandise in one day from a quarter-page ad I ran in The Robesonian." That's what a Fairmont business man told The Robesonian man after he had run a quarter-page ad in the old reliable. The ad was ordered inserted again.

Preaching at Buie Sunday P. M.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Aug. 31.—Rev. R. A. Hedgcock of Lumberton will preach at the Buie M. E. church Sunday, September 5th, 8:15 p. m. The Public cordially invited.

Happened at Goldsboro: Monday night Wm. Taylor, negro, accidentally shot and seriously wounded John Holmes, another negro; Joe Holt, negro jitney driver, shot and killed his sweetheart, Tuesday afternoon and made his escape; Tuesday afternoon an unknown negro stabbed and seriously wounded another negro at the Wayne county fair grounds.

Mr. W. M. Bridgers of the Raynham section is a Lumberton visitor today.

BASE BALL
In Lumberton
Friday and Saturday
MONROE vs LUMBERTON
Play will pitch Saturday.
Probably last game of season.

SPECIAL SESSION MET ALL REQUESTS OF TEACHERS

New Legislation Met Every Request of Teachers and Amendments to the School Law Will Aid State and County Administration of the School System.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Schools, has given out the following statement in regard to legislation by the recent special session of the General Assembly:

"The special session of the General Assembly which has just closed met every request of the teachers in the new legislation enacted. Moreover, it made several very important amendments to the school law which will aid materially the state and county administration of the public school system. The following important legislation was enacted.

"The salary schedule adopted by the teachers at the Greensboro conference, providing for an increase in salaries based on efficiency and continued service in the same school was provided when the state tax of 13 cents was authorized by the finance committee. There was absolutely no opposition to it. Moreover, the counties and the capital tax districts were given sufficient latitude, either through a tax levy or through power to borrow money, to meet the salary schedule. Therefore, the school term in every district for 1920-21 may be maintained for the same length it was maintained in 1919-20.

"The second important enactment was a law authorizing the expenditure of about \$50,000 of the public school fund to aid counties in which there is not a single standard high school. With this fund it will be possible to increase the number of standard high schools in the rural districts when they have complied with the requirements for a consolidation of districts and a levy of a special tax not to exceed 10 cents. Through this provision it will be possible to give substantial aid to several counties and strengthen very materially the high school work. The expenditure of this fund will be wholly in the rural districts of the weak counties where the taxable values are too low for the counties to provide such schools without a very high tax rate. So high schools aided out of this fund must provide for the teaching of vocational subjects such as agriculture and home making.

"The third important action of the general assembly was to authorize the state board of education to secure better supervision of the erection of new school buildings. The state board of education may expend an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the state loan fund, to be used for providing plans for modern school buildings, to be furnished free of charge to districts, for providing proper inspection of school buildings and for giving aid to cities, towns and districts in properly locating new school buildings.

"The state board of education was further authorized to spend not more than \$5,000 of the public school fund in securing a better administration of the public school fund in the several counties of the state. Through this provision county superintendents and county boards of education will be given assistance in administering the public school fund and in properly accounting for the same.

"These are the most important enactments, but several minor amendments to the school law were made as follows:

"County boards of education may pay all or any part of the cost of the erection of a new school building. Furthermore, it may condemn as much as 10 acres of land for school sites and grounds. The old law confined them to three acres.

"The state-wide act has been changed so that towns, counties or districts may issue bonds up to five per cent of the valuation of the property and any district having a school containing as many as five teachers may vote bonds under the law.

"The cost of transportation of pupils must be provided in the building and incidental fund. In case of a disagreement between county boards of education and county commissioners as to the amount of the county the county commissioners are required to specify in writing what items of the budget should not be allowed."

Washington dispatch, Aug. 31. Greensboro News: During the next two years the Federal government is ready to match North Carolina dollar for dollar in the construction of good roads and for that purpose there is available here the sum of \$2,750,000. That apportionment will round out the North Carolina quota under the Federal good roads act.

Railroads of the country began operation on their own resources Sept. 1 after having cost the government approximately \$100,000,000 monthly for the six months in which their earnings were guaranteed by the transportation act. The carriers will be allowed further aid only through loans from the revolving fund which the act created.

According to Washington advices, the high cost of living has reached the peak again. Old H. C. of L. must be leaping from peak to peak, as it were.—New York Globe.

PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW FOR Dodge Bros. Automobile with M. F. Cobb.

BELLAMY BRIEFS.

Protracted Meeting Begins at Singletary's Sunday—Miss Berta Mercer Becomes Wife of Mr. Woodie Rice—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Bellamy, Sept. 1.—Farmers are through curing tobacco, and are pulling fodder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pitman and daughter, Ruth, of Laurinburg, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mercer.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Branch of Wilmington are spending some time in this section visiting relatives.—Miss Alta McNeill of Hope Mills was the guest of Miss Jessie Mercer last week.—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hedgcock and children from near Proctorville visited relatives in this section last Tuesday.—Mrs. Carrie Singletary and son, Master Eugene, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.—Mr. J. J. Branch and sons, Messrs. Grover and Burton, spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.—Miss Jessie Mercer spent several days last week visiting relatives at Hope Mills.—Mr. Rossie Britt of Lumberton spent Sunday in this section.—Mr. Wright Pitman and son, Graham, spent the week-end at Wrightsville.—Mrs. W. T. Mercer and children, Misses Aliene and Ruby, spent several days last week at Council visiting Mrs. Hall and daughters, Misses Elma and George.—Mr. J. J. Branch was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.—Mr. J. B. McLean and daughter Mrs. W. S. McLean, spent Friday in Lumberton.

The protracted meeting will begin at Singletary's church next Sunday. Rev. W. K. Tyner is the pastor. We haven't learned who will help him with the meeting.

Sorry to report Miss Dovie Branch on the sick list.

Mr. Woodie Rice of the Long Branch section and Miss Berta Mercer were married Sunday. We wish for them a long and happy life.

ON COMING HOME

BY J. A. G.

After a hard ride of many days on the tram cars on which the wife, poor wretch was unable to accompany us because of a disposition not to travel in summer, except to and from the mountains, we are up betimes at a little province town which the black man who attends the cars tells us is Hamlet. Breakfast there, and a better meal of victuals we never set ourselves down to. Pork chops and eggs and grits and steak and generous cups of steaming black Java. All of which calls back most forcibly the days before the regime of our good lord Woodrow when the inner man might be replenished without thought of the debtors' prison.

Back to the cars and then a short ride through rolling fields of cotton that tell the story of the prosperity of our country cousins which causes us so much comment in the cities.

By now the contour of the country is becoming familiar and soon the colored man who has looked after us for this long journey is depositing our bags at the squat station that has welcomed us home from full many an adventurous journey.

This is home. And with scarce a pause we walk rapidly up the main street to the county court house, breathing deep the air of home as if to regain the magic and joy of youth that once these peaceful scenes inspired.

Back then to McMillan's and there to meet friends of a yesterday who were wont to gather before the cooling fountain of the proprietor and partake of the exquisite concoctions his men dispense.

There we meet again behind the fountain Mr. Wishart, a goodly lad, and from him we learn of the enthusiasm that runs rife through the town for the game of baseball and for the sturdy nine men who carry the standard of Lumberton. All else is forgotten in the game in which they indulge.

Home. To the house that holds most that is dear to my heart, my mother and father, and quickly are my adventures told to their receptive ears.

To dinner with them, the like of which I shall not attempt to describe and then quickly back to the park where my home town is to engage the enemy in their favorite sport, baseball. After much discussion we are asked to referee.

Hiding deep in our heart our desire for our home town's victory, we agree. And amid much noise we are returned the victor, although our opponents come from a much larger town of the province and are exceedingly skilled in their art.

Home and to bed and with a heart as light as a child.

From Peak to Peak. According to Washington advices, the high cost of living has reached the peak again. Old H. C. of L. must be leaping from peak to peak, as it were.—New York Globe.

WANTED—TOBACCO GROWERS to deposit their warehouse checks in The National Bank of Lumberton.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Stubbs of R. 3, Lumberton, this morning, a 10-pound son.

—Miss Teresa Redmond has accepted a position in the office of Mr. A. T. McLean. She began work Monday.

—The condition of Mr. Frank Gough, who has been ill for a few days, is somewhat improved today.

—Mr. R. S. White, Republican candidate for Congress from this district, will speak at the court house tonight at 8 o'clock.

—Misses Anna Laura Phillips and Carrie Edmund left Tuesday evening for Elon, where they entered Elon college.

—The condition of Mr. H. Dunie, who has been confined to his room since Monday with malaria fever, is reported better today.

—Mr. W. J. Prevatt, Jr. left today for Wake Forest, where he will enter Wake Forest college.

—Miss Johnnie Robinson of Atlanta, Ga., arrived yesterday and will be with Miss Amelia Linkhauer as trimmer during the fall and winter season.

—All the local banks will be closed next Monday—Labor Day. There will be no R. F. D. service and Sunday hours will be observed at the post-office.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stackhouse of Mullins, S. C., were in Lumberton Monday having their eyes examined and glasses adjusted by Dr. W. W. Parker.

—Messrs. Murphy Townsend and Wesley Watts of the Ten Mile section passed through town Tuesday en route to Mars Hill, where they entered Mars Hill college.

—Mr. Chapel Wilson of R. 7, Lumberton, recently returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he attended the summer school at Vanderbilt university. Mr. Wilson has accepted the principalship of the Lumber Bridge high school. School will open at Lumber Bridge Monday.

—Corporal Watson H. Mahan, of the army recruiting service, arrived here Monday night and will make headquarters here for about 2 months. He may be found around the post-office at any time and will be glad to give information about the army to any one who is interested.

—Prof. W. L. Glaze, superintendent of the Rowland high school, and Mrs. Glaze, who will teach the Fourth and Fifth grades, were Lumberton visitors Monday. As will be seen from a news item published elsewhere in this paper, the fall term of the Rowland school will begin September 8.

—Miss Genevieve Rogers has resigned the position she held for several months as clerk in the office of her brother, Mr. C. C. Rogers, manager of the local Southern Bell Telephone office. Miss Rogers left today for her home at Taylorsville. She is succeeded by Miss Elizabeth Gooden of Clarkton.

—Mr. David H. Fuller returned home Saturday from Hendersonville, where he spent several weeks. Mr. Fuller will open an office September 1 on the first floor of the Farmers Bank & Trust Company building for the practice of law. Mr. Fuller was nominated for recorder of the Lumberton district in the Democratic primary June 5.

—Dr. S. R. Thompson of Charlotte arrived last night and will spend a few days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson, Elm street. He was accompanied by Mr. Rudolph Thompson, who has been studying at the Charlotte sanatorium for several months. Mr. Thompson will leave soon for the university of Vermont to take a course in medicine.

—Mr. A. P. Spell, who was shot Sunday evening because he could not make his auto climb a tree and so get plumb out of the way when some mean likker came hurtling inside a couple lords of the road, has been holding regular receptions at the Thompson hospital. He just has a sore rib where a bullet gave him a semi-hug, and will be out soon. People have been pouring in to see him. Among the Red Springs folk here is Mrs. Stansie yesterday were: Mrs. Stansie and son, Mr. Pete Stanton; Dr. J. L. McMillan, Messrs. H. S. Toon, Jno. F. McLean, L. T. Cottingham, Jno. Throver, Joe N. Buie, N. A. Brown.

The Census Bureau announced Tuesday population figures as follows: Henderson county 12,248, compared with 16,282 in 1910, an increase of 1,986; Caswell county, 15,759, against 14,858 in 1910, a gain of 901; Hendersonville, 3,720, compared with 2,818 in 1910.

W. C. Hamman, recently nominated for Congress by Democrats of the 7th district, has resigned as United States district attorney for western district of North Carolina.

Two men were killed and 16 persons injured, some of them seriously when an elevator containing 18 passengers fell ten stories Tuesday during the home rush period, in a building at 125 Fourth avenue, New York. Miss Dorothy Saecht of Fairmont is spending the day here visiting Miss Lena Dunie.

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