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Hold-Ups On Road Near Pates

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. S. McNeill of Lumberton and 4 Other People Held Up By Indians—Men Evidently Looking For Some One—Four Indians Arrested and Will Be Tried Next Wednesday at Maxton.

CARS FIRED UPON AND PISTOLS FLARED

A number of people, most of whom were driving automobiles, were held up on the public road between Pembroke and Pates Sunday night and at least two automobiles were fired upon by the men who signaled the cars to stop. Mr. Jno. S. McNeill of Lumberton was among the number held up. Mr. McNeill was returning with Mrs. McNeill and their two children from Laurinburg, where they visited relatives Sunday. Mr. McNeill says he saw a man in the road waving his hat and just before he stopped his car he heard the report of a gun. When he stopped his car he saw two men besides the one in the road rise from beside the road. One of the men advanced to the car, leaned over the car door, and pointed a pistol in Mr. McNeill's face and also in the face of Mrs. McNeill, who was on the rear seat of the car. Mr. McNeill asked the man what he wanted and the man cursed at him, but failed to give any reason for stopping him. Mr. McNeill then started his car and came on to town. The shot fired was from a shotgun and the entire load struck the back of Mr. McNeill's car. This was about 9 o'clock.

Mr. T. J. Parker of Scotland county was held up in like manner and two bullets were shot into his car. Others held up at the same point were Mr. Shep Wiggins of R. 6, Lumberton, Rev. W. K. Woodell, Indian, of the Raynham section, and Griffin Oxendine, Indian, Oxendine was riding in a buggy. None of those held up were advised as to the purpose of the men holding them up, it is said.

Officers were notified of these hold-ups and Monday Madrick and Dahlie Buckle Locklear, brothers, French Locklear, son of Madrick, and Clarence Jacobs, all Indians, were arrested and placed in jail. The arrests were made by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman W. W. Smith of Maxton. The three Locklears were released yesterday under a \$300 bond each and Jacobs was released without bond. They will be given a hearing before Recorder R. M. Williams at Maxton Wednesday of next week.

The most plausible explanation that has been made is that the men were looking for some one whom they had been unable to locate at home or at other places to which they had been directed and that they decided to hold up every vehicle that passed until they got the right one.

COL. COX SPEAKS HERE SATURDAY

Democratic Speaking at Court House Oct. 23rd and at Glenwood Oct. 27. Col. Albert L. Cox of Raleigh will speak in the court house here Saturday of this week, Oct. 23rd, at 3:30 in the afternoon. Col. Cox is a forceful and entertaining speaker and it is hoped that he will be given a large crowd here. Ladies are especially invited.

Mr. A. C. Davis of Goldsboro will make a political address at Glenwood school house Wednesday night, Oct. 27th, at 7:30.

Recorder's Court. The following cases have been aired before Recorder E. M. Britt this week:

Bert Hardin, Indian, larceny of chickens and being drunk and disorderly; six months on the roads on the larceny charge, judgment suspended upon payment of cost on the charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Milton Warwick, taking crop from tenant; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Henry Addison, colored, larceny; fined \$15 and cost.

Duncan McLaurin, colored; fined \$25 and cost.

David Israel and Mrs. Leona McPhail, fornication and adultery; not guilty.

Lacy and Murray Lindsay, assault upon Son Duckery, colored; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Great Throngs Visit Harding at His Home. Marion, O. dispatch, Oct. 18:—The long succession of political pilgrimages to Senator Harding's front porch reached high tide today in a gathering that deluged Marion and swirled about the vicinity of the Harding home in a roaring human whirlpool.

So great was the crowd that its fringes packed the street a block away, and hundreds were unable to get close enough to hear the nominee's speech on the obligations of the American vote.

Western N. C. Conference. in Session. The 31st annual session of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, began yesterday in the First Methodist church Saturday. Bishop Darlington is presiding.

Thousands Attend Colored Fair

The Three Exhibition Halls Are Filled With Splendid Exhibits—Addresses Made at Opening—Displays That Are Attracting Attention.

Today—Educational Day—is the big day of the fair in attendance. Around 5,000 people had passed through the gates at noon and it is expected that around 8,000 people will visit the fair today and tonight. A parade of school children and three floats prepared by the Lumberton colored graded school passed through town at 11 o'clock this morning. The parade attracted much attention.

The first colored county fair ever put on in Robeson county—a fair that is a credit to both the promoters and the colored people of the county—opened at the fair grounds here Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The fair was opened with short addresses by Prof. C. S. Brown, colored, of Winton, L. A. Hall, colored State farm demonstration agent, and Mr. O. O. Robeson, county farm demonstrator in Robeson.

The three exhibition halls are filled with exhibits—splendid exhibits of agricultural and industrial showings, poultry and livestock. In the floral individual booths—dandy booths—tastefully arranged. The community booths prepared by the colored people who live about Sandy Grove, and one prepared by Thompson institute are especially interesting and attractive. Another display which is attracting much attention is the showing of canned fruits and vegetables. In this display one finds all kinds of vegetables, fruits and preserves. The display is one of the largest of the kind ever seen at a Robeson county fair, and shows that the colored women of the county are experts in canning and preserving both fruits and vegetables.

A creditable display of pantry supplies is also attracting much attention from both white and colored visitors. In the display one finds all kinds of cakes, pies, bread, cooked meats and butter.

A large display of fancy needle work and home-made clothes—work that displays art and skill—is also shown in this building.

The display of old relics is another feature that is most interesting. In this display is found a gun 128 years old, an African sword, some books and papers 200 years old, a plow 65 years old, a spinning wheel that was used 75 years ago, and a pitcher 200 years old, besides numerous other articles that were used many years ago. In the display of fancy quilts one is shown that contains 72 pieces to the square. Many beautiful quilts are shown in this exhibit.

In the general display of agricultural exhibits is a splendid showing of corn, cotton, seed, potatoes, both sweet and Irish, peanuts, syrup, cane, both sugar and ribbon, cured meats, peas, beans, wheat, rye, collards, onions, etc. The display of pumpkins contains twelve large ones, all of which grew on one vine, besides many others.

The same booth prepared for the white fair by the county board of health and the Red Cross booth prepared by Miss Alice Casey, public health nurse, can be seen at the colored fair. Also many of the industrial exhibits shown last week are still in the building.

A display of hand-paintings, the work of Jerry McKellar, a local colored boy, shows rare talent for this kind of work.

The poultry show is another feature that is attracting wide attention. Chickens of all breeds, turkeys and geese, make up the show.

In the livestock department are many fine hogs one weighing 590 pounds, besides a number of goats, fine milk cows, bulls and home-raised horses.

Rev. J. D. Harrell and Dr. J. D. Quick, both of Lumberton, are the chief promoters of the fair. They have had the co-operation of numerous other colored people throughout the county and as a result of the co-operation the colored people have put on a fair for which they should one and all be proud.

At his speech at the opening of the fair Tuesday Rev. C. S. Brown, who is principal of a colored school at Winton, dwelt principally upon the progress which the agricultural exhibits indicated and advised members of his race not to be concerned about voting but about taking advantage of their opportunities in agriculture and industries. He said that voting had never gotten him anything. He said that the hand of God is directing President Wilson in his work for the League of Nations.

It was rumored that a political speech was made by some one and that a Republican club was organized, but The Robesonian is assured that the only reference that could be construed as political was Rev. Brown's remarks as reported above and that no club has been organized. The managers of the fair say that nothing of a political nature would be allowed and that nothing of the kind has been attempted.

A rare gold coin—a 25 cents gold piece—is on exhibition at the fair. The coin is 102 years old and is owned by Rosa Anne Harrell, wife of Rev. J. D. Harrell.

Ginner Receive Note Parkton News Letter

Mr. H. G. Stubbs Closed Gin at Fairmont for One Day as Result of Mysterious Note But Resumed Operation Yesterday.

An envelope containing a note reading, "To Gin owner: If you continue to gin cotton, you know the results," a small piece of linters cotton and several matches was found tucked upon the gin house of the Fairmont Gin company at Fairmont early Tuesday morning. The note was written with a pencil and in capital letters. There was no signature to the note and judging from the appearance of the note the writer attempted to disguise his hand-writing.

The gin was not operated Tuesday, but Mr. H. G. Stubbs, one of the proprietors of the gin, informed a representative of The Robesonian Tuesday afternoon that he expected to resume operation yesterday if the other gins about Fairmont were not ordered to close down before yesterday morning. It is learned that the gin was operated yesterday. Mr. Stubbs said he expected to keep guards about the gin when not in operation.

Mr. Stubbs wired Governor Bickett Tuesday, asking if the State could furnish military guard for the gin and received the following reply: "Impossible to send militia. Suggest that you acquaint sheriff with situation and if necessary deputize guards for your property."

The consensus of opinion around Fairmont was that the note was posted by some fanatic and was not the work of "night riders."

The note may mean merely that "you'll get the seed out" if you continue to gin cotton.

Cox Calls On Root to Correct Statement

Gov. Cox Declares the 31 Signers Are Trying to Deceive the Voters.

Governor Cox, of Ohio, yesterday sent a telegram, states a Bridgeport, Conn., dispatch, to Elihu Root, asking him to "correct" what the Democratic candidate declared was a "false" statement in Mr. Root's address Tuesday regarding the Governor's position upon the League of Nations issue. The Governor denied Mr. Root's statement that he demands the league "just as Mr. Wilson negotiated it," and called upon Mr. Root for a retraction.

In making public his telegram to Mr. Root, Governor Cox issued a statement declaring that Mr. Root and thirty other prominent Republicans signing the recent statement in behalf of Senator Harding, the Republican nominee, were "attempting to deceive the voters because they are permitting their partisanship to rise above their patriotism and trusting perhaps that the last wobble of Senator Harding may be in their direction."

RECORD OF DEATHS.

W. B. Humphrey of Gretna, Fla., a Native of Robeson.

Gretna, Fla., Oct. 18.—Mr. W. P. Humphrey, who was born in Robeson county, near Lumberton, Oct. 25, 1845, died at his home here Oct. 15th. Deceased served 3 years in the Confederate army, Co. F, 51st N. C. infantry, under Major General Hoke. He was in the following important engagements: Gettysburg, Chancellorsville; and was engaged in the defense of Battery Wagner at Charleston. Twice wounded. Was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a Royal Arch Mason, and was a great student of public affairs.

He was engaged in turpentine and lumber business in Georgia and Florida from 1873 to 1910, after which he has been retired from active business. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and two daughters—D. McN. Humphrey, F. A. Humphrey; Mrs. A. W. Watson, and Mrs. F. W. Mahaffey, all of this place, and B. W. Humphrey of Key West, Fla.; 26 grand children and 3 great-grand children.

Funeral services were held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Watson, Sunday, Oct. 17, conducted by Rev. Mr. Gray of the Presbyterian church, and the local Masonic lodge and a number of the members of Washington lodge A. F. & A. M. of Quincy, Fla. Interment here in Sunny Dell cemetery.

Charley Bennett of Little Rock, S. C.—Remains Interred Here.

Mr. Charley Bennett died Tuesday night at his home at Little-Rock, S. C., following a short illness. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery, near Lumberton, yesterday at 4 p. m. Deceased was around 50 years old and formerly lived here. He left Lumberton some four years ago, before that time conducting a blacksmith shop here. His widow and several children survive.

TOWN TAX LEVY.

83 Cents on \$100 as Compared With \$1.78 Last Year and Poll Drops From \$5.34 to \$2.49.

The town tax levy for the year 1910 is 83 cents on the \$100 valuation, as compared with \$1.78 last year. The town poll tax is \$2.49, as compared with \$5.34 last year.

Mr. Hibert B. Stephens of Rex is a Lumberton visitor today.

Chautauqua and Orphanage Concert This Week—A Great Day in Scotland—Robeson County Fair Was Fine—Other Matters.

BY C. D. WILLIAMS. Parkton, Oct. 18.—Something doing all the time. This will be a busy week for our little town. Chautauqua commences Wednesday evening and will continue for three days and nights, also the Oxford singing class will come for Friday night, the 22nd. How we can do justice to all is a task. The attractions the Chautauqua promises this season are a rare treat and will probably serve to rid us of the blues. The school children can pick cotton after school and buy their tickets, and they should do so by all means as there is plenty of cotton to pick and hands are scarce.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins preached Sunday morning to a full house, preaching one of the most able and appropriate sermons of the season. It was a treat to all who were present. He advised all not to worry nor complain at hard times and not to commit suicide over the low price of cotton, etc.; and at night he preached another very interesting sermon. The congregations were large. Special music also added to the interest. Following are the names: Prof. Jule Reynolds, solo cornet; Bodenheimer, slide trombone; F. N. Fisher, clarinet; Louise Joye, 1st violin; Sarah Cobb, second violin; Viola McDonald, at the piano. At the night service a splendid male quartet: Guy Platt, 1st tenor; Claud Jeronigan, 2nd tenor; R. B. Hutson, baritone; Rev. J. L. Jenkins, 2nd bass.

Mr. J. M. Johnson, register, advises the voters of the township that Saturday, the 23rd, closes the book, so, especially the lady voters, better hurry and register. I am advised that a great number already have registered, but several have not registered yet.

Our Parkton band played at Fayetteville Tuesday night for Hon. Max Gardner and report a great speech and a good time. Also it played over in Scotland county at Wagram and Spring Hill, at a great Democratic rally on Thursday the 14th. And there was where we heard our first lady politician speak, also heard a splendid speech by Mr. Giles and Mr. N. A. Sinclair, the latter making the closing and most lengthy speech of the day, and it was a great speech.

I could tell you much more of the great day in Scotland. There is where one of the best barbecue picnics we ever enjoyed in all of our lives was held. The crowd was large but not enough to devour all that was carried there to eat. We never met cavalier or more generous-hearted folks. We can never forget that day.

A few words about the Robeson county fair. It was my privilege to get there only to see the last of it, which was on Friday, p. m., but will never regret being there then. It was much larger and better than I expected. The exhibits were large and as good as any county fair you will see anywhere. I thought to myself when passing through the farm exhibits, if just a small portion of Robeson county can have this large a fair, what if all the county would get together and do their part! It would exceed any county in North Carolina. I never learned just how many townships took part in the fair, but I never saw much of St. Pauls, Red Springs, or Rowland or not very much from Maxton. What's the matter? Get your hearts right. Let's all see that in 1921 we will make it the greatest of its history, and you will feel better.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, presiding elder of the Fayetteville district, will preach on the night of the fifth Sunday. Everybody invited.

It doesn't take politics to tear your shirt, as can be seen on a certain sidewalk in our town. What's the monkey run, or what not. Cloth is too high for such foolishness.

T. L. JOHNSON HEARD BY GOOD CROWD AT RENNERT

Many Women in the Audience—Strong Democratic Speech—B. Y. P. U. Social.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rennert, Oct. 20.—Around 75 citizens of Rennert and surrounding community, about half of the number being ladies, heard Mr. T. L. Johnson deliver a strong Democratic address here Tuesday evening. The speaker was introduced by Mr. E. C. Perry. Mr. Johnson's address was listened to with interest by his audience, and he received hearty applause.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Rennert Baptist church enjoyed a delightful social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perry after the speaking Tuesday evening. Numerous games were played and delicious refreshments were served. The large number present declared the evening to have been one of rare pleasure.

PARKER AND TUCKER WILL SPEAK HERE FRIDAY

Republican Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor Will Speak at Court House Tomorrow Evening.

Mr. John J. Parker, Republican candidate for governor, and Mr. I. B. Tucker, Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, are scheduled to speak at the court house here tomorrow evening at 7:30.

Veteran Cotton Authority Analyzes Situation in South—"Nothing the Matter With the South Beyond an Unreasonable Scare in Cotton" Says Secretary Hester.

The following is from a New Orleans dispatch of Oct. 20:

In a statement prepared at the instance of directors of the New Orleans cotton exchange and made public tonight, Henry G. Hester, secretary of the exchange for fifty years, and asserted there was "nothing the matter with the South beyond an unreasonable scare in cotton."

"The statement, prepared 'for the benefit and encouragement of those who are not fully informed,' follows: 'The drastic decline that has occurred in cotton, since the 1st of August, amounting to nearly \$90 a bale, or about 48 per cent, has been mainly due to the pressure to sell on a shrinkage market, undermining confidence of both sellers and consumers—accentuating the fear of the former and increasing the reluctance of the latter until they practically abandoned the market, except at constant concessions which, in the aggregate probably constitute the greatest drop that has ever taken place in the staple in any like period.'

"In the last ten weeks, more than a million bales of spot cotton have literally been 'thrown overboard' without rhyme, or reason. Nearly three-fourths of the Texas ginnings, to September 25, have been rushed to market and while other sections have sold more sparingly, the reported sales at three leading Texas centers have amounted to more than 800,000 bales. Futures have perforce followed spots, the pressure having been accentuated by sales to hedge on spot.

"Various theories have been given for the 'scare'; mainly the question of financing, unfavorable attitude of the Federal Reserve bank and tight money. Neither of these, however, should reasonably have precipitated a practical panic. Calm thinkers consider there was no more reason for rushing for Federal aid than during the 'buy a bale' period of 1914.

"We marketed that year more than was ever marketed in any year in the history of trade and, if we did not get as much for our bales as we should have done, we laid the foundation for an upward trend and brought more money into the South, fairly earned, in the years that follow, than had ever been known in our history.

"Why, then, should we after four seasons in which our raw cotton, including the seed, has exceeded in value seven billions, nine hundred and seven millions of dollars, balk at carrying a few million bales pending a temporary lull in demand: 'Has not that very lull been lengthened by the senseless acts and fears of producers? Of course, everybody knows that the government's effort to lower the high cost of living has exercised some influence, but that has been by no means entirely responsible for the cotton panic. Let us look at the government figures for the months of August and September, 1920.

"In the face of all the talk about reduction of consumption, we find that the mills, North and South, consumed of cotton from August 1 to September 30, 884,000 bales, as against 943,000 in the same time last year, a decrease, of only 59,000 bales. When the mills became informed of the growing fears of the Southern producers of a decline in values, they fell back on their supplies of raw cotton and, during the two months used only 436,000 bales of their reserve stocks. Thus, on July 31, the census said mills North and South held 1,209,000 bales of American lint cotton, while, on October 1, the same authority gave them a total of only 773,000 bales. In September, in face of the panicky feeling that was spreading in the spot market, the Southern mills consumed 281,000 bales of lint cotton and they had remaining but about 283,000 bales, or about one month's supply.

"Comparing the situation now with July 31, the showing is: 'Stocks: American mills, North and South, of American lint cotton, July 31, 1920 (per census), 1,209,000 bales.

"European mills: Stocks July 31, 1920, 410,000.

"European port stocks and afloat for Europe, July 31, 1,293,000.

"Total, July 31, 1920, 2,912,000.

"American mills' stocks, North and South, of lint cotton, October 1, 1920, 773,000.

"European mill stocks, October 1, 1920, approximately, 350,000.

"European ports stocks and afloat, October 1, 1,001,000.

"Decrease lint cotton since July 31, bales, 788,000.

"Totals, 2,124,000.

"In other words, there was a shrinkage in mill stocks at home and abroad, and in the European supply of about 800,000 bales of lint cotton—a vacuum that must and will be filled when the market is permitted to settle down to a normal condition. In considering these figures, we are

COTTON MARKET. Strict middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 19 1-2 cents the pound; middling 18 1-2 cents. The market is higher today than it had been for several days.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Rich Milligan has purchased the Independent barber shop, Elm street, from Mr. C. B. Meares.

—Mr. J. H. Felts, Jr., returned Tuesday from Charlotte, where Monday he attended a meeting of Ford dealers.

—Get this! Saturday is the last day to register for the November election. Remember that the books close at sunset. Register now.

—Mr. S. H. Hamilton, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office, is taking a 15-days vacation. He is being relieved by Mr. A. B. Robinson of Richmond, Va.

—Mr. W. B. Covington, county superintendent of roads, went Tuesday to Rockingham in response to a message advising him of the serious illness of his father, Mr. J. E. Covington, who has influenza.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Margaret M. Vardell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Vardell of Red Springs, and Mr. Alexander Sprunt, Jr. of Charleston, S. C. Mr. Sprunt formerly lived at Wilmington.

—Among the Lumberton people who are attending the State fair at Raleigh today are Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thompson, Mrs. L. P. Stock, Mrs. T. J. Stafford, Miss Alice Casey, Messrs. Robert Caldwell, Jr., Dewey English and Welt Wishart.

—In honor of his 8th birthday, Master J. T. Sharpe 2nd entertained a few of his small friends yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, East Fifth street. Refreshments and a visit to the movies were included in the program of the afternoon.

—Dr. N. A. Thompson returned Tuesday morning from Montreal, Canada, where he attended a convocation of the American College of Surgeons. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, fellowship in the college was bestowed upon Dr. Thompson at the meeting. Dr. Thompson visited Quebec, Toronto, Niagara Falls, New York City, Buffalo, N. Y., and Washington, D. C., while away.

—Masters Archie McLean, Neill Archie Thompson, Hugh McAllister, John Coble McNeill, Gilchrist Crump, Chalmers Biggs, Donald McNeill, James Stephens, and Neill Walters gave a circus last Saturday at the home of Mr. John S. McNeill. An admission of 5 cents was charged and the proceeds, \$2.63, were donated to the junior chapter of the U. D. C. Neill Archie, Thompson and James Stephens were clowns, Hugh McAllister, Archie McLean, John Coble McNeill and Gilchrist Crump were cowboys.

Annual Indian Fair

It Will Be Held at Union Chapel November 9th.

The third annual Indian fair will be held at Union chapel, near Baie, November 9. W. D. Oxendine, secretary of the fair, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday and he says indications are that the fair this year will eclipse all previous fairs, both in exhibits and attendance. C. F. Lowrey is president of the Indian fair.

Concert by Orphans. The singing class of Oxford orphanage will give a concert in Lumberton at the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening, Oct. 26th. This class has made an enviable reputation for giving concerts of a high order—concerts that entertain and edify. From some comments already published regarding this year's concert it appears to be up to the usual high standard, and all who attend can be assured of an evening of real pleasure and profit.

Mr. A. W. McLean arrived Tuesday from Washington, D. C., and will spend a few days here looking after business interests.

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"WHAT TO DO INTIMES-OF ADVERSITY"
• Will be the morning subject, and
• "CAN A MAN GET AWAY FROM HIS PAST"
• Will be the evening subject at THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
• Next Sunday.
• Come and consider them with us.
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dealing with the present not with the past. "The upset" due in a large part to the scares of holders, which have reacted upon consumers, unsettling both ends of the line, cannot be otherwise than temporary and will hardly affect the year's consumption as a whole. The mills are quite as anxious as the producers for the resumption of normal functions. "The remedy lies with the Southern producers and holders who should be quite able to cope with the situation."

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST

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