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30 Days In Cotton Fields

Crap Shooters Must Spend a While Helping to Gather Cotton Crop—Other Cases in Recorder's Court.

Thirty days in the cotton fields was the sentence imposed upon John Henry McKinnon and James Taylor, both colored, by Recorder E. M. Britt when found guilty of shooting craps. They were hired to Mr. C. M. Fuller.

Charley Hunt, Emory and John Hammonds, and Norman Hardin, all Indians, were hailed into court on the charge of an affray. All were found not guilty except Emory-Hammonds. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost. The row took place at an Indian church located at the "Devil's Cross Roads," and according to evidence brought out at the trial Emory had already paid \$50 into the church treasury for his conduct.

Lottie Dupree, a young white woman, Lonnie and Harlie Tompkins and Henry Carter were found guilty of disorderly conduct. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in all cases except that of Lottie. She was remanded to jail, where she must remain until such time as the county health officer thinks it safe for her to be released and then she must leave the county.

Riley Chavis, Indian, admitted that he whipped his wife—Mollie Chavis. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. Mollie is the out-talkingest woman that ever appeared in the local recorder's court. She talked for about two hours and then advised the court that she had not finished the story of her troubles at home.

Marvin McGill, R. F. Thomas and Luke Britt each paid the cost on the charge of exceeding the speed limit with an auto.

In a recent issue of The Robesonian it was stated that the defendant paid the cost in the case against Milton Warwick charged with taking a crop from a tenant. The case was settled before trial and the plaintiff paid the cost, according to the solicitor.

Hold-Up Men Bound To Court

Madrick and French Locklear Make Bond to Answer in Higher Court Charge of Holding Up People Near Pates—Clarence Jacobs and Daniel Locklear Released.

Madrick and French Locklear, Indians, were bound over to the Superior court by Recorder R. M. Williams of Maxton yesterday on the charge of holding up and firing into automobiles. They made bonds in the sum of \$500 each. Clarence Jacobs and Daniel Locklear, who were charged with the same offense, were found not guilty and released.

The hold-ups occurred on the public road between Pembroke and Pates on Sunday night, October 17. Several people were held up, most of whom were traveling in automobiles, and two automobiles were fired upon. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Jno. S. McNeill and family of Lumberton were among those held up and a load of shot was fired at and struck the rear of Mr. McNeill's auto.

Splendid Concert by Oxford Orphanage Class.

A fair-sized audience was well entertained by the singing class of the Oxford orphanage at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening. The class is made up of 14 children—ten girls and four boys—well trained, and the concert this season is highly entertaining and instructive—it is delightful.

The class is accompanied by Miss Myrtle Muse and Mr. L. W. Alderman. Miss Muse presides at the piano. The class came here from St. Pauls and went from here to Fairmont, where they gave a concert last evening. While here the children were entertained in local homes.

While this orphanage is known as a Masonic institution, only twenty per cent of the children cared for are children of Masons, according to Mr. Alderman.

The door receipts and collection taken amounted to \$350.

Fair Buildings Have Been Stripped.

"If you see anybody coming up street with one of the fair exhibition buildings, please stop them," is the request of Mr. W. O. Thompson, secretary of the Robeson county Fair association. Mr. Thompson says the buildings have been entered by robbers several times since the fair closed and everything in sight taken away. Twenty-five electric light bulbs and a number of tools have been stolen from the buildings, besides numerous other minor articles. Entrance to the buildings is made by picking the locks.

Delegates to Farmers National Congress.

J. M. C. Bracey of Rowland, R. W. Townsend and C. M. Townsend of Raynham, J. A. Thompson of Lumberton, and M. N. Culbreth of Moss Neck are among the delegates appointed by Gov. Bickett to represent North Carolina at the 40th annual session of the Farmers National congress to be held in Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 16 to 19.

E. C. MeShaw Killed in Accident

Bladen County Man Killed When Auto Turned Over Near Raleigh Monday—Party Left Lumberton About 8 O'clock That Morning.

Mr. E. C. MeShaw was instantly killed Monday about noon near Raleigh when the Ford touring car which he was driving turned over while attempting to pass a wagon loaded with lumber. Deceased was 23 years old and lived at Portsmouth, Va. His sister, Mrs. Annie Woodward of Portsmouth, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John W. MeShaw of R. 4, Lumberton, were in the car with the unfortunate man. They escaped with minor bruises.

The party left Lumberton about 8 o'clock Monday morning and were en route to Portsmouth. Mr. MeShaw and his sister had been visiting relatives in Bladen county and near Lumberton. Mrs. J. W. MeShaw had started to Portsmouth to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward.

Mr. MeShaw, according to Mrs. Woodward, had turned to the right to pass the wagon and attempted to turn to the left in order to regain the road when the car turned over, catching his neck under the rear wheel. One leg was broken and he was otherwise bruised, death resulting instantly.

The remains were carried to Raleigh and prepared for burial. The body was shipped yesterday to the MeShaw home, near Rosindale, Bladen county, and interment was made in the family burying ground at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Deceased was not married.

Warned To Get The Cotton Out

"Night Riders" Reported to be Warning Cotton Pickers Not to "Stand All the Day Idle"—Diphtheria.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, Oct. 26.—Our town and neighborhood at present are a little excited over diphtheria. Only two cases at present, as we know; but it seems to be spreading every week. Also a few cases of flu. Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Parnell's two-year-old girl is quite sick at present, but the physicians have not pronounced it diphtheria yet.

On next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock there will be a most interesting rally day program by the Sunday school, also an address by the pastor. The public is cordially invited.

It has been reported to the writer that certain sections of our county have been visited by what is known as "night riders," procession of some say about 75 horsemen, dressed in uniforms and supposed to be from South Carolina and traveling northward. The business of the riders seems to be to advise the colored people to rush the cotton out and to not stand "ye all the day idle."

Expect Higher Cotton Prices

Some Experts Would Not Be Surprised at 35 Cents.

Washington cor., Oct. 25, Charlotte Observer: It is believed here that cotton prices will rise again this season but not to 40 cents. Some government observers look for a steady increase after the New England mills get to going. Wage adjustments in factories there will encourage buying. Some experts would not be surprised to see the staple sell around 35 cents about Christmas.

Immediately after the election things will settle down and then a steady demand for cotton will come from the manufacturers. The coal strike in England, coupled with the threat of a railroad tie-up, has hurt the South is suffering heavy losses, but those who are able to hold their crops until the last of the present year may expect better prices.

NO NEGRO WOMEN HAVE REGISTERED IN ROBESON

To the Editor of The Robesonian: In The Scottish Chief, a newspaper published at Maxton, under date of Oct. 22nd, it is stated that it is currently reported that negro women are being registered in lower Robeson upon the promise that they will vote for Varsar, Jenkins and McArthur. This statement is absolutely untrue and without foundation. No negro women have registered in Robeson county. I have called upon the Scottish Chief to correct this article.

Please give this statement publicity.

T. A. McNEILL, JR., Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee, Lumberton, Oct. 26, 1920.

Services At Smith's
Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will preach at Smith's chapel Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. He will also conduct services at 7:30 each night next week at Smith's chapel.

Mr. Frank Gough spent yesterday in Washington, D. C., on business.

Taxes Lower Under Revaluation

That Is What Most of Those Who Are Investigating Are Finding—Republican Propaganda.

It is being circulated by some Republicans that the tax books have not been turned over to the sheriff in order to keep the tax-payers in the dark about their taxes until after the election. Some have gone so far as to narrate it around that Governor Bickett had carried the tax books to Raleigh. It is true that the books have not been turned over to the sheriff, but simply because they have not been compiled. The task of compiling the tax books could not be begun until after the special session of the Legislature, when the rate was fixed. If it was the purpose of the powers that be to keep the folks in the dark until after the election, why then is it that the books have not been turned over to the sheriffs in the several Republican counties in the State?

While you cannot pay your taxes until the books have been turned over to the sheriff, if you wish to learn what your taxes will be all you have to do to find out is go to the auditor's office. Many have done this, and the masses are finding that their taxes are lower under the revaluation law than they were under the old. It is said that at least 90 per cent of the number who have investigated have found that their taxes are lower this year than last.

Just typical Republican propaganda, that's all.

BUIE NEWS BATCH.

Farmers Have Made Good Use of The Beautiful Weather—A New Residence—A Good Man Passes—Church Services.

BY W. H. M. BROWN.

Buie, Oct. 25.—The beautiful weather we have had for the past three weeks has been a great blessing, especially to those engaged in farming, and handling cotton; and a great many farmers through this section have made splendid use of the last few weeks in gathering their crops.

Mr. R. A. Melvin is building a nice home here, and when completed will be a credit to our little town.

Mrs. Quincy Parnell of Parkton spent the week-end at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Britt.

The death of Mr. M. B. Buie, which occurred in a Fayetteville hospital some days ago, removed from our midst one of the old-time settlers, having lived in this community all his life, and was much loved by those who knew him.

Rev. A. J. Parker preached a splendid sermon to a good-sized congregation at the Buie M. E. church Sunday. Mr. Parker preaches here only one more time, this being the second Sunday in November, having completed his fourth year on this charge.

Mr. George A. Ray has been confined to his room for several weeks, and is being missed very much, but we trust that he may soon be restored to his usual health.

The hours at the Buie M. E. church for worship will be as follows from now on during the winter months: preaching second and fourth Sundays, 4 o'clock; Sunday school every Sunday 3 o'clock; prayer meeting each Sunday night, 7:30. We hope that all who can will come and be with us in these services, and come and bring their children to Sunday school. All denominations are most cordially invited, and all who may not belong to any denomination, come.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

Preaching First Saturday and Sunday—Bicycle Proves to be a Rabbit Trap—Large Crowd Expected at Quarterly Sunday—Personal Mention.

BY GERTRUDE BRITT.
Broad Ridge (Orrum, R. 1), Oct. 25.—Picking cotton and gathering corn seems to be the order of the day in this section now.

Mrs. Helen Britt of this section spent the week-end visiting relatives near Mt. Elin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Freeman and children of Hog Swamp spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Willoughby.

Miss Victoria Parker spent the week-end visiting her cousins Misses Janie and Sadie Belle Sutton, near Long Branch.

Mr. Thelma Branch and Master Gene Lamb are attending school at Orum.

Rev. W. A. Coleman will fill his regular appointments here the first Saturday and Sunday in November. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Barnes and four children spent Sunday visiting near Barnesville.

WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE.

To the Women of Robeson County: It is with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction that we note so many of you have registered to vote in the election on Nov. 2nd, and the Democratic party welcomes you to full membership in its ranks.

We cannot impress upon you too strongly the extreme importance and necessity of Democratic women organizing themselves and voting in the coming election. It is quite true that a great many of the women in this county and indeed throughout the South opposed suffrage, and probably do not now approve of it; but however that may be, it is now the law of the land, and it's coming has placed upon womanhood the responsibility of full citizenship, and no patriotic woman can, with justice to herself and country, refuse to take up these burdens.

This is the beginning of a new era in the history of North Carolina womanhood. Will you not be among the first to take up the burden, upon the efficient and patriotic handling of which depends almost entirely the future welfare of generations to come, and cast your vote for the Democratic party.

Responsibility to our children and their children cannot be shirked, and the men of this county and state cannot longer carry this burden alone, simply because, if our women do not vote, those sections where the women do vote, will have such a majority over ours that we will not count for anything, either in county, state or nation.

Our government is based entirely upon majority rule, and not upon property values or holdings, and the ballot is our only defense against discriminations and injustice.

It will not be a favor to any one for the women to vote, but it will be a gross and lasting injury to future posterity of our county, state and nation if they fail to vote. It is no favor to any one for men to vote, yet if they did not, it would be only a short time before unscrupulous and designing people would be in entire control of all our institutions, advancing them to selfish ends rather than for the good and protection of the whole people.

A hearty welcome awaits yours and your sisters' participation in the government of this great county, state and nation, and we trust you will not fail to be among the first of Robeson's womanhood to assume this great additional responsibility by placing your name on history's roll as among the first of Robeson's womanhood to answer the far-off call of generations yet unborn; a call to you to help prepare a better, safer, more cleanly county, state and nation to hand down to them.

Yours very truly,
ROBESON CO. DEM. EX. COM.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Charles L. Bevil, Prominent Fayetteville Man, Passes—Special Train to His Funeral.

Charles L. Bevil of Fayetteville, one of the largest live stock dealers in the South, died Monday in hospital in St. Louis, Mo., where he had gone to purchase stock, of pneumonia. In its report of his death the Fayetteville Observer says that deceased was "Fayetteville's greatest financial asset," and "had been the benefactor of more farmers than any other man in this section of the State. He was in his 60th year.

A Fayetteville dispatch of the 26th states: "Atlantic Coast Line officials today consented to furnish a special train to carry 125 leading business and professional men from Fayetteville to Greensboro Thursday morning to attend the funeral of Charles L. Bevil, of this city, who died in St. Louis Monday morning.

Ashley Ivey of Proctorville.
Mr. Ashley Ivey, aged 55 years, died early yesterday morning at his home, near Proctorville, following an extended illness. Deceased is survived by his widow and three children. The funeral was conducted this morning at 11 o'clock and interment made in the family burying ground.

Halloween Party at Marietta Friday Night.
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, Oct. 27.—The teachers will have a Halloween party at the school house Friday night, Oct. 29th. Ten cents admission fee will be charged. They hope to raise \$10 to buy some new books for the school library. If they can get this amount the county and state each will give them \$10. If any one wishes to give more, than a dime it will be appreciated.

Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth of Lumberton will preach at the school house next Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Prof. and Mrs. W. T. Jenrett of Marietta were among the shoppers in town Tuesday.

Mr. Tom Cox of R. 4, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

CARUSO CONCERT IN CHARLOTTE

Audience of 6,000 People Heard World-Famous "King of Tenors" Sing Monday Night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Johnson and Miss Berta McNeill were the Lumberton people who attend the Caruso concert in Charlotte Monday night besides those mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Miss McNeill's name inadvertently having been given as Miss Josie McNeill. Other Robeson county people there for the concert were: Misses Leila Barnes, Erna Jones and Bess McNair, Maxton; Mrs. W. H. McEachern, Miss Kat, Northrop and Lillian Blair, St. Pauls.

The following is taken from a 4-column report of the concert in Tuesday's Charlotte Observer by Mrs. J. P. Caldwell:

"And Caruso sang!
"What more can be said? Who was there in the vast audience which filled the city auditorium last night, from stage to the furthest recess of the gallery that did not sit enthralled when Caruso sang! Well has he been called the King of Tenors. There has been none comparable to him in past or present era of song. He reigns supreme, and reigns alone in the hearts of all of the people of the world—wherever his magnificent voice has been heard and the magic, the witchery of his magnetic personality felt.

"Caruso sang! He sang the great arias from the operas. He sang the soft, sweet melodies of the ballads. He held the vast audience of thousands from many cities and hamlets in the Carolinas and states beyond spellbound while he sang.

Besides the musical pleasure of hearing him there was a sort of spiritual satisfaction in listening to the most glorious voice of all the ages. Approximately 6,000 people sat enthralled as the marvelous tones of his golden voice were heard and as the ever ascending star of the great tenor's genius blazed forth anew in his magnificent rendition of the program which he chose for the Charlotte concert. His voice was dazzling in beauty, in richness, in glory, and throughout his liberal and brilliant program he swayed his audience at will.

The following is taken from another story in the same paper:

"All of musical North and South Carolina descended upon Charlotte last night for the history-making musical event of the year—the personal appearance of Enrico Caruso, world's greatest tenor and star of the Metropolitan Opera company, New York."

What To Do In Times of Adversity

Submission to God in the Daily Conduct of His Affairs is the Highest Test of Obedience—Sermon by Dr. Durham.

Submission to God in all His manifestations and in the daily conduct of His affairs is the highest test of obedience; submission in man is most noble and most acceptable to God when it arises from a heart full of thanksgiving. With these terse statements of great truths at the outset, and with Job, the classic story of whose life Emerson pronounced the most wonderful book in literature, as the prototype, Dr. C. H. Durham preached at the First Baptist church Sunday morning a 20-minute sermon that was itself a classic. It superlatively was multum in parvo. His subject was "What to Do in Times of Adversity."

He said in part: "Most of us have the idea that certain rules are laid down and if we conform our lives to these rules we are obedient to God. But if we measure up to the test of submission to Him in the conduct of daily affairs we declare our belief that if He impoverishes us He is preparing to give us something better, and best of all, Himself. Victor Hugo wrote of the bird that sings when the bough on which it lights high in the air sways beneath it, knowing that it has wings. It is most noble in man and acceptable to God to sing when things seem to be sinking beneath us, because we know that God will take care of us.

Satan said that Job, a perfect man in the land of Uz, did not fear God for nought. Job was rich, had everything heart could wish. But when God placed Job in Satan's power, and Satan stripped him of all his wealth, still Job was true to God. Then Satan said if God would afflict Job in his person Job would fail. But when Job was afflicted in body and was a mass of running sores, still he was true to God. His only fault was that he demanded an explanation. God demands that we follow. He demands submission that will declare our faith in Him. Let there be that accord which says, "all things work together for good to them who trust in Him."

Messrs. H. L. and Tucker Britt of R. 1, Fairmont, were among the visitors in town yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie Britt of R. 3, Lumberton, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mrs. Mattie Barrett and daughter, Miss Gwendolyn Barrett, left Tuesday evening for Vincennes, Indiana, where they will spend some time.

Mr. W. N. Speight of the Allen-ton section was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

COTTON MARKET.

Strict middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 21 3/4 cents the pound; middling, 20 3/4 cents. Very little cotton being offered.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. M. B. Robbins left last evening for Baltimore to buy goods for his store.

—A rain—the first of the month—fell hereabouts yesterday afternoon and last night.

—Quite a number of Lumberton people attended the Cape Fear fair at Fayetteville yesterday and today.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Hayett Ivey and Gertrude Register; David Allen Bowden and Mrs. Lela Jones Brock.

—Dr. N. A. Thompson expects to leave the latter part of next week for Rochester, Minn., to attend the celebrated Mayo clinics. He probably will be away 3 or 4 weeks.

—Master Crowson, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sam Edwards, broke his left arm just above the wrist yesterday when he fell off a pole at the Edwards home in the eastern part of town.

—Mrs. Geo. P. Branch returned today to her home at Proctorville from the Thompson hospital, where three weeks ago she underwent an operation. Her condition is much improved. She was accompanied home by her husband.

—Mrs. W. C. Prevatt was painfully wrenched and bruised last Saturday when she tripped and fell from the porch to the ground at her home near Lowe. Mr. Prevatt, who was in town town this morning, says that no bones were broken and she is getting along nicely, though she is still confined to bed.

—The following Lumberton people are among the many who have attended the Cape Fear fair at Fayetteville from this section this week: Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Bailey, Tuesday; Dr. T. A. Norment, Messrs. B. Sam Edwards, Surgeon Small, Eddie Glover, Jim Stephens, Clarence Moore, Dewey English and C. B. Hocut.

—Take my ad out of the paper. My billy goat read the ad and came home. This was the request of Dr. W. O. Edmund, who advertised a strayed goat in Monday's paper. Now don't you know that billy smiled when he saw his name in the paper and how anxious the doctor was that he be not lost. You know, after laughing about it, the billy became sorry for the doctor, and especially the doctor's little boy, who was so upset about the goat's being gone, and he took his goatship back to where he belonged—home.

CHURCH NOTES

Quarterly Conference.
Rev. H. M. North, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, preached at Chestnut Street Methodist church last evening and immediately following the service held the last quarterly conference for the year for this church. A motion was unanimously passed expressing the desire of the church for its pastor, Dr. R. C. Beaman, to be returned next year. A motion also was passed requesting the presiding elder to relieve Dr. Beaman of Smith's church in Howellsville township, which he has been supplying, as it places too heavy a burden upon him. This Mr. North said he thought could be accomplished. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Stewards—O. C. Norment, J. A. Boone, Sr., A. E. White, K. M. Barnes, G. M. Whitfield, W. H. Humphrey, L. T. Townsend, J. C. Fuller, C. B. Townsend, L. T. Townsend, E. L. Hamilton, N. P. Andrews, F. P. Gray, H. E. Stacy, D. D. French, J. A. Sharpe, all elected; Smiths—C. W. Byrd, Isham Kinlaw, Jas. Wilkins; L. T. Townsend, recording steward; A. E. White, district steward; K. M. Barnes, Sunday school superintendent; D. D. French, assistant, both reelected; W. H. Humphrey, lay leader; Manley Kinlaw, Sunday school superintendent at Smiths; Reuben Smith, trustee for Smiths in place of Jas. Andrews, who has withdrawn from the church.

The report of Treasurer Whitfield showed the finances of the church to be in good condition.

NEARLY SIX MILLION BALES COTTON GINNED

The government's cotton ginning report Monday showed a total of 5,712,057 bales ginned prior to October 18 and indicated that the sporadic attempts through the cotton belt to keep gins closed until the price of cotton advanced to a higher level, had little effect. The ginnings this year aggregated 782,953 bales more than the quantity ginned to October 18 last year, when the crop was 794,000 bales smaller than that forecast for this year.

On the government's forecast of a crop of 12,123,000 bales this year, the ginnings to October 18 appeared to be about 47.1 per cent of the total. This is a higher per centage than was ginned last year to October 18 which was 43.5 per cent, but lower than the average of 48.9 for the last eighteen years.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.