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Superior Court.

Trial of Negro Charged With Murder of Deputy Sheriff Kitchin Will Begin Tomorrow—Dr. Locklear Must Serve Sentence on Roads if in Robeson After January 1st—Other Cases Disposed of.

A number of cases has been disposed of in Superior court for the trial of criminal cases here this week. The only first degree murder trial to come up during the term, that of John Henry Bethea, colored, charged with shooting and killing Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin, will come up tomorrow. The court ordered a special venire of 100 men summoned from which to draw the jury.

Judge J. Lloyd Horton of New Bern is presiding, this being the first term of court at which he has presided. As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Judge Horton is the youngest Superior court judge in the State, being only 26-years old. The dispatch with which Judge Horton handles court is pleasing to all concerned and he has made many friends here.

The following cases had been disposed of up to last night:

Bob Green, manufacturing whiskey; not prosed with leave.
Wm. Hooks, larceny and receiving; not prosed with leave.
Frank Lowrey, forgery, plead guilty; fined \$100 and cost.
Vernon McArthur and Fair Brown Davis, violating auto laws; fined \$25 each and cost.

Charles Luke and Alex. Fairley; trespass; fined \$25 each and one-third cost.

G. W. Locklear, fornication and adultery; sentenced to 12 months in jail, to be assigned to the public roads, capias to issue in Robeson county only on January 1, 1921, sentence to begin at that date. This case grew out of Locklear marrying a white woman in the State of Georgia and coming to this county to live, intermarriage of races being a violation of the laws of North Carolina. Locklear is a doctor and practices at Pembroke.

Lettie Prevatt, vs. Oattie Prevatt, divorce granted.

Thompson, John, Clyde and Harold Williams, cruelty to animals; Thompson and Harold found not guilty, John and Clyde found guilty and fined \$25 each and one-half cost.

Frank Jacobs, false pretense, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Preston Norton, assault; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Ben Burnes, false pretense, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

R. C. Townsend, violating town ordinance, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost and of prosecution.

Clyde Webb, larceny; entered plea of nolo contendere, which was accepted by solicitor; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost and expense of prosecution.

Will Ward, larceny, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

James Patterson, forgery and larceny, plead guilty; sentenced to 12 months on roads.

Belle Marsh, having too much liquor in her possession; sentenced to 12 months in jail with leave to county commissioners to hire out to C. B. Skipper for costs.

Luke McCallum, manufacturing liquor; fined \$100 and costs.

Bess Oxendine, manufacturing liquor; fined \$100 and cost.

Luke McCallum, Sr., manufacturing liquor, plead guilty; fined \$100 and cost.

Alex McIntyre, carrying concealed weapons, plead guilty; fined \$50 and cost.

Alex McIntyre, assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Alfred Edwards, fornication and adultery; sentenced to 12 months on roads.

Cyrus and Roosevelt McCallum, assault with intent to kill; plead guilty, sentence withheld pending compromise upon payment of cost.

James McKay, forgery, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

James and Duncan McKay, larceny; prayer for judgment continued to January, 1921, term upon payment of cost.

Joe Oxendine, forgery; plead guilty; fined \$50 and cost and to pay \$5.25 to O. K. Barnes for forged checks.

Mr. W. F. Stone of Macdonald was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Mr. W. E. McIntyre of R. 3, St. Pauls, was among the visitors in town Monday.

Messrs. T. J. Noblin and D. L. Floyd of Barnesville were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

Mr. B. F. Smoot, of the Laurinburg Electric Service Co., Laurinburg, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Nye and two children, Elizabeth and E. B. Jr., of Boardman, were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon.

Miss Roberta Coble of Laurinburg is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McNeill, North Elm street.

Mr. M. C. Britt of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town yesterday.

Against Increase IN 'Phone Rates

Town Board Thinks No Increase in 'Phone Rates Should Be Granted Until Service Is Improved.

NEW PARKING ORDINANCE.

A new parking ordinance was passed at a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Tuesday evening. The ordinance provides that no cars shall be parked on Elm or Chestnut streets, except on Chestnut between First and Second streets, cars parked there to be parked on the west side of the street. Cars must not be left standing on Elm and Chestnut between First and Sixth longer than 25 minutes, and cars left on these streets must be parallel with the sidewalks and no two cars nearer together than eight feet.

The parking areas on Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth streets will be marked in white and all cars must be parked between the markings, no car to be left over one of such marks. The ordinance further provides that cars shall only be parked on the north side of Second street, the north side of Third and Fourth streets and cars parked on the streets south and north of the court house square must be parked next to the court house.

Mr. T. L. Johnson, town attorney, was instructed to go to Raleigh on November 23 to enter protest when the Southern Bell Telephone Co. will ask the Corporation Commission for authority to increase its rates in the State. It was the opinion of the town fathers that no increase in the rates should be granted until the service is improved.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

To the Citizens of Lumberton:

It is unnecessary to explain the reasons in detail why it is our duty to support the cause of the American Red Cross. Between November 11th and 25th a great effort will be made all over this country to enroll every man, woman and child as a member at the cost of \$1.00. With us one-half of each one dollar is retained by the Lumberton Chapter to be used in paying Miss Casey, the Red Cross nurse in this county, and the other half goes to general headquarters to be used in administering unto the suffering throughout the world.

It is urgently requested that every person in this community become a member of the Red Cross. By doing so a great service will have been done by and through the small sum of one dollar.

Four separate committees have been appointed to canvass Lumberton, as follows:

South of Fifth street and east of Elm: Misses Lina Gough and Flora Wishart, Mesdames Ames King, W. L. Daugherty, H. T. Pope.

North of Fifth street and east of Elm: Misses Vashti White, Rachael McNamara and Maggie Pittman.

North of Fifth street and west of Elm: Miss Janie Carlyle, Mesdames A. V. G. Wishart, A. T. Parmelee and John Felts.

South of Fifth street and west of Elm: Mesdames John Knox and James Goodwin.

In addition to these committees, Messrs. Vista Anderson, Louis Crowell, Margaret Finlayson and Lillie Epps will, in full Red Cross attire, solicit membership at the moving picture show and the post office.

This work is to be done without remuneration, either at the hands of the persons named or of the undersigned.

It is a great work and is deserving of the best thought and attention of all good people, and we consider it an honor to be permitted to carry on the work, and a much greater honor to all those who can and will become members in the greatest organization for the relief of those in distress that has existed in the history of the human race.

JUNIUS J. GOODWIN,
Chairman Fourth Red Cross Roll Call.

Meeting of County Medical Society.

The Robeson County Medical Society met in the municipal building here yesterday. Papers were read by Dr. R. D. McMillan of Red Springs and Dr. T. F. Costner of Lumberton.

A number of out-of-town doctors attended the meeting and were entertained at dinner at the Lorraine hotel by local physicians. Those attending the meeting declared it to have been one of interest and profit.

The next meeting of the society will be held here the second Wednesday in December.

Wedding Announcement.

Announcements reading as follows will be of much interest to friends of the groom here, where he held a position as clerk in McMillan's drug store for some time two or three years ago:

Mrs. George Jefferson Hales announces the marriage of her daughter, Eleanor Maxwell, to Mr. Roney Melton High, on Wednesday, October twentieth, 1920, Richmond, Virginia.

At home after October twenty-seventh, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Mr. E. C. Nye of Orrum was among the visitors in town Monday.

ARMISTICE DAY Teachers Assn. Of Robeson Organized

Today is Second Anniversary of Signing of the Armistice—Messages From Heads of Nation's Military and Naval Forces and American Legion.

Joining in the national observance of the second anniversary of the signing of the armistice heads of the nation's military and naval forces yesterday issued messages to the personnel of the army and navy and to the veterans of the World War now in civil life.

"Today, the army salutes its own—its fallen heroes," Secretary Baker said.

"It is for us to emblazon their glory in imperishable memorials; to engrave their devotion in our hearts and to dedicate ourselves to a perpetuation of the principles for which they fell."

Declaring that events of the two years since the signing of the armistice had "caused many of us to lose the holy joy of that day," Secretary Daniels admonished the navy to dedicate itself to "the same ideals which gave immortal glory to our American youths of 1917-18."

"We lived on November, 1918, on the mountains of gratitude and happiness because the valor or our best beloved on land and seas had secured for mankind the blessings of peace with the fruits of victory," Mr. Daniels' statements said.

"In observing the second anniversary of a day sacred in our memory, let all of our people reconsecrate themselves to a spirit of high patriotism and sacrifice which made Armistice day a national day of rejoicing."

General Pershing characterized Armistice day as the "20th century independence day for the world," he charged the men who served under his command in the war to keep before them in peace the ideals for which they fought, and declared that the interests of the nation would be "well directed and fully safeguarded by this great citizen-army of veterans."

Major-General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, said:

"On the second anniversary of Armistice day we turn our thoughts from the strife of politics, from the urge of business, to acclaim again our army in the World War. I have recently inspected our cemeteries in France, with their rows on rows of herodded and cannot conceive of any differences of opinion as to the aftermath of the war making us ever forgetful of the splendid sacrifices of our army and the whole people during the war. Their record of achievement and of self-denial will forever be a national inspiration."

Calling for acclamation of Armistice day in the "spirit that made it," F. W. Galbraith, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, last night issued an open message to the nation.

"The swift triumph of our armies and those of our gallant allies, which two years ago gave us the victory the anniversary of which we celebrate tomorrow, marks the high light of the present century in American affairs," he said.

"Victories such as Armistice day commemorates are not the issues of clashes of flesh and steel. They are triumphs as well of an unquenchable spirit."

"No victory, however complete, long can survive the spirit that conceived it. The annals of mankind are replete with examples, splendid triumphs in behalf of splendid causes, that have gone for naught because the spirit that made them ceased to endure."

"This is only the second anniversary of Armistice day—a day destined, if we will, to keep company with the immortals of the calendar that mark great moments of history that shall never die. Succeeding generations will acclaim Armistice day. God grant they always shall acclaim it in the spirit that made it; and that this spirit-like the day, shall be imperishable."

"With this prayer in our hearts let us renew each year our vow of reality to re-pledge and keep unshakably our faith in the high ideals, the lofty purposes, the unselfish aspirations and exalted, holy hopes that fired the hearts of Americans in 1918 and made ours a land from whence crusaders came, with souls, aflame, worthy of their victory."

"To this end the American Legion, today and forever, solemnly pledges its all."

Recorder's Court.

Gatewood Small was before Recorder E. M. Britt Monday on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Percy and Pearl Drice forfeited their bonds in the sum of \$25 each, failing to show up for trial on the charge of being drunk and disorderly. They were arrested Saturday night, placed in jail and later released under the above stated bonds.

Jno. C. Allen of Howellsville.

Mr. Jno. C. Allen, aged 73 years, died yesterday at his home in Howellsville township. Deceased was never married. The funeral was conducted today at 10 a. m. and interment made in the family burying ground.

138 Teachers of County Joined Association Formed at Meeting Here Monday—Delegates Elected to Teachers Assembly

READING CIRCLE GROUPS.

On Monday, November 8th, the teachers of Robeson county were called together in a meeting to organize for the Teachers Assembly, which meets at Asheville, Nov. 24 or 27, and to arrange the Reading Circle courses for the present school year. Miss Susan Fulgum, a member of the State Board of Examiners, was present to give information in regard to the issuing and renewal of certificates and to give instruction as to organization and courses provided for Reading Circle work.

Before the beginning of the business session, Miss Dorothea Farmer rendered several piano selections. Karl Jansen, the Swedish impersonator, who is at present giving entertainments at various schools throughout the county, was present. He delightfully entertained the teachers in a short but unique lecture on the "Art of Explanation." Prof. W. H. Cline, superintendent of the Lumberton city school, made a practical talk on the present conditions of schools in North Carolina and the duty of teachers in meeting these conditions.

The business session was opened by nominations for president and secretary of the Teachers Association of Robeson county. Superintendent J. R. Pugh was elected president and Miss Ethel Ervin, teacher of Latin in the Lumberton city schools, was elected secretary. The number of teachers that joined the association was 138. From this number the following teachers were elected as delegates to the Teachers Assembly: R. S. White, T. S. Thomas, E. T. Hines, J. W. R. Norton, J. O. Overcash, W. H. Cole, Annie Byrd, Nellie McCollum, Ethel Ervin, Marion Esser, Helen Oliver, Mariadde Turner, Winnifred Rowland, Revah Newton, Laura Scarborough, Mrs. M. Shepherd and Mrs. J. D. Croft.

Reading circle groups were assigned for Lumberton, Philadelphia, Fairmont, St. Pauls, Parkton, Orrum, Mason, Red Springs and Lumber Bridge, with the principals or superintendents of the respective schools as the group leaders.

U. D. C. Convention In Asheville

Plans Approved for Erection of Memorial to General Lee—North Carolina Leads in New Chapters.

The following is taken from an Asheville dispatch of Nov. 10:

Tributes of love and respect for the Confederate soldier dead and daughters were paid today by the delegates to the twenty-seventh annual convention of the grand divisions, United Daughters of the Confederacy in session here.

The memorials held at the convention headquarters were witnessed by an unusually large number of visitors in addition to the delegates.

Election of officers comes tomorrow. Mrs. Roy W. McKinney of Paducah, Ky., who was elected president-general at Tampa last year, will hold office for another year.

Mrs. McKinney in her annual report today recommended a committee to confer with Sons of Veterans for erection of a boulder at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, to the faithful negro slave who was murdered by John Brown," and that correspondence be started with foreign libraries to get southern collections there. These suggestions were adopted.

The daughters formally approved the plan presented by Dr. Henry Louis Smith of Washington and Lee University for the erection of a great memorial there to General R. E. Lee, and the erection of a home in the south for southern naval men presented by Admiral A. O. Wright of Jacksonville, to which they subscribed several hundred dollars. Reports show that the daughters have 640 chapters with a total membership of 64,000. North Carolina led this year in new chapters organized, with seven.

The following states were represented and presented flags to the North Carolina president: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia. Formal reports were also made by Miss Alice Baxter of Atlanta, first vice president, General and Mrs. R. D. Wright of Newberry, S. C., reporting secretary general.

St. Pauls Red Cross Chapter Meets Friday Evening.

The St. Pauls Red Cross chapter will meet in the Methodist church at St. Pauls tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Miss Alice Casey, county health nurse, will attend the meeting.

Mr. A. J. Bullard of the St. Pauls section, is a Lumberton visitor today.

A Day's Income For The Orphans

As You Value the Blessings of Home, Consider Those Who Are Deprived of Parental Love and Care.

A beautiful custom in which practically every person in the State may participate with little inconvenience or sacrifice is that of contributing the income of a day to the support of our fatherless and motherless children. And the Thanksgiving season is a most propitious period during which the charitably inclined people of North Carolina may show their appreciation of the meritorious service the twenty-one child-caring institutions are rendering in the care, protection, training and education of helpless children who might otherwise become a menace to society and objects of scorn on the face of the earth.

That the present wards of these homes will continue to receive proper care and attention there is little reason to express the slightest concern. But there are literally thousands of bright boys and girls out on the highways and in the by-ways of the State who cannot be admitted into either of these homes because THERE IS NO ROOM FOR THEM. It is this class of children that the people of the State should interest themselves in to the extent of contributing the earnings of a day at Thanksgiving, so that the management of the homes may be provided with funds to warrant reasonable expansion.

Let it not be said of North Carolina that they neglected, at any time, the care and protection of helpless little children right at their own doors. It should be borne in mind that our charitably inclined citizens, both men and women, really constitute a great corporation, organized for the purpose of relieving the distressed, burying the dead, caring for the widow and educating the orphan. Every member is an equal shareholder, and all members are directors, with the same powers. Its dividends are not recorded in dollars and cents, but are set aside as treasury stock, which is held in the hearts and affections of the beneficiaries. The larger the dividends, the greater will be the reward for duty well performed. In the race between the child and the dollar the interests of the child should blend easily in our humanities. In our fullness of heart we hear the tender words of the Master: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

It is of the duty of today that we should be most concerned. Tomorrow the sun will either rise in splendor or behind a mask of weeping clouds. Consciousness of duty well performed is the source of all happiness. Remorse comes for something that happened yesterday, or the dread of what tomorrow may disclose. But let us remember that the same love and patience that are anticipated for tomorrow will shine with tender promise into the heart of today. Then let us journey one day at a time, laying aside as we go along the income of a day to be forwarded to the orphanage of our choice when we reach glad morn of Thanksgiving. By so doing we shall comply with the imperative command to protect and educate the orphan.

In no other channel of effort is our mission so vividly and practically exemplified as it is in the work of the orphan homes. Here are gathering the fatherless and motherless children of our State where they find fostering care and protection throughout years of their youthful development. Here they are given the education and training so essential to their success when they go out to battle for ours. It is to one of these splendid institutions that every man, woman and child in North Carolina, who is blessed with earning capacity, is asked to contribute the amount of ONE DAY'S INCOME during the Thanksgiving season. This is a reasonable request and should meet a liberal response. Not one in a hundred is unable to set aside the income of one day in 365 to a cause so worthy. This appeal is to all classes and conditions, and those who respond are asked to forward the amount they may wish to contribute to the orphanage of their choice. The Publicity Committee handles no funds.

And while we are assisting in providing the comforts of life to the little ones bereft of parents and the comforts of home, "let us forget the past with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches—all its faults and mistakes. Every act we have wrought, either for good or for evil, is in the hands of the Mighty Love that is capable of bringing honey out of the rock and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the love that turns weeping into laughter, woes into joys, and gives the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Only for the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, that linger like the perfume of roses in the events of the days that are gone will thoughts of yesterday serve any good purpose. Leave everything to the love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, and deeper than the seas; the love that holds for all, the treasures for the days that are gone."

"Leave not until tomorrow things that should be done today." Men and women, boys and girls of North Carolina (Continued on page seven)

COTTON MARKET.
Strict middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 19 cents the pound; middling 18 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The local banks are closed today—Armistice Day.

—The streets in the eastern part of town have been greatly improved recently.

—The public school at Clyburn will open next Monday morning. Mr. Fred Brown will teach.

—Regular meeting of Eastern Star at Masonic hall this evening at 7:30 important business.

—Mr. J. A. McPhaul of R. 1, Shannon, is in Lumberton taking treatment under Dr. H. M. Baker.

—Called meeting of Woman's club Monday at 4 p. m., in municipal building. All members urged to be present.

—Regular meeting of Maccabees tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. All members urged to attend. Important business.

—The congregation of the Presbyterian church sounded Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the church, and Mrs. Moorehouse Tuesday evening.

—A sweet potato which weighed more than 10 pounds was brought to the Robesonian office Tuesday by Hector Brooks Indian, who farms for Mr. L. H. Caldwell. Some "tater."

—Mrs. Nannie W. Crump moved yesterday from a residence of her's on the Whiteville road to one on the corner of Sixth and Pine streets, recently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes moved Tuesday from the Crump residence to their home on Third street.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Veiser and their small daughter, Miss Lily, will leave tonight for Baltimore where Mrs. Veiser and Lily will remain several days while the latter is undergoing treatment under a specialist. Mr. Veiser and daughter returned Sunday from Baltimore, where they spent a day for an examination, and it was decided that it would be advisable for Lily to spend a few days there under the care of a specialist for stomach trouble.

—Mr. A. W. McLean will leave tonight to return to Washington after spending two days at his office here. He expects to return with his family to Lumberton about the first of next year. The term for which Mr. McLean was appointed a director of the War Finance corporation lacks a year and a half of expiring having been appointed for a 4-year term and the Secretary of the Treasury is insisting that he hold on at least until next March, but Mr. McLean says that he has not agreed to do so and that his present plans are to return to his home here the first of the year. He is busy winding up the affairs of the War Finance corporation, which is one of the most important of the government boards which grew out of the World War.

TRAGEDY, NEAR GASTONIA.

Young Man Shot and Killed, Girl Seriously Wounded and Two Girls Assaulted.

A horrible tragedy occurred Sunday night near Gastonia when John Ford of Lincolnton was shot and killed, Miss Essie Beatty of Gastonia was seriously wounded and she and Miss Effie Grice of Gastonia were said to have been assaulted on a highway 3 miles from Gastonia, towards Bessemer City. The crimes were laid at the door of two unidentified negroes by the three surviving members of the automobile party involved, including Ransom Killian of Lincolnton. The story told by the survivors is that Killian and Miss Beatty had gotten out of the auto and Ford and Miss Grice had walked on around a bend; that a negro approached, firing and brandishing a pistol, wounding Miss Beatty after she and Killian had gotten back in the car and were trying to drive away; that then they were forced to get out and walk to where Ford and the other girl were; that in the meantime Ford had been shot by the other negro, and Killian was forced to carry Ford's body some distance and lay face downward, on pain of instant death; that the negroes then kept the girls about two hours and escaped on a freight.

A special to the Charlotte Observer says that many wild rumors are afloat, one being that a second auto full of young men was seen to leave Gastonia Sunday night and follow the auto in which Ford and Killian and the girls were riding; another is that a prominent citizen of the county is able to furnish the names of negroes who subjected him to the same humiliating experience on the same spot some time ago when he was out riding with a girl, with the exception that there was no shooting. It is claimed that he was robbed and that his companion was assaulted but that to avoid publicity and embarrassment nothing was said about it. Ford had received a threatening anonymous letter a short while before, warning him of danger if he did not keep away from Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Prevatt of Whiteville were among the visitors in town yesterday.

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