

Mrs. Bass Dies Of Injuries

Aged Woman Died This Morning as Result of Injuries Received When Knocked Out of Buggy by an Auto—Mr. Braddy Harrell Jailed But Probably Will Be Released This Afternoon.

CORONER'S JURY FINDS ACCIDENT UNAVOIDABLE

Mrs. Sarah M. Bass, aged about 60 years, died early this morning as a result of injuries received Friday morning when knocked out of a buggy by an automobile driven Mr. Braddy Harrell of St. Pauls township. The accident occurred on the Fayetteville road about 5 1-2 miles from Lumberton.

A coroner's inquest was held over the remains today and the verdict of the jury was that "deceased came to her death as a result of injuries received when auto driven by Braddy Harrell struck a buggy in which she was riding, the accident being unavoidable."

Mr. Harrell was arrested last night and placed in jail on two warrants, one charging that the defendant drove an automobile on the public highway when he appeared to be drunk and the other charging that the defendant drove an auto in a reckless and careless manner on the public highway, ran into and injured affiant and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah M. Bass. The warrants were sworn out by W. E. McLendon, who was in the buggy and driving at the time of the accident. It is expected that Mr. Harrell will be released under bond this afternoon.

The inquest was conducted by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, at the home of the deceased, near the scene of the accident. The jury was composed of Messrs. C. M. Barker, J. H. Floyd, J. R. Kinlaw, A. H. King, H. G. Webster and N. A. Russ.

The auto struck the buggy as it was entering the Fayetteville road from the Saddletree road. Mrs. Bass was thrown out of the buggy. She then walked back to her home, it is said.

Medals For Ex-Service Men

Chairman of Local Red Cross Chapter Has Received 250 State Medals to be Distributed to ex-Service Men of Robeson County.

Mr. J. P. Russell, chairman of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter, has received 250 State medals to be distributed to Robesonians who served in the army, navy or marines during the world war. If this number is not sufficient to supply the demand, other medals will be furnished. Every person who served in the army, navy or marine corps from this county is entitled to a medal and all that is necessary to get one is to present your discharge to Mr. Russell or a certified copy of discharge. The medal is given by the State and is very attractive. On the back of the bronze is inscribed: "Presented by the State of North Carolina for honorable service." The seal of the State is inscribed on the front and the words, "World War Service." The medal is suspended from a red, white and blue fob ribbon.

35,095 Bales Cotton Ginned

9,010 Fewer Bales Ginned in Robeson This Year to Nov. 1 Than Number Ginned to Same Date Last Year.

There were 35,095 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1920 prior to November 1, as compared with 44,105 to the same date from the crop of 1919, according to the records of Mr. J. A. McLeod, special agent.

Meeting Places for Community Service.

- Alfordville Monday night, Nov. 15.
 - Philadelphus Tuesday, Nov. 16.
 - Oakdale Wednesday, Nov. 17.
 - Floral College Thursday, Nov. 18.
 - Centenary Friday, Nov. 19.
 - Tabernacle Saturday, Nov. 20.
- Programme—Dr. Babcock's Milk Test (two reels); Legend of the Willow Plate; The Violet Ray; Capt. Jenks the Collier, (comedy); Dreamy Dud Cartoons (comedy).
- M. N. FOLGER, Director Community Service, J. R. POOLE, Supt. Schools Robeson County.

Error in Adv.

An error in the copy caused the ad of the Capitol department store, Fayetteville, inserted in Thursday's paper to read, "We aim always to give the most desirable merchandise at the lowest prices." The ad should have read, "We aim always to give the most merchandise at the lowest prices." The error was not made by The Robesonian, but was in the copy furnished the paper.

Mr. Robert Monroe of the Lumber Bridge section is a Lumberton visitor today.

Bethea Gets 30 Years In Pen

Negro Charged With Killing Deputy Sheriff Kitchin Submits to Second Degree Murder—Evidence Indicated That Fatal Shot Might Have Been Fired by Negro That Kitchin or Rural Policeman Smith Killed.

KITCHIN SAID HE GOT MAN WHO SHOT HIM

Thirty years in the State prison at hard labor was the sentence imposed upon John Henry Bethea, negro, charged with shooting and killing Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin, by Judge J. Lloyd Horton. Bethea entered a plea of second degree murder, which was accepted by the State. The trial came up Friday afternoon and was completed about 7:30 Friday evening. While no jury was impaneled in the case, the evidence was taken for the records. A special venire of 100 men had been summoned from which to select a jury.

Rural Policeman W. W. Smith, who was with Deputy Kitchin on the night of July 2, last, when he was shot, was the first witness put on by the State. Mr. Smith testified that he and Deputy Kitchin had started to search for a blockader on the night of the murder. When near the Seven Bridges they came upon a car stopped in the road. They stopped just before reaching the car for another man to pass. After the other man passed, Mr. Smith drove the car beside the one standing in the road. He then saw two women jump out of the car and run. This aroused his suspicion and Deputy Kitchin stepped out of the car and he followed. Deputy Kitchin went around in front of the car where John Henry Bethea was standing, and he (Smith) looked into the car. He found that the car was loaded with whiskey and called to Deputy Kitchin, advising him that the car was loaded with liquor. At that time the firing between Kitchin and Bethea began. He did not know who shot first. He started around the car and met Ben Bethea, John Henry's brother. Ben had something in his hand and he took no chances, but fired at him, the bullet entering Ben's forehead. He fired one other shot at Bethea as he was fleeing. Deputy Kitchin was following after Bethea and when he fired all the bullets from his pistol he called to Smith for his gun. Mr. Smith asked him not to shoot any more, as the two women were in the road about Bethea. Deputy Kitchin never fell, but told him he was paralyzed when they went back to the car. He then rushed Deputy Kitchin to Maxton and sent him to a hospital at Hamlet.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis testified that Smith told him the same story the next day after the killing and that the two women in the car told him that John Henry Bethea was the man in front of the car when the officers drove up. The women also told him that the men said they would kill any officer about their liquor. Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt, called to the stand, presented Deputy Kitchin's hat. The hat had two bullet holes in the brim, one in the front and one through the edge of the left side. No other witnesses were put on by the State.

The defense put on a number of character witnesses. J. D. Manning of Dillon, S. C., testified that he had known Bethea for a number of years and that up to the time of the killing his character was good. J. H. Meadows, an officer of the Bank of Little Rock, S. C., said he had known Bethea for a long time and considered him "a very good negro." After the killing the negro sent word to him that he had confidence in him and wanted him to advise him what to do. He informed him that he would have nothing to do with the matter until he placed himself in the hands of the law. Later Bethea, through somebody else, asked if he would take him to Columbia and see that he had good counsel if he surrendered to him. He sent the negro word that he would. Bethea came in and he carried him to Columbia in an auto and placed him in the county jail. While on the way to Columbia Bethea wanted to talk to him about the killing, but he advised the negro that all he wanted to know was, did he kill Deputy Kitchin. The negro said he would swear he did not shoot Kitchin.

J. D. Gibson, an attorney of Dillon, said he knew Bethea as "a good negro." F. M. Huggins, of Lumberton testified that he had known Bethea and never heard anything against him. T. L. Smith, an attorney, of Cheraw, S. C., testified that he had some dealings with Bethea and found him "all right."

E. B. McLaurin of McColl, S. C., testified that he was at the hospital at Hamlet the night Deputy Kitchin went there. He helped carry him to the operating room. He asked the officer how it happened, that Deputy Kitchin said he did not know, but he killed the man that got him.

W. B. McLaurin of Marlboro county, South Carolina, testified that Rural Policeman W. W. Smith told him he did not know who killed Ben Bethea, he or Deputy Kitchin.

Maggie Barnes, colored, testified that she was one of the two women in the car the night Deputy Kitchin was shot; that she, her sister, Cain Manning, Ben Bethea and John Hen-

Wrangel's Army Wiped Out

Army of Anti-Bolshevik Leader in South Russia is Wiped Out and a Number of His Generals Have Committed Suicide.

A Constantinople dispatch of the 14th states that the army of General Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik commander in South Russia, has been wiped out and a number of his generals have committed suicide. A mob in Sebastopol has pillaged the American Red Cross stocks. This dispatch says that the fighting at Perekok was of the most desperate character. The Bolsheviks admit they lost 30,000 men killed. They claim to have taken 40,000 prisoners. They owe their success largely to the use of poison gas.

Saddletree Will Vote On Road Bonds

\$25,000 Bond Issue to be Voted on December 30—19 Townships Have Voted Road Bonds.

Saddletree township will vote on a \$25,000 bond issue for building roads on December 30. Twenty of the 25 townships in Robeson already have held elections and 19 voted bonds for building roads. Wishart is the only township to vote down a road bond issue. The election was ordered at the last meeting of the county commissioners.

Ex-Senator Geo. B. McLeod Has "Struck Oil"

Former Senator and Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod of Lumberton has struck oil in paying quantities in the Kansas oil fields, where he has been operating for some time. The Iola (Kan.) Daily Register of Nov. 10, in a story telling of a wonderful flow from "well No. 5, Larsen lease," which it describes as "a peach of a well," says:

"Well No. 4 on the Larsen, owned and operated by Senator McLeod (and 40 other men) was shot Sunday and has not been put on the pump yet, but is in a good one. No. 3 made a flush of 250 barrels a day and Nos. 1 and 2 came in around 200. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are pumping an average of 50 barrels a day as yet."

"Senator McLeod paid \$50 an acre for 200 acres in 20, 26, 21, yesterday and expects to do further developing. This is down nearly to Savonburg. The boys have faith in their ability to follow the rich pay. This oil is 34 gravity and commands a price of \$2.50 at the field tanks."

The paper referred to above gives about these wells a story nearly a column in length on the first page, first column.

Gasoline Comes Down One Cent.

Tank wagon prices of gasoline will be reduced one cent a gallon today in States in which the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and Louisiana operate, it was announced in New York last night.

Mr. R. K. Ivey of the Raynham section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Misses Elsie Thompson, Marion Allen and Margaret Pope, students at Meredith college, Raleigh, spent the week-end here visiting home-folks.

ry Bethea were all visiting; that they left home on the morning of July 2; that Ben Bethea stopped at a house between Raeford and Fayetteville and the others went on to Fayetteville; that the whiskey was placed in the car while it was stopped at the place Ben stopped; that a puncture of a front tire caused them to stop near the Seven Bridges; that John Henry was at the front of the car jacking it up when the officers came up. That she got out of the car when the officers came up so she would be on the ground and could run if anything happened. She did not see Cain Manning when the shooting took place and did not know where he was.

Caswell Breeden, colored, testified that Ben Bethea had shot a man "in the fore shoulder."

John Henry Bethea, the defendant, said he was 30 years old, that his home was near Little Rock and he owned around 100 acres of land where he lived; that he car he was driving on the night of the killing belonged to him; that he was married and has five children; that he was in the act of jacking up his car when he saw two men. One man came towards him and said "Don't run, or I'll shoot you." He asked, "What's the matter, white folks?" that as he turned a bullet struck his finger and he ran; that he had no gun and did not own a pistol. The defendant then told of his surrender to Mr. Meadows the last Saturday in July. He said that he spent a while at the home of a "pegg-legged" negro, near Maxton, after the shooting, leaving there about 2 o'clock the following morning. When asked how he got to the negro's house, he said he did not know, as he was lost.

John Henry is a black, thick-lipped negro and wears a mustache. The solicitor was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. G. B. Paterson of Maxton and T. L. Johnson and J. Dixon McLean of Lumberton, while the defendant was represented by the firm of Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor of Lumberton. A large crowd witnessed the trial, but there was no disorder.

Grand Jury Recommends New County Home

Suggests Passing Proper Legislation to Provide Adequate Facilities for Care of County's Dependents—Jury Makes Other Recommendations in Its Report.

The grand jury completed its work Thursday afternoon and made the following report:

We have passed upon 24 bills of indictment, returning 23 true bills and one not true bill.

We visited the jail in a body and found 13 prisoners—one white, one Indian and 11 negroes. We found three prisoners in jail who are serving terms in the chain gang but are physically unable to work. We found the jail well kept and in sanitary condition. We recommend that the walls of the jail be painted. Mr. Prevatt, the jailer, seems to be giving good service.

We visited the county home in a body, and found 10 inmates—4 whites, 2 Indians and four negroes. The inmates said they were well fed and well cared for. We found the buildings clean and in a sanitary condition. In our opinion the hog pens are kept too near the buildings and we recommend that they be kept at least two hundred yards from them.

We believe that the superintendent, Mr. Flowers, is giving as good service as possible, considering the present arrangements. We found some of the porches and walls needing repairs.

We need a new county home, with arrangements for more comfort, with less danger of fire and less waste of fuel, and we recommend that our Senators and Representatives in the General Assembly have enacted at the coming session if the Legislature such legislation as may be necessary to provide adequate facilities for the care of our dependents. This matter has been called to the attention of the county commissioners several times, but they have taken no action.

We visited the chain gang by committee. We found 27 prisoners—one white, 1 Indian and 25 negroes. They all appear to be in good health and getting plenty to eat. We found camps clean and in good condition, except that one tent needs patching or to be replaced by a new one. Some of the blankets are old and torn, and we recommend that new blankets be furnished. We found the hog-pen too near the camp and we recommend that they keep their hogs at least two hundred yards from the camp.

We visited the various county offices in the court house in a body and found them in good condition. We found a leak in the office of the board of health, which has caused some of the plastering to fall. The sheriff's office below is damaged by same leak.

We recommend that the bridges of the county under the supervision of county commissioners have necessary attention at once.

We recommend that some steps be taken to make witnesses more prompt in their attendance at court, as much time is lost in this way.

We wish to express our appreciation of consideration and courtesy of your honor and other officers.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. WISHART.

U. D. C. MEET NEXT IN ST. LOUIS.

North Carolina Won the Banner For Largest Number of New Members in Children's Chapters.

St. Louis won over Birmingham for the 1921 meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Grand division at the 27th annual convention in Asheville last week.

Miss Katherine Van Bibber of Baltimore won the \$100 prize for her best peace essay offered by Mrs. John C. Brown. Several thousands of dollars were raised on the floor of the convention on an appeal from Mrs. Norman Randolph of Virginia, chairman of the Confederate woman's relief. One of the first subscribers was Mrs. Richard Lee, aged 91, of Philadelphia, who claims to be the oldest delegate. Another subscriber was Mrs. John Jones of New York, who says she has attended every annual convention of the U. D. C.

North Carolina won the banner for having the largest number of new members in the children's chapters last year, 150 having joined in this state.

Music Recital at Parkton Nov. 19th.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Nov. 12.—On the evening of the 19th at 7:30 o'clock, the music class of the Parkton graded school will give its fall recital in the auditorium.

MISS ANNIE WILLIAMSON, Directress.

Six Children Trampled to Death. Six children between 2 and 10 years old were trampled to death in a moving picture show in New York Sunday, in the East Side Italian quarter, as a result of panic following a cry of fire caused by smoke from a paper-clogged furnace flue.

As the outcome of rivalry between opposing sides at a corn shucking bee Thursday at Roan Mountain, Tennessee, Paul Goodson, aged 16, was shot and killed by Earl Powell, aged 17.

Trawlow To Pay Mr. Spell \$2,500

Man Who Shot Red Springs Attorney Following Auto Collision Pays Heavy Damages—Dr. Locklear's Road Sentence Changed to Fine—Other Cases.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases closed Friday evening and Judge J. Lloyd Horton, who presided, left at 8:50 the same evening for his home at New Bern. A large number of cases was disposed of during the term. The cases aired after his report of the proceedings published in Thursday's paper were prepared were: Eury Chavis, crime against nature, found guilty. The jury found that Chavis was insane and ordered that he be carried to the criminal insane hospital, Raleigh.

Walter Oxendine, carrying concealed weapons; not prosessed with leave. Will Walters, bigamy; plead guilty; sentenced to 9 months on the roads.

Will Mercer, trespass; plead guilty; fined \$100 and cost.

Agnes Howell, fornication and adultery; prayer for judgment continued until the July 1921 term.

Broadas Hayes, violating automobile laws; plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Bobbie Johnson, resisting officer, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost. Ira Horn, seduction; prayer for judgment continued upon condition that he pay the prosecuting witness, Annie Evans, \$500.

Rich Wall, abuse of female child under 14 years old; plead guilty; sentenced to 3 years on the roads.

Howard Justice, seduction; judgment continued until the January term, 1921, at which time the defendant must show that he has paid the prosecuting witness, Mary Overstreet, \$500 and paid the cost. His bond was fixed at \$1,000, which he made.

Clarence Trawlow, three charges: carrying concealed weapons, nuisance and assault with intent to kill; judgment suspended upon payment of cost and \$2,500 to the prosecuting witness, A. P. Spell, which was accepted in settlement of all civil damages. Trawlow was charged with shooting Mr. Spell on the Lumberton-Red Springs roads some three months ago when the auto in which he was riding collided with one driven by Mr. Spell.

H. B. Culbreth, violating the automobile laws; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Judge Horton changed the sentence of Dr. G. W. Locklear from a 12-months sentence to begin in if in Robeson county on January 1, 1921, to a fine of \$250. Dr. Locklear was charged with marrying a white woman and living with her in this State in violation of the law which prohibits inter-marriage of races.

Campaign For Better Schools

Campaign Launched to Arouse Interest in Higher Education and Care of State's Unfortunates.

Following a powerful exhortation delivered by Gov. Bickett here tonight at a banquet of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, attended by 600 representative men and women of the State—an exhortation to find a way to make the State school system more effective, to extend the facilities of the higher institutions of learning and to care for the unfortunates of the State—J. E. Latham of Greensboro proposed a plan to remedy conditions, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Latham backed his plan with money, heading a subscription list of 8 men and one woman who gave \$500 apiece to start the thing off.

The scheme involves a campaign to inform the people of North Carolina by means of newspapers, public meetings and advertisements of conditions, which speakers here tonight characterized as deplorable, and to endeavor to arouse such an interest in higher education and the care of North Carolina's unfortunates that there will be kindled among citizens and taxpayers an emphatic demand for adequate provision for all young men and women seeking a higher education as well as those unfortunates who are the special objects of the State's interest and care.

The plea of Gov. Bickett for better schools—rural, city, high—for better educational facilities so that young men and young women need not be turned away from the colleges, as 2,508 of them were turned away this year, was a very strong one. He told of the prosperity of the State, richest of all the Southern States, and said that the people should be willing to spend whatever is necessary to make North Carolina first in education and the care of her unfortunates. This is no time for retrenchment along that line, he said.

Case of Smallpox at Chain Gang Camp.

A case of smallpox has developed at the county chain gang, a negro prisoner being affected. Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, went to the camps, near Fairmont, this morning to render medical aid.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST

Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.

COTTON MARKET. Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 17 1-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Pat C. Carroll and Nannie C. Johnson; Harold L. Townsend and Helen Monroe.

—Miss Podie Todd of the Bellamy section has accepted a position as saleslady in Mr. K. M. Biggs' store. She began work this morning.

—Mrs. J. F. Robinson of Laurinburg brought her small son to Dr. W. W. Parker of Lumberton to have his eyes examined yesterday.

—A large number of soldiers, transferring from Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S.C., camped here Saturday night. They are making a cross-country trip on army trucks.

—Mr. W. J. DuBois, proprietor of the DuBois bakery, has recently installed a refrigerator and meat slicer. Mr. DuBois will give a demonstration Thursday afternoon of this week from 3 to 6. Hot coffee, cakes, crackers and sandwiches will be served free to ladies.

—Mr. A. D. Prevatt has sold his farm at Pembroke and will move with his family the last of December or the first of the year to a farm he has purchased in Bladen county, 12 miles below Clarkton, on the Clarkton-White Hall road. Mr. Prevatt and his son Mr. Clarence Prevatt were Lumberton visitors Friday.

—Ben Venum, colored, was arrested Thursday by Chief of Police D. M. Barker on the charge of larceny. He was carried before Recorder E. M. Britt immediately after his arrest and sentenced to seven months on the roads. The evidence was that Venum relieved another colored man of a suit of clothes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Townsend, who were married on the 3rd inst., returned this morning from their bridal trip. They visited Niagara Falls and other points of interest in Canada, New York and other Northern cities. They will live at the home of the bride's father, Mr. C. M. Fuller, Chestnut and Sixth streets.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

"In Plenty, Security and Peace Our People Face the Future," Says the President in Calling for Observance of the National Thanksgiving Day. President Wilson issued his Thanksgiving proclamation Friday night saying that "in plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future" and setting aside Thursday, November 25, for the usual observances. The text follows:

"The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and preoccupations of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God for his manifold goodness.

"This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thought and habit. The burdens and the stresses of life have their own insistence.

"We have abundant cause for thanksgiving. The lessons of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freedom, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of its nation, has resumed the useful pursuits of peace, as simply and as promptly as it rushed to arms in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our laws has received steady vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing.

"In plenty, security and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties, its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties; the strength, both of hand and resolve, to discharge them; the soundness of the heart to realize that the truest opportunities are those of service.

"In a spirit, then, of devotion and stewardship, we should give thanks in hearts and dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to his children.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and his blessings, and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgments."

There was another break of 1-4 cent a pound in the price of raw sugar Thursday, states a New York dispatch, with Cubas selling at 6 cents cost and freight, a new low record for the season. The decline came under continued pressure from producing countries and the poor demand for refined sugar.