

RECORDER'S COURT

Testimony of Witnesses in Trial of Tommie Phillips and Prentiss Barker—Other Cases.

In Thursday's Robesonian mention was made of the trial Tuesday of last week of Tommie Phillips and Prentiss Barker on the charge of manufacturing whiskey.

Mr. I. J. Flowers, the star witness for the State, testified as follows: Was met by Officers A. H. Prevatt and A. R. Pittman and asked to go with them. He did not know at the time where they were going.

When they neared the still Officer Prevatt gave orders to rush upon the still. Two men ran away from the still. He recognized one as Tommie Phillips, but did not know the other. Barker was seated upon a keg at the still and remained seated.

Mr. I. J. Wilkins, the second witness put on by the State, told of the officers going to his home and deputizing him to go with them on the raid. He saw the still and three men from the cypress log.

The evidence of Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman practically corroborated that of the other two State witnesses. Barker told him that the man had told him he was going to make a "run" and to call and get some whiskey.

Henderson Bullard, who lives in the section where the still was located, saw the still on December 24, last, and again on December 29.

Mr. Spurgeon Baxley testified that he had gone with Bullard to the still on December 29. Bullard farms for Mr. Baxley, who stated that Bullard had told him about finding the still.

Barker's testimony was that he owned no interest in or assisted in operating the still. He had never seen a still before. That Jeff Phillips told him on Saturday night before that he was going to make a "run" soon and he could get some whiskey.

Tommie Phillips' testimony was that he had been advised by his son, Jeff, that he was going to make a "run" that morning and that Jeff invited him to go over and get a drink. He was cutting cross ties on the Barker land, about a half-mile away from the still.

Hubert Smith and Rich Milligan, an affray; judgement suspended upon payment of cost. Smith and Milligan engaged in a fist fight at the Independent barber shop last Saturday, according to the evidence.

Andrew McNeill, colored, was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to six months on the roads. He gave no plea of appeal and made appeal bond.

53 Million Less For 58 Million More of Tobacco

Entire Country Gets Quarter Billion Less But at That North Carolina Farmers Get Better Prices Than the Country's Average; State Produces Fourth of Nation's Tobacco; Wilson Again Leads World in Sales

Tobacco farmers in North Carolina raised 58 million more pounds of tobacco in 1920 than they raised in 1919 and got 53 million dollars less money for it, according to the season's report from the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service.

But at that North Carolina farmers are in better condition, despite disastrously low prices, than is the average tobacco grower throughout the country. Price per pound has averaged a little higher on Tar Heel markets than it has averaged elsewhere, except the relatively unimportant state of Wisconsin.

The season's end a year ago carried an average price per pound of 51.63 cents for a total of 295 million pounds. This year the Government estimate places the yield at 384 million and the average price for all markets in the State has fallen 25 cents per pound.

The unhappy story of the North Carolina grower's travail is duplicated in every State where tobacco is grown for 1920. A great crop of inferior quality has been raised, and the price has tumbled down to below the producing cost.

Drop Quarter Billion A year ago the entire country had received for its crop a total of \$556,709,000, and this year it falls to a little more than 300 million dollars. A quarter of a billion dollars has been taken away from the grower for more tobacco than he ever had before.

Lowest In December December was the worst month from the standpoint of prices in the entire season according to the report. The average price paid in 159 markets in the State was only \$17.27 cents per hundred pounds as against 55 cents for the same month a year ago.

Wilson again led the State during the season with 33 million pounds sold, with Winston-Salem second with 28 million. The next highest in order were Greenville, 22 million; Kingston, 20 million; Rocky Mount, 15 million and Farmville and Oxford, 8 million each.

British Blamed for Conditions in Ireland

What is alleged to be the sworn testimony of some 70 eye-witnesses, describing the burning of public buildings and stores in Cork December 11-12, last, as unprovoked and unjustifiable, and the prevailing condition of Ireland under British military rule as one of "lawless terrorism" was issued Jan. 20 by the Irish labor party and trades union congress through the medium of the London headquarters of the British labor party.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina Masons held its annual meeting in Raleigh last week. J. Bailey Owen of Henderson was elected grand master.

Joe Willis was given a hearing before Assistant Recorder L. J. Britt Monday on the charge of disposing of mortgaged property. He was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days on the roads with the right to stay off the roads if he satisfied the mortgage.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Department of State.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION To All to Whom These Presents May Come: Greeting: WHEREAS, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceeding for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Pembroke Mercantile Company, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at No. 121 E. Street, in the Town of Pembroke, county of Robeson, State of North Carolina (A. A. Thagard being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1921.

J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State. ROBERT E. LEE, Attorney for Corporation. 1-4-4 Thrus.

HISTORY OF LUMBERTON

By Bertha A. Dagenhart, Class of '21 of Lumberton High School.

The first existence of the town, now called Lumberton, was a few wooden buildings, and a grocery store or two. Before the railways came through there was a highway dirt road, leading from Fayetteville to Whiteville via Lumberton and Lumberton served as the connecting place between the two towns.

There was much lumber consisting of mostly pine trees. These were cut and rafted down the "Drowning Creek" to Georgetown, South Carolina, and there made into lumber. This method of industry won for the place the name Lumberton, and "Drowning Creek" took the name Lumbee from the town. Securing the sap from the numerous pine trees and refining it, was known as the Turpentine industry, which was a very important industry, for some time.

Lumberton is backed by a rich farming section, with large quantities of cotton, corn, and tobacco. It lies on the main railway line between Rutherfordton and Wilmington, and one line to Marion junction, and one to Hogg Mills, N. C., connecting with the Atlantic Coast Line from New York to Florida.

It has four large tobacco warehouses, in which millions of pounds of tobacco is sold during the season. The Kingsdale Lumber Co., has a large plant here, employing quite a number of people. From the large timbered forests, heavy trees are cut, and hauled by train roads to this plant. On the bank of the Lumbee, near the heart of the business part of the town, is a modern Foundry that is capable of making most any castings used for commerce or for the farm.

Progress

The building of the cotton mills marks the progress of Lumberton. From that time forward the town progressed rapidly from the small village, on the banks of the Lumbee, until, today we see a very large town. It has grown from the small wooden buildings into enormous brick buildings, and large modern homes with beautiful lawns.

—Bertha A. Dagenhart, '21.

Governor Morrison Will Visit Fayetteville January 29th.

Governor Cameron Morrison has accepted the invitation of Brigadier General A. J. Bowley, commanding officer at Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, to visit the camp formally on Saturday of this week.

The forthcoming visit of Governor Morrison to Camp Bragg is in part a return of the courtesies extended the State by the camp commander at the time of the induction of the new administration. General Bowley, with four regimental commanders stationed at the camp, took part in the inaugural ceremonies.

The gubernatorial party will be tendered a luncheon at the post, and afterwards will be taken to the heavy artillery range where there will be an exhibition of fire. Later Governor Morrison will review the five regiments at Camp Bragg. Tentative plans are under consideration for an address by the Governor in Fayetteville that evening.

BUIE NEWS BATCH

Some Farms Have Changed Hands Signs of Better Times.

By W. H. M. Brown Buie, Jan. 17.—Some changes have taken place through this community in the way of land being sold. Two good sized farms have been sold recently near the Philadelphia high school, this school being a high and farm-life school, situated in one among the best communities in Robeson, and being in the midst of one of the best farming communities makes land very desirable through here.

Brown and Miss Amanda. Until they moved they had been for the past few weeks living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McMillan. Miss Nettie Britt, a nurse from the Cumberland general hospital, Fayetteville, came down and spent Monday at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Britt.

Cotton seems to be advancing some in price and many things seem to be brightening up, and on a whole taking everything in consideration in all probability, the country is in a better condition than it was a year ago. We should ever be reminded of the fact that we have much to be thankful for, so far we have not had a severe winter, and there has not been much sickness.

On next Sunday at 3:30, Rev. O. I. Hinson, is expected to fill his regular monthly appointment at the Ebenezer M. E. church, Sunday school will be at the usual hour 2:30.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 22.—High schools all over North Carolina are joining the high school debating union and are preparing for the ninth annual state-wide debate in March. Thus far 224 schools have already announced their intention of participating, according to E. R. Rankin, secretary of the union, and others are expected to join in the next few weeks.

Advertisement for 'The Martyr's Crown' by Dana Gatlin. Text includes: 'Does your husband (or your wife) wear a martyr's crown?', 'Playing the martyr is a favorite game with husbands and wives. Both can't play it at once so the one who does it first achieves an unfair advantage.', 'GOOD HOUSEKEEPING for February', 'On sale now — at all newsstands Pope Drug Co., Distributors.'

Advertisement for Ford cars. Text includes: 'WHY WAIT? Prices Will Not Be Reduced', 'TO ALL FORD DEALERS: Detroit, December 29, 1920', 'Several inquiries have recently come to us concerning the likelihood of another reduction in the price of our cars, and as these inquiries no doubt emanate from prospective purchasers, we want to state again with greater emphasis that Ford cars are already being sold at a figure actually below cost and for an indefinite period another reduction or change in design is entirely out of the question and not at all contemplated.'