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. Testimony of witnesses had been put in type for Thursday's paper but was crowded out. It was as follows:

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. They went to Bellamy and there were joined by Mr. I. J. Wilkins. Were later joined by "old man German." They drove down the Whiteville road and left the car near Pine Log Island branch. Went into the woods, following the run of the branch some distance. Walked up on a cypress log and saw the still and three men about it. The three men were busy, one was pouring something into the still, one stooped over at the slop barrel and one was cutting wood. The three men all appeared to be busy. Recognized one of the men to be Tommie Phillips. Watched thestill and men from the log for about 30 minutes. Then began to move towards the still.

When they neared the still Officer Prevatt gave orders to rush upon the still. Two men ran away from the He recognized one as Tommie Phillips, but did not know the other. Barker was seated upon a keg at the still and remained seated. Barker was asked who the men that ran were and he said he did not know them. He followed after the fleeing ones and heard a man wading in the swamp. Concealed himself and Tommie Phillips soon walked out upon the island. He called upon Tommie to halt and Tommie replied that he be if he did it. He then told Tommid that he knew who he was and that he might as well stop. He agair cursed and said he would not. He then advised him that he would see if he would stop and then Phillips agreed and came towards him. Barker stated at the time that he had nothing to do with the still and had gone there to get him a drink. Barker claimed a glass jug, saying that it was his water jug and that he had carried it to the still to get some whiskey. He had since learned that the third man, the one who escaped, was Jeff Phillips son of Tommie. Mr. I. J. Wilkins, the second wit-

ness put on by the State, told of the officers going to his home and deputising him to go with them on the raid. He saw the still and three men from the cypress log. All three appeared to be busy about the still. He bucket at the still, which was in operation and the whiskey beginning to drop. When he reached the still kets in the State was only 217.02 has four large cotton mills, two spacious department stores and many grocery stores. It has a big me in trouble and I want to go make bond and get out of it."

The evidence of Rural Policeman A. that of the other two State's witman had told him he was going to make a "run" and to call and get some whiskey. The three witnesses the still there was no smoke, but soon a black smoke was rising from

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

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 be-"run' soon and he could get some whiskey. On Monday morning Jeff came by his place about 8 o'clock and told him that he was going to party. nake a "run" and to come to the still, teiling him where it was located and get some whiskey. That after he reached the still about 10 o'clock Jeff showed him about the still and explained to him how it was operated. J-ff was the only man who operated the still while he was there. Tom-1 in the sum of \$400. mie Fhillips did not assist Jeff in any vay in operating the still. He could Was "dashed" when he saw the offi-

Jeff. that he was going to make a tagee. "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. That he did not own or Greeting: assist in operating the still and did WHFREAS, It appears to my satisfaction, by not see Barker assisting in the operation of the still. Jeff had assis-

Recorder Fuller are: Hubert Smith and Rich Milligan, an affray; judgement suspended upon payment of cost. Smith and Milligan engaged in a fist fight at the Independent harbor show less Secretary of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 3rd day of January 1921, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in

weapons and was sentenced to six months on the roads. He gave no- ROBERT E. LEE.

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

bacco and sold it for \$97,182.000.

bottom of the list with an average slightly grow a rude Methodist lina's 25.3 per pound.

From 53 To 25 Cents. ter of low prices.

inferior quality has been raised, and built, and the growth began. the price has tumbled down to below the producing cost. In the entire Lumberton is backed by a rich country there were 1, 894,000 acres farming section, at \$318,359.000.

Drop Quarter Billion find themselves.

Lowest In December have got kets in the State was only \$17.27 power plant, affording lights and cents per hundred pounds as against water for the city, the power coming 53 cents for the same month a year from the Yadkin River Power Co., ago. Mebane led the State in prices situated on the Pee Dee River sev-R. Pittman practically coroborated for the month, paying an average of eval miles away. Lumberton has a 29 cents. The next highest in order semi-weekly paper, a printing office, nesses. Barker told him that the were: Roxboro, 27; Apex, 27; Bur- that furnishes the people with lington, 22; Durham. 21.

testified that when they first spied sold, with Winston-Salem second an ice plant and furnishes the town with 28 million. The next highest with pure ice. One will find many in order were Greenville, 22 million; Kinston, 20 million; Rocky Mount, 15 million and Farmville and Oxford, 8 million each.-Raleigh News and ing implements. Observer.

> British Blamed for Conditions in Ireland.

What is alleged to be the sworn ber 11-12, last, as unprovoked and dition of Ireland under British milfore that he was going to make a labor party and trades union congress ism." was issued Jan. 20 by the Irish headquarters of the British labor

> lina Masons held its annual meeting as to bring comfort to the crowds of in Raleigh last week. J. Bailey people, who worship there. Pipe or-Owen of Henderson was elected gans pianos and other musical instrugrand master.

Joe Willis was given a hearing before Assistant Recorder L. J. Britt boys and girls for college. The Robehave run when the officers approached | Monday on the charge of disposing | sonian, a fine semi-weekly paper, beof mortgaged property. He was gun in 1870 by Rev. W, S. McDiarmid, found guilty and sentenced to 30 days plays no little part in the industrial Tommie Phillips' testimony was on the roads with the right to stay world of Lumberton. The business that he had been advised by his son, off the roads if he satisfied the mor-

> STATE OF UORTH CAROLINA Department of State.

CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

Greeting: ted him in cutting ties in the same woods some days before, but was not assisting him on the day the still was captured. He had started away from the still when he learned that the officers were approaching and kept going, but only left in his usual gait.

Other cases recently aired before Recorder Fuller are:

unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Pembroke State, whose principal office is situated at No.—Stree, 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 Dissoluunanimous consent of all the stockholders. to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolu-

NOW THEREFORE, I. J. Bryan Grimes dependent barber shop last Saturday, according to the evidence. But little disturbance was created and both combattants escaped without serious injury.

Andrew McNeill, colored, was found guilty of carrying concealed to severe the same and was sentenced to severe the same and severe to set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1921.

J. Bryan Grimes,

J. Bryan Grimes,

co of appeal and made appeal bond Atterney for Corporation

HISTORY OF

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

The first existence of the town, the Country's Average; State Pro- now called Lumberton, was a few duces Fourth of Nation's Tobacco; wooden buildings, and a grocery store Wilson Again Leads World in Sales or two. Before the railways came Tobacco farmers in North Carolina through there was a highway dirt raised 58 million more pounds of to- road, leading from Fayetteville to bacco in 1920 than they raised in Whiteville via Lumberton and Lum-1919 and got 53 million dollars less berton served as the connecting place money for it according to the sea- between the two towns. There was son's report from the North Carolina much lumber consisting of mostly Crop Reporting Service. From a to- pine trees. These were cut and tal acreage of 582.000 acres they rafted down the "Drowning Creek" gathered 384,120,000 pounds of to- to Georgetown, South Carolina and there made into lumber. This But at that North Carolina far- method of industry won for the place mers are in better condition, despite the rame Lumberton, and "Drowning disastrously low prices, than is the Creek" took the name Lumbee from average tobacco grower throughout the town. Securing the sap from the country. Price per pound has the numerous pine trees and refining averaged a little higher on Tar Heel it, was known as the Turpentine inmarkets than it has averaged else-dustry which was a very important where, except the relatively unim- industry, for some time. At first portant state of Wisconsin. Ken-there was no church nearer than tucky stands-or perhaps lies would Back Swamp church, about six miles be more nearly the word-at the away, but as the town began to of 15 cents as against North Caro- church was built in the town. An old colored man named "Uncle" Mose Wood raised the tunes in the The season's end a year ago car- wnite folks churches as there was ried an average price per pound of 51. no organs or pianos or any musical 63 cents for a total of 295 million instruments of any kind. He was pounds. This year the Government an old negro with only one leg, who estimate places the yield at 384 mil- crawled about from place to place in lion and the average price for all the church, but walked upon crutches markets in the State has fallen 25 elsewhere. Gradually the other cents per pound. The Crop Report- churches found their places in the ing Service suggests curtailment of town. There were about thirteen acreage as the remedy for the disas- saloons in Lumberton, but they were prohibited a long time ago. For The unhappy story of the North fifteen or twenty years after, Lum-Carolina grower's travail is duplica- berton seemed to stand still, but the ted in every State where tobacco is people realized that it was a good grown for 1920. A great crop of farming country. Cotton mills were Industries:

of tobacco planted, with an average large quantities of action, corn, and yield of 796 pounds to the acre, or a tobacco. It lies on the main railtotal of 1,508,064,000 pounds, selling way line between Rutherfordton and at an average of 21 cents per pound. Wilmington, and one line to Marion The total value of the crop is placed junction, and one to Hope Mills. N C., connecting with the Atlantic Coast Line from New York to Flori-A year ago the entire country had da. It has four large tobacco warereceived for its crop a total of \$556 houses, in which millions of pounds 709,000, and this year it falls to a of tobacco is sold during the season ittle more than 300 million dollars. The Kingsdale Lumber Co., has a A quarter of a billion dollars has large plant here employing quite a been taken away from the grower number of people. From the large for more tobacco than he ever had be- timbered forests, heavy trees are cut fore. It is reported that there are and hauled by train roads to this still large stocks of high priced to- plant. On the bank of the Lumbee, bacco brought over from the 1919 near the heart of the business part crop, and reduction of the crop for of the town, is a modern Foundry 1921 is suggested as the only reme- that is capable of making most any dy for the condition in which growers castings used for commerce or for the farm. Lumberton has three large banks, a bakery, a laundry, December was the worst month two hospitals, and a huge hotel. It staticiary, books, and writings. Wilson again led the State during Lumberton has an oil mill, where cotthe season with 33 million pounds ton seed are crushed into oil. It has thriving business houses in Lumberton handling furniture, clothing, shoes, groceries, dry goods and 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, testimony of some 70 eye-witnesses, until, today we see a very large town. describing the burning of public It has grown from the small wooden buildings and stores in Cork Decem- buildings into enermous brick buildings, and large modern homes with unjustifiable, and the prevailing con- beautiful lawns. It has concrete side dition of Ireland under British mil-itary rule as one of "lawless terror-the place of the muddy walks and streets. Steel bridges are found taking the place of the wooden ones. through the medium of the London It has modern sewerage, electric lights and water works. Seven churches of different denominations take the place of the small church, The Grand Lodge of North Caro- and they are heated in such a way ments take the place of "Uncle" Mose. It has a modern graded school with large play grounds and a high school building that prepares men of Lumberton are public spirited, and are hustling our town forward. and very soon she will be the very best town in North Carolina.

-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 insugural 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 regi-ments at Camp Bragg. Tentative. plans are under consideration for an address by the Governor in Fayette-1-5-4 Thurs. ville 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 take place through this community in the way of land being sold. Two good sized farms have been sold recently near the Philadelphus 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 the best farming communities makes land very desirable through here.

Brown and Miss Amanda. they moved they had been for the Mr. and Mrs. Walter McMillan.

the Cumberland general hospital, | will be at the usual hour 2:30. Fayetteville, came down and spent Monday at the home of her father and mother, Mr. andMrs. A. Britt. Cotton seems to be advancing some

in price and many things seems to in all probability, the country is in have recently moved with Mr. I. T. a severe winter, and there has not weeks.

Until been much sickness. On next Sunday at 3:30, Rev. O. past few weeks living at the home of I. Hinson is expected to fill his regular monthly appointment at the Miss Nettie Britt, a nurse from Buie M. E. church, Sunday school

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 22.-High schools all over North Carolina are joining the high school debating unbe brightening up, and on a whole ion and are preparing for the ninth taking everything in consideration annual state-wide debate in March. Thus far 224 schools have already a better condition than it was a year announced their intention of partiago. We should ever be remindful cipating, according to E. R. Rankin, of the fact that we have much to be secretary of the union, and others Mr. Peyton McMillan and family thankful for, so far we have not had are expected to join in the next few

Home Spring fashions Managing The articles devoted 14 pages of Spring Does your husband to every problem of Fashions; from Paris home-managing are and New York, the prepared by Good latest eveninggowns (or your wife) Housekeeping Instiand wraps, hats, tute. They include frocks, sport clothes, interior decorating, blouses, suits, bewear a martyr's crown? soap-making, severtween-seasonfrocks, time-saving children's dresses, schedules of workthe newest silk pating hours for the terns, and a practical housewife. And dozens of other lesson in home-Playing the martyr is a favorite game dressmaking. features with husbands and wives. Both can't play it at once so the one who does it first achieves an unfair advantage. The re-84 features Fiction Good Housekeeping sults are various; sometimes happy but Stirring and first rate for February confiction by such great most frequently disastrous. tains 84 features something for every Locke, james member of the fam-Andy and Corinna had been married elev-Oliver Curwood, ily, adult or child. Dana Gatlin, Fanny en months - and then the game started. Expertly written, Heaslip Lea, Juliet beautifully illustra-Wilbor Tompkins, How it was played is told by Dana Gatlin in "The Martyr's Crown"—a story for married people or those about to be mar-Cooking For the kiddies 36 new recipes-ev-Cut-outs in color; the ery one tasted and cunning Dwarfies(in tested by the Depart-It contains a message, a promise, and a color, too)by Johnny ment of Cookery of Gruelle, And for solemn warning. Read it in Good Housekeeping parents: gifts for the Institute. Savory, baby; the child and delightful dishes, the public school. easily made and served. GOOD Why not HOUSEKEEPING Health subscribe? and beauty Dr. Wiley on the dis-You'll find it more eases to be guarded convenient receiving Good Houseagainst between the keeping regularly by ages of twenty and for February mail rather than buyforty. Nora Mullane on health and beauty ing it each month. for the girl in busi-And your newsdealness. Also Dr. Wier will be only too On sale now — at all newsstands glad to take your ley's regular depart-Pope Drug Co., Distributors subscription and atment: The Question tend to the details.

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.

We believe the public will be fair enough to fully appreciate the frankness of the above when they consider the extent of our recent price cut which was in fact the equivalent of several reductions in one, in our desire to contribute toward satisfying their demands for lower living costs notwithstanding our sacrifice in marketing our cars at a loss until we are able to materially reduce present costs through lower material prices and greater manufacturing efficiency. While we have of course made some progress in bringing down operating costs, we still have a long way to go before any thought can be given to further reductions in present car prices, so we have no hesitancy in making these open statements to acquaint you with the true situation.

You can therefore give assurance to prospective purchasers of Ford cars that now is their real opportunity to buy below cost and obtain delivery. Everyone is familiar with the heavy demand for Ford cars in the Spring and this year will be no exception, as in spite of conditions, business is already rapidly accumulating, so that many who desire Ford cars will be obliged to wait perhaps until mid-summer for delivery causing considerable inconvenience and possibly financial loss, particularly to commercial customers

We expect you to protect the interests of prospective buyers in your community by placing these facts before them. Yours very truly

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