

Many Weapons But Few Wounds

Air Was Thick With "Weapons" But the Casualties Were Slight—Bullard-Roach Battle Followed Row Between Children—This and Other Matters Aired in Recorder's Court.

The trouble started about a former row between the children of Bullard and Roach, who live near together in the northern part of town.

Other cases aired in recorder's court this week were: Leslie Bullard and Theodore Watson, operating automobiles with muffler cut out open; Bullard found not guilty, Watson found guilty and taxed with one-half the cost of the action.

Joe Brooks and Jesse Locklear, temporary larceny of an auto; bound over to the Superior court under a \$50 bond each, which they made.

Joe Bass, operating auto while intoxicated; not guilty. Bass drove his King 8 against a tree on North Elm street Sunday and damaged it considerably, according to the evidence.

Home Made Still Captured

This Zinc Tub Affair Had 25 Pennies in It so the Juice Would be "Copper" Stilled—See?—Ben Freeman of Britt is in Jail to Answer.

A 30-gallon home-made whiskey still was captured near the home of Ben Freeman in Britt township Tuesday afternoon.

The still proper was made of a zinc tub and had 25 pennies in it, according to the officers. The coppers were placed in the still so the whiskey manufactured would be copper stilled, it is supposed.

Petition to Annex Part of Robeson to Hoke.

There is a petition going the rounds which is being signed to some extent, to be presented to the General Assembly asking that North Robeson be joined to Hoke county.

The boundary lines as drawn would give Red Springs, Shannon and Lumber Bridge to Hoke and leave Parkton for Cumberland's consideration.

We learn that the Senator from Cumberland-Hoke favors the measure. What Senator Varsler will do when the bill reaches him remains to be seen—Red Springs Citizen.

Residence of Rev. W. R. Woodell Burned at Raynham Last Night.

The residence of Rev. W. R. Woodell, Indian, at Raynham, was destroyed by fire last night. Very little furniture was saved.

The fire was discovered about 10:30 in the kitchen, and is supposed to have caught from the stove.

Red Springs Baptists Call Pastor.

The Rev. R. S. Kendrick, of Raeford, has been called to the Red Springs Baptist church, and it is hoped he will accept the call.

Mr. Kendrick accept, he will succeed Rev. C. V. Brooks, resigned.

The Baptist congregation is making some decided improvements in the grounds, which will enhance the value of the property and beautify the church surroundings.—Red Springs Citizen.

Bodiford-Rice. Mrs. Willa Bullock Rice and Mr. Clarence Bodiford were married Sunday night at the home of Justice Jno. H. McNeill, near Lumberton.

Lacy Prevatt's Condition Favorable

It is Thought Man Shot Near Buie Will Recover—Men Charged With Robbery of Freight Cars Will be Tried Next Monday Here.

The condition of Mr. Lacy Prevatt of Buie, who was shot from ambush late Friday afternoon of last week, is reported as favorable and it is now thought that he will recover.

John Henry Barton, alias "Befo Day" Barton, who is in jail charged with the shooting, Floyd McEachern, also colored, and Troy Thomas, Indian, who were also arrested in connection with the robbery of the freight cars, will be given a preliminary hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller here next Monday.

The new Ford touring car used by Floyd McEachern in hauling the stolen merchandise has been claimed by a man living in Raeford.

Good Price For Shipped Cotton

From 17 to 28 Cents for Low Grades Sent to Europe by the American Products Export and Import Corporation.

Prices of from 17 to 28 cents a pound for cotton ranging in grade from badly stained, for which there is no demand in America, to middlings, have been received from a shipload shipped to Czechoslovakia on December 25 by the American Products Export and Import corporation.

Report was received on this cotton sale by W. H. Pharr, secretary of the Mecklenburg county branch of the American Cotton association, some of the cotton having been grown by Mecklenburg county farmers.

Campaign headquarters for North Carolina has been opened at 313 West Trade street for the sale of stock in the American Products Export and Import corporation, in charge of E. O. Landis as campaign manager and F. S. Westbrook.

The sales of stock in this corporation have already reached \$28,000, Mr. Pharr reported yesterday, announcing that the gospel of the organization is going to be carried to the very doors of the cotton growers of Mecklenburg through a number of meetings to be held in each township, with Mr. Landis, Mr. Westbrook and others to present the corporation plans and prospects.—Charlotte Observer.

The foregoing is of special interest to Robeson county farmers. Mr. W. K. Bethune, campaign manager for the American Products Export and Import corporation for Robeson, says that sales of stock in this corporation in Robeson have reached about \$10,000.

FREE CHAUTAUQUA LECTURE.

Miss Ida A. Green, Noted Social Worker, Will Lecture at Chestnut Street Methodist Church Next Monday Evening on "The World's Good Samaritan."

Miss Ida A. Green, a noted social worker, will deliver a lecture at Chestnut Street Methodist church next Monday evening. Her subject will be "The World's Good Samaritan." The lecture will begin at 8:30 o'clock and other exercises which will precede it.

Miss Green has been engaged in social work for a number of years. She spent a year abroad while connected with the Associated Charities of Washington, D. C., living in a settlement in London studying social conditions there and on the continent.

Following that she went to the Y. W. C. A., and in 1919 she was in France nine months under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. She was an associate of "Pussyfoot" Johnson during his prohibition campaign in the British Isles, and it is said that "when Johnson was mobbed, fighting with his back to the wall, other women fainted but Miss Green stood her ground and fought like a tigress until overpowered."

Miss Green is a graduate of Oberlin college, Ohio, and has a master's degree from Michigan university. She is said to be a most interesting and entertaining speaker. The lecture will be free.

A flag will go to the grade at the graded school which secures the largest attendance.

Income Tax Man Here—At Maxton and Red Springs Next Week.

Maj. R. J. Lamb, deputy collector of the internal revenue department, Raleigh division, will be in Lumberton today, tomorrow and Saturday for the purpose of assisting those who have to file Federal income tax returns. He will be at Maxton February 21 and 22 and at Red Springs February 23 and 24.

Mr. Eugene Cole of Dunn is among the visitors in town today.

Parkton News Letter

An Interesting Basketball Game—Two Bumped Up Noses From Startin' er Up—Time for Early Gardening—Horse Got Tired of Waiting and Went Home Without the Young Sport Who Drove to See His Girl—Personal Mention.

By C. D. Williamson. Parkton, Feb. 15.—Philadelphus high school basketball team played a most interesting game here Monday evening. It was snappy from beginning to finish. The score was 14 to 14 and the tie was attempted but it remained even when the captains of the teams called the game off.

Mrs. Middleton of Laurinburg is on a visit to her sister Mrs. O. L. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs went down to Clon, S. C., Friday, visiting relatives, and returned Monday a. m. Mr. J. H. Stubbs, of Fayetteville was a visitor to home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill and two children, Helen Marie and Justin, Jr., came up Saturday evening, visiting home folks, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mr. C. A. Roach is erecting a nice bungalow in the southern part of town. Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Hall, on last Thursday, a fine boy; and to Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins today a fine girl.

Mr. L. M. Powell, machinist, was attempting to crank the Delco dynamo plant of the Parkton Merc. Co. this afternoon and the crank flew off striking Mr. Powell on his nose, breaking the bone and causing him much pain. Dr. D. S. Currie immediately bound up the wound and the patient is resting as well as could be expected after such an accident.

We see Mr. Neill A. McMillan wearing a bad scar on his nose from the effect of a Buick car which kicked him senseless, but he is going right along as if nothing had happened.

We are glad to learn Mr. C. A. Beddenhamer is much better and is out some after being housed in for a week or more. Also Mr. J. S. Jenerigan is much better.

This is time for gardening and if you want early Irish potatoes, English peas and a number of other early varieties, better get busy. But how about early spring buddies, when we haven't heard a hen cluck this year? They just won't set.

How about that young sport that went to call on a young girl Sunday night? Well, he drove horse and buggy instead of his Ford, and before time to start home the horse, not enjoying the night air, succeeded in losing himself where he was hitched and soon was in high gear for home. The young man had the pleasure of walking home and when he arrived home was surprised to find the horse and buggy safe at home, both unharmed.

But the joke was on him. He had told a younger brother prior to his journey that he was going with "H. B." and the little fellow enquired who was "H. B." and finally was advised "H. B." meant horse and buggy; and at breakfast next morning says, you said you were going with "H. B." but how did you come back? answer, "W. B."

This scribble well remembers, back thirty or more years, when he met similar experience, and we laugh heartily now when we reflect.

Mr. Troy King of St. Pauls was in town this afternoon.

President Asked for Itemized Account of Funds.

Over the protests of Democratic members, who charged it was a move to defame and malign President Wilson in the closing days of his administration, the House of Congress Tuesday adopted by a vote of 211 to 79 a resolution calling upon the President for an itemized statement showing disbursements and allotments of the \$150,000,000 war funds voted by Congress.

The resolution was reported by Chairman Good, of the appropriations committee, who, replying to Democratic attacks precipitated by reference to expenditures by the American Peace Commission at Paris, declaring no injustice to the President was intended in the resolution and that if any such construction was placed upon it, the Democrats were responsible through attempting to create an impression "that there was something crooked in the money expending."

White House officials announced yesterday that President Wilson before his retirement March 4 would make a final itemized report showing the disbursements and allotments made by him out of this war fund.

Miss Josephine Breece will leave Saturday night for Baltimore, where she will be met by her trimmer, Miss Collins, and together they will go Tuesday to New York, where they will study styles and purchase goods for Miss Breece's millinery store.

General Assembly

House Passes Road Bill of Second Reading by Large Majority.

The Doughton-Connor-Bowie road bill was passed on second reading by the House last night by a vote of 91 to 21. It comes up for final consideration in the House today. Every amendment offered, with the exception of a few minor changes, was voted down. An amendment to submit the matter to a vote of the people in June was rejected 75 to 36. Minority Leader Williams offered an amendment reducing the authorized bond issue from \$50,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Nearly all Republican members voted for the bill as passed.

Representatives 34 Arthur and Jenkins of Robeson voted for the bill.

Varsler Offers Bill for Negro Reformatory for Boys.

Senator Varsler Monday night introduced a bill embodying one of the recommendations of the commission appointed by Governor Bickett to study conditions prevalent among the negro race and to suggest remedial legislation, of which the Senator from Robeson was a member. The bill provides for the erection of a reformatory school for negro boys similar to the Stone-wall Jackson training school at Concord. The bill provides that the school shall be located on land owned by the State at \$25,000 in permanent improvements and \$10,000 a year for maintenance.

Senate Rejects Bill to Oust Ashe Treasurer.

The Senate Tuesday defeated the Bowie bill to oust the Republican treasurer of Ashe county and place his duties on the Democratic sheriff with half the salary. By a vote of 25 to 20 the Senate rejected the conference report. The question had been raging for several weeks. The House passed the bill and its position was endorsed at a secret Democratic conference.

Bill for Election of School Superintendent Killed.

The Senate also refused, by a vote of 23 to 21, to pass the Burgwyn bill for the election of the superintendent of schools in Northampton county by direct vote of the people. The argument of local self-government failed to have effect. All Republicans voted for the bill.

McCoin Assails Governor's Prison Plan.

Senator McCoin offered a resolution to postpone the effective date of the law requiring insane asylums to receive all persons making application from July 1, 1921, to July 1, 1923. Defending his resolution on the ground of necessity, he asserted that it was a complete mystery to him why nothing has been done to carry out the legislation of 2 years ago providing that the State prison should be made available as a hospital for the insane. He said that "it is no less than a crime that the State prison, which could accommodate 1,200 crazy people, should be used as a prison for 100 prisoners." He attributed the inaction to "subordinate officials who sit in warm offices and enjoy the comforts of the present State prison."

"No direct allusion," states the News and Observer, "was made to Governor Morrison's proposal that the plan to remove the State prison be abandoned, but a clear-cut sentiment in favor of making immediate provision to accommodate the insane persons in the jails of the several counties was developed."

To Prosecute Claims for Cotton Money.

A bill passed Tuesday by the Senate was the Brassfield bill authorizing the Governor to prosecute the claim of the State for the refund of \$1,900,000 illegally collected from citizens of the State by the Federal government in direct taxes on cotton in the years immediately following the Civil War. The bill provides that the money shall go to the claimants, who are given five years after the collection of the taxes to prove their claims before the money escheats to the State.

Measures reapportioning the membership of the House of Representatives under the 1920 census, taking a member from Iredell and another from Union and giving one each to New Hanover and Forsyth counties, and another submitting to the people an amendment to the Constitution raising the salary of members of the General Assembly from \$4 to \$10 per day, and the salary of the presiding officers from \$6 to \$12 per day, were offered in the House Tuesday.

Gives State Supervisory Powers.

The House passed Tuesday the Matthews bill giving the State supervisory powers over 5 smaller normal schools now supported by the State but over which the State had no direct authority. Schools named in the bill are the Fayetteville Normal, Slater Normal at Winston-Salem, Appalachian training school, Cherokee Indian Normal at Pembroke, Cullowhee Normal and Elizabeth City Normal. The State for some years has contributed to the support of these schools but has had no part in fixing the curricula. The department wants supervision in order that it might direct the training of teachers. Speaking against the bill, Minority Leader Williams spoke against the autocracy of the State Department of Education and viewed with alarm the

Alleged Embezzler Brought From Ala.

Abner H. Roe is Charged With Appropriating Money Collected for Fruit Trees Sold in Robeson—Brought Back by Mr. Frank Wishart.

Mr. Frank A. Wishart returned Tuesday from Albertsville, Ala., with Abner H. Roe, who was wanted in this county on the charge of embezzlement. Requisition papers were signed by Governor Cameron Morrison and the Governor of Alabama, making it possible for Roe to be brought to this county for trial. He is now in jail here.

Roe is charged with the embezzlement of \$712 from the Commercial Nurseries company of the State of Tennessee, the contention being that Roe collected that amount for fruit trees sold in this county and failed to turn the money over to the people for whom he was working. The suit was brought by an uncle of Roe, it is said. He is a young white man, 20 years of age and left here last October in response to a wire message advising him of the death of his father. His home is near Albertsville, Ala.

Mr. Wishart says he found the streams in Alabama overflowing, the waters being the highest he was informed, in many years.

U. S. Senate Passes Emergency Tariff Bill.

Loaded down with more than a score of amendments, the Fordney emergency tariff bill last night passed the U. S. Senate. The vote was 43 to 30 and the measure was immediately sent to conference.

Action on the bill, designed and rushed through the House as an aid to the farmer, came after a protracted session during which four Republican Senators broke away from their party alignment and two of them, Edge of New Jersey, and Moses of New Hampshire, bitterly assailed the measure and its Republican supporters.

Likewise, solidarity of the Democratic ranks could not be maintained, nine of the minority members being recorded in favor of the bill. It is estimated that the tariffs proposed in this bill would cost each family a dollar a week, that it would cost North Carolina over half a million dollars a week, and that it would be of no benefit to farmers. President Wilson is expected to veto it.

Play at Orrum High School Friday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, Feb. 15.—The Orrum high school will give a play, "The Dust of the Earth," Friday night at 7:30 admission 15c for children and 25c for adults. The play is very popular. The receipts will go for the benefit of the school at large.

Also the Eutrophen Literary society will render a program Friday evening. The school is progressing very nicely.

tendency to centralize all power over the schools of the State in the hands of Dr. Brooks.

Senate Sounds Death Knell to Proposed Bonus Grab.

The Senate last night sounded what is regarded by leaders in that body as a death knell to the bill granting a bonus of \$200 to members of the General Assembly, which is said to be favored by a "round robin" bearing the signatures of a majority of the House membership, and is also said to have been declared constitutional by members of the Supreme court and the Attorney General.

Opportunity to test the sentiment of the Senate came on another bill, already passed by the House, giving to each member of the General Assembly, who was not a member at the 1919 session, a copy of the annotated edition of the Consolidated Statutes. With the voice of Senator Swain the only one raised in direct defense of the measure, the bill was laid on the table by an overwhelming vote.

As soon as the bill for free copies of the consolidated statutes was read in the Senate, Senator Varsler arose in his seat and declared that he for one could not support such a measure as it was in effect an increase in compensation and that each member of the General Assembly knew when he became a candidate the amount of salary attached to the office and that he did not regard any increase, direct or indirect, as constitutional or justifiable.

Senator Hartsell declared that the General Assembly has set a bad precedent back in 1777 when it voted each member a copy of the colonial Statutes and the practice had been continued in subsequent legislatures every time a new code was published, up to and including the present volume compiled in 1919.

However, the Senator from Cabarrus considered it high time to discontinue the custom and announced his intention to vote against the bill. Senators McCoin and Carlton expressed similar views, both clearly having in mind the much discussed bonus bill though no direct allusion was made to that measure.—Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 15.

Messrs. Scott and Whit Stone of the Raynham section were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 12 1/4 cents the pound; strict middling 13 1-4 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Fine weather, thank you. —The interior of the Independent barber shop has received a new coat of paint.

—Local banks will be closed next Tuesday, February 22nd, Washington's birthday. —A flag will go to the grade at the graded school which secures the largest attendance.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Heta, of Robeson, and Marie Lawrence of Lenoir county. Father Reizer and Irene McWhorter.

—Miss Berta Moore left Tuesday evening for Lancaster, Pa., where she will take a course in engraving at the Bowman engraving school.

—The condition of Irvin Biggs, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Biggs, who has been seriously ill for several days, is thought to be slightly improved today.

—The Lumberton post of the American Legion will give a smoker this evening at 8 o'clock in the legion hall at the municipal building. A business meeting will be held and officers will be elected. All members are urged to be present.

Preston, of Ruff, S. C., spent Sunday and Monday here with their aunt Mrs. J. A. McLean of R. 5, from Lumberton, who is a patient at the Thompson hospital.

—The Secretary of State has issued a charter to the Kirk Mercantile Company, of Pembroke, with \$10,000 authorized capital, \$3,000 subscribed by W. G. Kirk, D. B. McQueen and Betty McQueen, all of Pembroke.

—Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, had to cancel his pruning demonstrations in White House and Gaddy townships today on account of the illness of Mrs. Dukes. He expects to fill these engagements Tuesday, February 22.

—Mrs. W. C. White of Mullens, S. C., arrived Tuesday and will spend a few days here visiting relatives. Mrs. White was Miss Ethel Hayes of Lake View, S. C., and spent some time in Lumberton where she held a position with the Lumberton Barkin House.

—There will be a meeting of Cypress Camp No. 125 W. O. W., at the Woodmen hall, McLeod building, Friday, February 18, 7:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served. All members and ex members are urged to be present and to attend as business of importance will be transacted.

—The congregation of Back Swamp Baptist church pounded Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, Saturday of last week. Dr. Durham has been supplying for the Back Swamp church for some time. The pounding was much appreciated by Dr. and Mrs. Durham.

—The Fairmont Review, which suspended a few weeks while putting in press and other equipment, made its appearance again yesterday, newsy and well printed. A company has been organized to publish it, officers as follows: G. H. Cole, president; H. L. Blue, vice president; P. H. Wilson, secretary; W. V. Branch, editor and treasurer. Mr. H. V. Brown, one of the stockholders, who is looking after the mechanical work, was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Interesting Meeting of Baptist Young Peoples Union Association.

An unusually interesting meeting of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union association was held at the First Baptist church of Lumberton on last Monday evening, beginning at 7:30, this being the first meeting since the organization of the association. Five unions belong to the association—Back Swamp, North Lumberton, East Lumberton, West Lumberton and Lumberton.

The meeting was attended by a gratifying number from each union, including the presidents—Mr. McDaniel of North Lumberton, Mr. Long of West Lumberton, Mr. Blake of East Lumberton, Mr. Miller of Back Swamp and Dr. H. M. Baker of Lumberton.

The meeting was opened by prayer, which was followed by a pleasing and interesting address by Dr. H. M. Baker, president of the association. After a short business session a song rendered by Mrs. Albert Martin, accompanied by Mrs. L. P. Stork, delighted those present.

A play under the direction of Mrs. H. M. Baker, was rendered in a most pleasing manner. Mrs. Baker was assisted in the play by Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart, Misses Margaret Pitman, Dovie Prevatt, Eulalia McGill, Nina Pitman, Helen Spruill and Virginia Lee.

At the close of the play dainty refreshments were served and the Valentine idea was suggested in a number of ways. The object of the association is to promote interest and strengthen the work. From the amount of work represented by the program and the interest manifested Monday evening, we would say the unions are in a fair way to obtain the desired results.

The next meeting will be held at Back Swamp Baptist church in May.