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A. H. Prevatt Accidentally Shot

Deputy Sheriff Got Bullet In Side When Pistol Fell Out of His Pocket—Wound is Not Considered Serious.

Mr. A. H. Prevatt, deputy sheriff and jailer, was shot accidentally late Friday afternoon when his pistol fell out of his pocket as he was getting out of an automobile, the pistol striking the running board of the auto and firing. The bullet from the pistol, a .38-calibre, struck him in the left side and ranged upward. He was carried to the Thompson hospital, where medical attention was rendered and it is not thought he was seriously injured, although he had a close call. It is thought the bullet lodged in his right shoulder.

The accidental shooting took place near Mr. Prevatt's home, Water and Sixth streets. He was returning with Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Rural Policeman A. R. Pitman from a raid in which a whiskey still was captured.

Claims Self Defense

Lawrence Fax Who Killed Henry McDougald, Says He Shot in Self Defense.

Lawrence Fax, negro, charged with shooting and killing Henry McDougald, also colored, came to Lumberton Thursday afternoon and surrendered to Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt. He was placed in jail. Fax claims shooting McDougald, but claims he shot in self defense.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, McDougald died Tuesday night of wounds received when he was shot three times late Sunday afternoon. The shooting took place at McDougald's home in Britts township.

FIRES FOLLOW RAIDS BY PROHIBITION AGENTS

To run down blockaders and bootleggers, who, it is believed, burned a church, two school buildings, two unoccupied dwellings and did other damage in New Light township last week, ten picked Federal prohibition agents were sent into the "Harrycane" section yesterday, and today county officers will be on the scene. No clue disclosing identity of any of the raiders has as yet been found. The fires followed on the heels of raids made by Federal agents and county officers Monday and Thursday.—Raleigh News and Observer, March 14.

JOINT MEETING OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS MARCH 22

McDonald, Back Swamp, Ten Mile and Lumberton Clubs Will Hold Joint Meetings Here.

On Tuesday, March 22nd, an important joint-meeting of the Lumberton, McDonald, Back Swamp and Ten Mile Home Demonstration clubs will be held in the municipal building at Lumberton. Members of the Lumberton club will serve lunch to the out-of-town visitors.

Prominent Society Woman Kills Herself in Rocky Mount

A Rocky Mount dispatch states that Mrs. R. T. Edwards, wife of one of that town's leading men and prominent in social circles of the town, shot and killed herself at her home there about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, shortly after she and her husband had returned from a social gathering. Friends and relatives can assign no reason for the act.

Small Boy Burned by Explosion of Powder

Albert, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ivey of Fairmont, was painfully burned about the face Thursday afternoon by the explosion of a bottle of powder. Young Ivey and another boy found the bottle, it is said, and one of the boys stuck a lighted match to the powder, the explosion following.

Robbery at McDonald

Robbers entered the McLean company store, the store of Mr. D. H. Britt, Jr. and Dr. E. L. Bowman's office at McDonald Tuesday night of last week. A small amount of money was taken from the McLean store and a few pairs of shoes were missed from the Britt store. No arrests have been made.

Charged With Attempt at Criminal Assault

Warrants charging attempted criminal assault were sworn out against Roy Shooter, and James Regan Friday night by Mrs. Beva Upchurch. Shooter and Regan were arrested Saturday and later released under a \$500 bond each. The trial is set for Friday of this week at 10 a. m.

Forecast Cold Weather For The Southern States

Washington, March 12.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Middle Atlantic States. Cold and unsettled weather with rain or snow over southern parts of the district the first half of the week.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States. Unsettled weather, frequent rains and temperature below normal, with frosts in the interior.

Mesdames H. M. McAllister and James D. Proctor spent Thursday and Friday in Charlotte.

Shucks! Only Killed Coupla Greeks

Rod Must be a Cousin of Hotspur—Killing a Coupla Greeks Was Nothing, in Fact the Judge Paid His Hotel Bill and Congratulated Him—But it Cost Him \$19.20 for Being Drunk and Disorderly Here—A Question of Turned-Over Brains—A Bad Man From "Kansas"—Other Cases Before Recorder Fuller.

Rod Thompson of Bladen county pleaded guilty this morning in Recorder Fuller's court of being drunk and disorderly here Saturday. He was fined \$10 and cost—a total of \$19.20. Thompson was arrested at the union station Saturday about 3 p. m. When asked by the court if he had been in trouble before, Rod said he had not been in much trouble, he had only killed a couple of Greeks in Virginia. He was freed by the court, he said, and the judge paid his hotel bills as an act of appreciation.

Dock Hardin, Indian withdrew his appeal from a road sentence recently imposed upon him by Recorder Fuller and was sent to the roads for 90 days. Hardin was convicted of being drunk and disorderly on the public highway.

"He hit me so hard that he turned my brains over and I think they are still turned over," Rod testified in this manner against his brother, Levi Edwards, Thursday when he was before Recorder David H. Fuller on four charges, among them being assault upon his sister. When asked what he thought about Jennie's brains being "turned over," Dr. H. T. Pope stated that while she was badly beaten up, he did not know she had any brains.

Levi testified that Jennie got drunk and fell out of an auto and inflicted a part of her wounds and that she jumped off a bed like a frog and butted the wall, thus inflicting further injury to herself. Levi was found guilty of the assault, however, and sentenced to 30 days on the roads. He was also found guilty of assault upon Becky Edwards, his stepdaughter and was sentenced to another 30 days on the roads on this charge. He was convicted of assault upon Wesley Edwards, his brother-in-law, prayer for judgement was continued upon payment of cost. Levi was found guilty of the fourth charge, that of fornication and adultery with Becky Edwards, his stepdaughter, and was sentenced to 6 months on the roads on this charge, making a total road sentence of 8 months.

Edwards lives in "Kansas," near Princess Anne, and judging from the evidence, he is an all-round bad man. Becky testified that Edwards' illicit relations with her began before she was 12 years old and soon after he married her mother, and had been kept up since that time. She is now 23 years old and has three children, all of whom Edwards is the father, according to her testimony. She testified further that all her relations with Levi were against her will.

Joe Morrison was found guilty of abandoning his crop and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Barber McLellan and A. B. Bryan were charged with enticing servants, both charges being nonsuited.

Custis Britt plead guilty of exceeding the speed limit and was taxed with the cost of the action.

Annie Council, colored, was found guilty of assault upon Murphy Gavins, also colored, judgment being suspended upon payment of the cost.

Murphy Gavins, negro, was found guilty of assault upon Annie Council and was fined \$5 and cost.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. John A. McNeill, Prominent Citizen of Scotland County, Died Friday—Funeral and Interment Yesterday at Aberdeen Presbyterian Church.

Mr. John A. McNeill, father of Mr. Jno. S. McNeill of Lumberton, died Friday afternoon at his home, near Laurel Hill, Scotland county. Deceased was 68 years old and had been in ill health for several months. The funeral was conducted from Aberdeen Presbyterian church, of which deceased was a member, near the McNeill home, yesterday at 3 p. m.

Among those attending the funeral from Lumberton were Mrs. N. A. Thompson and son, Master Neill Archie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stafford, Mr. H. B. Jennings and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Jennings, Mrs. Irvin Jenkins, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Moorehouse, Messrs. A. T. McLean, R. H. Crichton, Geo. L. Thompson, Jno. H. Coble, K. M., Jno. T. and D. W. Biggs. Mrs. Jno S. McNeill was with her father-in-law when the end came, and Mr. McNeill had spent much time with his father of late. Mr. McNeill and family are expected to return home this afternoon.

A Laurinburg dispatch states that deceased was one of Scotland county's best and most highly-esteemed citizens. For several years he had been an elder of Aberdeen Presbyterian church and was superintendent of the Sunday school. He is survived by two sons, John S. McNeill, of Lumberton, and M. F. McNeill, of Laurinburg; and seven daughters, Mesdames O. L. Williams, Swan Quarter; A. B. Fletcher, Gibson; A. J. Wilson, Salisbury; W. B. Calhoun, Laurinburg; and Misses Janie, Sallie Maie, and Josie McNeill.

Mr. J. S. Stone of White Oak—Mrs. Emeline Williams of Gaddyville.

White Oak, March 10.—Mr. J. S. Stone died this morning at his home at White Oak. He was 86 years old and had been in ill health for some time. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and six children and many friends.

His son Mr. C. M. Stone of Fairmont and a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Britt of Raynham, were with him when the end came.

Mrs. Emeline Williams died at her home near Gaddyville this afternoon. She had been ill about six months. Her death was a shock to her many friends. She leaves one son, Mr. Nash Williams, with whom she made her home, and lots of friends.

Infant Found Dead in Bed.

A 6-week-old daughter of Alma Ivey of R. 1, Raynham, was found dead in bed Saturday morning. It is supposed death resulted from croup.

ENGLAND WILL AID COTTON GROWING AND MARKETING

British Government Plans Huge Organization to Relieve Her Cotton Industry of Dependence Upon United States.

Organization of a British empire cotton growing and marketing concern, financed and officially aided by the British government, is indicated in an authorized article in the British government board of trade journal for February.

Far-reaching arrangements, it was indicated, are nearing completion for the establishment of a huge permanent organization, with the ultimate object of relieving the British cotton industry of dependence upon the United States for the greater part of its supply of raw cotton.

The official account of these developments indicates that a government appropriation of 5,000 British pounds annually for five years has been made for preparatory work and ultimately a large sum approaching 50,000 pounds will be made available. Meanwhile it is contemplated, according to the article, to provide what will in effect be a government subsidy to cotton growers. All these objects, it is recited, will be attained by the imperial government and the British cotton industry, working through an organization known as the British Empire cotton growing corporation.

Mrs. M. E. Raybon and daughter, Mrs. Murch Raybon, and son, Mr. Jack Raybon, of Lumberton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McIntyre and three children of Rowland spent yesterday at Hebron, S. C., making the trip in an auto.

Miss Mamie Harrell.

Miss Bossie Holder has returned from Long Branch, where she spent last week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Durham Rice.

The farmers of this section are not doing much hauling of guano this year. Not being much bought, I guess.

Best of wishes to the best paper printed.

Officers Waded To This One

Still Captured in River Swamp at Harper's Ferry—It Was in Operation When Located But Blockaders Escaped—Officers Waded Through Water to Their Waists to Reach It.

A 40-gallons capacity copper whiskey still was captured in the river swamp at Harper's Ferry, near Pates, Friday. The still was in operation when located by the officers, who had to wade in water to their waists to reach it. The operators escaped. About 1,000 gallons of beer found at and near the still was poured out. Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt, Rural Policeman A. R. Pitman and several others made up the posse that captured the plant and beer.

New Marriage License Statute

Attorney General Says Conscientious Physician Applying Rule of Reason Will Have Little Difficulty in Complying With Requirements—Health Officer Must Make Examinations When Requested.

Physicians and registers of deeds have been considerably exercised over the penalties provided in the new marriage license law requiring health certificates before marriage license can be issued. The new marriage license law reads as follows: The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. No license to marry shall be issued by the register of deeds of any county to a male applicant therefor except upon the presentation by the said male applicant of a certificate executed within seven days from the time of the presentation of said certificate to the register of deeds as hereinafter provided, showing the nonexistence of any venereal disease, the nonexistence of tuberculosis in the infectious states, and that the applicant has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction, an idiot, imbecile, or of unsound mind. No license shall be issued to any female applicant who shall not present a certificate showing the nonexistence of tuberculosis in the infectious stages, and that she has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be of unsound mind.

Sec. 2. Such certificate to be executed by any reputable physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State and who shall reside within the county in which said license to marry shall be applied for, by certificate of the county health officer of such county, whose duty it shall be to examine such applicants and issue certificates without charge.

Sec. 3. Any register of deeds who issues a license to marry without the presentation of the certificate herein above provided for, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months.

Sec. 5. No laws now in force relating to the issuance of license to marry shall be replaced or abridged by this act, except such as may be in conflict herewith.

Sec. 6. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified, this 5th day of March, 1921.

Physicians have pointed out that it is difficult to determine venereal diseases in some cases without prolonged observation, or even tuberculosis, but Attorney General Manning has relieved their apprehensions in the following ruling, issued in response to many requests:

"The act is apparently drawn with full knowledge of our existing marriage law. As does that, it enforces its design by prohibition and penalties upon the officers and physicians who are to administer it, and not upon the parties to the marriage contract itself. Any marriage then, which has been solemnized since March 5th, the date on which the Bellamy act was ratified, is perfectly valid, though upon a license issued also since March 5th, without the certificates required by the act. In other words, a marriage when performed by a justice of the peace, or minister of the Gospel is valid though there may be an illegal license, or no license at all.

"The Bellamy act forbids the register of deeds to issue a license to a male applicant unless the application is accompanied by a certificate that he has no venereal disease, no tuberculosis in its infectious state, and that he has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction an idiot, imbecile, or of unsound mind. The female applicant must present a certificate that she has no tuberculosis in its infectious stage, and that she has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be of unsound mind. The term 'applicant' in the statute in the connection in which it is used is somewhat obscure, but we think it should be interpreted as applicable only to those persons, male and female, for whose benefit the license is issued. The register of deeds who issues the licenses without the two certificates having been presented to him is declared guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine or imprisonment. Any reputable, duly licensed physician, resident in the county in which the license is applied for may make the certificate. The county health officer of such county must examine the applicants on demand, and if he finds them fit, must give the certificate without charge. The physician who knowingly and willfully makes any false statement in such certificate is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined or imprisoned.

Not Insurer of Truth

"It is asked, though, how can the physician certify that the applicant has never been judicially declared of unsound mind? Many cases may be

Local Legislation

Review of Some Legislation Affecting Robeson Passed by the Recent General Assembly.

A review of some of the legislation affecting Robeson county passed by the recent General Assembly will be of interest. When seen by a representative of The Robesonian, Senator L. R. Varner told of some of the bills passed which affect the county generally.

In addition to a number of minor bills affecting various localities, in the way of bond issues, etc., a bill was passed authorizing the county commissioners to build a new county home for taking care of the unfortunates, and also providing that the commissioners may sell the present "home."

Another act of local legislation was a bill passed increasing the number of the members of the county board of education from three to five and the appointment of two ladies on this board. Those appointed were Mrs. W. W. Lewis of the Fairmont section and Miss Katie McI. Buie of the Philadelphus section.

Another bill was passed allowing the county commissioners to increase the number of rural policemen from four to six. Under the new bill all policemen are required to make a monthly report of their activities, showing where and how they performed their duties. A copy of each report is to be posted in the school house and one copy posted in the district served by each policeman.

Another fish law was passed. The new law prohibits the use of dynamite in streams for the purpose of killing fish.

One of the first county bills passed was one abolishing the county welfare officer. The bill provides that the board of county commissioners may re-create the office when demanded by the public.

One of the most important State-wide measures passed was the new road bill. This bill authorizes the issuance of \$50,000,000, provided it is needed, but the issue not to exceed the needs. Under this law all the main roads are taken over by the State, which will build and maintain them. Hard-surfaced roads are to be built by the State.

The roads to be taken over in Robeson are: Fayetteville road via St. Pauls; Elizabethtown road; Whiteville road via Bellamy to Bladenboro; Creek road via Boardman; Fairmont road through Fairmont, Marietta and to the South Carolina line; Rowland road through to the South Carolina line; Maxton road and the road leading from Lumberton to Red Springs. The new law relieves the county of any expense in building and maintaining these roads, thereby making all road funds available for working the other roads in the county.

Towns of less than 3,000 population are not required to bear any of the expense of building the roads through them. This relieves any Robeson town from paying any of the expense of building and maintaining these roads, none of the towns having as much as 3,000 population.

The bill which Senator Varner worked hardest for passage was the tax or valuation bill. The bill as passed is in accordance with the requests made upon the Legislature by the Farmers' union, and R. W. H. Stone, State president of the union, give three men—Governor Cameron Morrison, Senator Varner and J. W. Bailey of Raleigh—credit for its passage.

An Envious Record

I noticed in last week's Charity and Children that the Baptist Sunday school, of Lumberton, had sent to the Thomasville Baptist orphanage one thousand and thirty dollars collected for November, December and January. That was nearly an average of three hundred and fifty dollars per month. The Lumberton Sunday school and church have made for themselves a most enviable record. Our Lumberton Methodists, according to their financial ability, are generous toward our orphanage as their Baptist brethren are toward the Thomasville orphanage. If our Sunday schools throughout the conference keep pace with the Sunday schools of our sister denomination we will simply have to hustle.—From "Our Orphanage Work" in N. C. Christian Advocate.

Mr. Frank Gough is spending the day in Raleigh on business.

Mr. C. W. Smith of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Giles Davis of R. 6, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Joel Ivey of R. 1, Raynham, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. E. L. Throver of St. Pauls was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Suggested, in which it would be impossible for the applicant to satisfy the certifying physician as to this point beyond cavil or doubt.

The certifying physician is not however, an insurer of the truth of statements in the certificates. All the law requires of him is that he should satisfy his judgement in each particular case, with the individual features incident to it, by the ordinary means accessible to him. He commits no crime unless he willfully and knowingly makes a false statement, or makes such false statement recklessly without belief, or any fair and just ground to believe, in its truth. A conscientious physician, and a large majority of them are, applying these general rules, will have little difficulty in dealing with particular cases."

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 9 1/2 cents the pound; strict middling 10 1/2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Homer C. Penny and Etisca Hayes.

—They're eight cents now. Local dugh stores have reduced the price of Coca-Colas from 10 to 8 cents the glass.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson of Parkton had an operation performed upon his nose here yesterday by Dr. R. S. Beam.

—Mrs. F. M. Barnes underwent a serious operation at the Baker sanatorium Friday. Her condition is reported as favorable.

—Judge Frank A. Daniels of Goldsboro Solicitor S. B. McLean of Maxton passed through town this morning en route to Elizabethtown, where a term of Bladen county court opened today.

—Mr. Will Edwards' auto landed with the front half in a ditch beside the Pembroke road, about three-quarters of a mile beyond McNeill's bridge, yesterday afternoon when the steering-gear went wrong. One front wheel was left rimless. No one was hurt.

—Southern Extension of the Fair grounds for the week at the fair grounds. There are said to be more than 200 people connected with these shows, which are on their way north and which never before have stopped at a town of this size, except last week, which was spent at Laurinburg. The shows are said to be high-class and clean.

—Run down by an automobile on East Second street, he was mangled and bruised to the extent that death was instantaneous. His remains were viewed pitifully by the passing throng Saturday, as they lay there soaked in rain, and it was several hours after he met his untimely death that the remains were removed to their last resting place. The reporter did not learn his name, but he was a little black dog.

—Mr. A. Weinstein, one of Lumberton's well-known merchants, purchased Saturday the stock of Mr. Prince at Fair Bluff. Mr. Weinstein went this morning to Fair Bluff and will spend the week there. All the stock will be sold at Fair Bluff. Mr. Weinstein will be assisted there this week by Messrs. Harry Weinstein and Durham Mitchell of Fairmont and Major Rogers, who lives near Fair Bluff.

Late Items of News.

Richmond, Va., March 13.—Five men are known to have been killed more than thirteen injured and others missing when fire destroyed two Broad Street furniture stores here this afternoon, entailing an estimated property damage of a half a million dollars. The men known to be dead are: Grover C. Richardson, fireman; G. R. Guthrie, fireman; Ben Garrison, fireman; — Johnson, fireman; an unidentified citizen.

Berlin, March 13.—Dr. Walter Simons, the Foreign Secretary, delivered a ninety minute speech in the Reichstag Saturday during which he gave an elaborate exposition of the proceedings at the recent reparations conference in London. The tone of the speech was noticeable for its moderation. The speaker appeared to question whether the allied demands had been rightly estimated in Germany.

Versailles, Ky., March 13.—Richard James, negro, charged with the murder of Ben T. Rogers and Homer Nave at Midway, this county, on October 8, last, was taken from the Woodford county jail by a mob early this morning and hanged from a tree, two miles from this city.

Dublin, March 13.—There was a striking demonstration here today in protest against the execution in Mount Joy prison tomorrow of six prisoners who are accused of complicity in the killing of intelligence officers and participation in an ambush.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 13.—J. Paul Spence, former supervisor of schools of Norfolk, Va., and later superintendent of schools in Elberton, Ga., shot himself through the temple at the home of his brother, Joseph C. Spence this afternoon at 6 o'clock.

Covington, Ga., March 13.—The bodies of two negroes, chained together around the neck and weighted down with a 150-pound stone, were found in the Yellow river at Allen's bridge twelve miles south of here this morning.

Cordele, Ga., March 13.—The first Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic passenger train to come here from Atlanta since the strike started a week ago left here on time this morning, the expected outbreak from strike sympathizers having failed to develop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. James and three children and Messrs. W. V. and J. L. Beber of Taylorsville spent the week-end here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinette, East Second street.

Mr. Everett Davis and son, Master Billy, who live near Lake View, S. C., were Lumberton visitors Saturday and spent yesterday at the home of the former's father, Mr. Giles Davis, on R. 6, from Lumberton.