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McGill Has About Even Chance of Recovery From Wound

Condition of Dangerously Wounded Police Officer is as Favorable as Could be Expected and He May Recover.

NEGROES WERE ARRESTED IN FAYETTEVILLE BY LOCAL OFFICERS AND TAKEN TO RALEIGH

Policeman Vance McGill was shot through stomach and Policeman Boyle slightly wounded when Negro bootleggers were halted early Saturday morning—Story of the shooting.

At 2:30 this afternoon Dr. N. A. Thompson of the Thompson hospital stated that the condition of Policeman Vance McGill was as favorable as could be expected and that he stands about an even chance of recovery. He is desperately wounded and will have a stiff fight for his life.

Policeman Vance McGill was shot and dangerously wounded and Policeman J. B. Boyle was shot in the left arm below the elbow by some negroes about 5 o'clock Saturday morning. The negroes gave their names as James Grice, James Wells, Bennie Rogers and Spencer James when arrested in Fayetteville a few hours after the shooting. The shooting took place on Elm street in front of the municipal building as the officers were removing some whiskey from the 5-passenger Velie auto in which the negroes were riding. James Wells, the negro who is thought to have fired the shots that struck the officers, was struck in the hip by a bullet from the pistol of Officer McGill, who fired five shots at the negroes after he was shot. Two bullets struck Policeman McGill, one entering his abdomen, penetrating his intestines in three places and lodging in his hip bone, the second passing through his left arm, but failing to strike the bone.

How the Shooting Took Place. The negroes had been riding around town for some time, arousing the suspicion of the officers, according to Policeman Boyle. They were passing the municipal building when the officers decided to halt them and learn why they were riding about town at that hour. Officer Boyle hailed the negroes and they stopped the car and when he went up to the car the driver asked him where the iron bridge was, stating that they had been looking for it for some time and wanted to get out of town. Mr. Boyle says he peeped through the curtain on the east side of the car and saw a glass fruit jar. He then asked the negroes what they had in the jar and they replied "nothing." He picked the jar up and upon opening it found that it contained whiskey. He then noticed some tin cans in the car and examined them, learning that they also contained whiskey. At that time Policeman McGill came up to the car on the west side and handed him a flash light, and holding his pistol in one hand. Mr. Boyle says that he then heard the report of a gun, two shots being fired. He pushed the flash light into the car to try to learn what was going on. He thought Officer McGill had fired at one of the negroes, who might have made a brake to run. When he pushed his hand through the curtain with the flash light he was shot in the arm. The car was dark, all the curtains being placed and fastened around the car. He was afraid to shoot across the car, thinking he might strike Officer McGill, and he did not fire his gun.

Wounded Officers Rushed to Hospital. When the firing started the car started immediately, according to Policeman Boyle, it being headed up north Elm. Firemen Ed. J. Glover and Raymond Musselwhite were sleeping in the rear of the fire station and when they heard the shooting they ran out with their guns, but the car was moving up Elm street at a rapid rate of speed. The wounded officers were placed upon one of the fire trucks and Mr. Glover rushed them to the Thompson hospital, while Mr. Musselwhite used the telephone in advising other officers of what had happened.

Negroes Caught in Fayetteville. In a short time Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Mr. Ed J. Glover were in an auto in pursuit of the fleeing negroes. Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman also left in pursuit of the negroes. It was not long before a posse of some twenty-five armed men were on the road following the negroes. They were overtaken in Fayetteville. When Officers Barker and Glover reached Fayetteville they soon learned that a car answering the description of the one used by the negroes had been carried to a garage in the suburbs of Fayetteville a short time before for some repairs. They learned that a man who had been shot and who went to Fayetteville on this car had been taken to the home of a colored man, about 8 miles in the country. One of the negroes was sitting in the car, which was standing in the garage, two were walking about and the fourth was found in bed at the home of the colored man. It was only a short time before the four negroes were under arrest and the

Convict Escapes With Officer's Clothes and Gun

Levi Edwards Was Provided With a Suit and a Gun by Policeman Lawson of Fairmont and They Sallied Forth to Locate a Still, but Edwards Located Freedom Instead.

Levi Edwards escaped from the county chain gang Thursday all dressed up in a suit of clothes belonging to Policeman B. M. Lawson of Fairmont and also walked away with Policeman Lawson's trusty gun. Edwards had served about two months of an 8-months' sentence for fornication and adultery and manufacturing whiskey, the sentence being imposed by Recorder David H. Fuller of Lumberton.

A raid had been planned upon some whiskey stills that were supposed to be in operation, near Barnesville. Officer Lawson took Edwards along to locate the stills, furnishing him with a suit and a gun. Edwards managed to get some distance from the officers and kept going. The stills were not located.

Town Primary

Tomorrow is the Day to Cast Votes for Your Choice for Mayor, Commissioners, School Trustees and Members of Board of A. and F.

The town primary will be on tomorrow. A mayor, two commissioners, three graded school trustees and three members of the board of audit and finance are to be nominated. The only contest will be in the mayoralty race—A. E. White, incumbent, and A. P. Mitchell being in the race for that office.

Prisoners Carried to Raleigh. The Fayetteville police force and the Cumberland county officials assisted the Lumberton posse in rounding up the four negroes. Officers started to return to Lumberton with the prisoners, but were advised by county attorney E. J. Britt when about four miles from town to carry them to Raleigh. While a large crowd had gathered about the jail awaiting the arrival of the prisoners, there was no indication of mob violence had the negroes been brought here. Some of the officers thought, however, that it would be best to carry the prisoners to Raleigh.

Whiskey Removed From Auto. Three gallons and one quart of whiskey were removed from the auto by the officers before they were shot. Three gallons were in one-gallon tins and the quart was in a fruit jar. Many Versions of the Shooting. Many reports were current about town relative to the shooting, practically every man on the street having a version all his own and different from anybody else's.

Fearless and Efficient Officers. The bullet which penetrated Policeman McGill's abdomen was located by the use of an x-ray, but was not removed. Policeman Boyle has been on the local police force for about 8 years, having served on the police force at Maxton before coming to Lumberton. Policeman McGill had been a member of the force for about two years. Both officers are known to be fearless in the discharge of their duties and the unfortunate affair brought regret to their many friends here. Both the officers are unmarried.

Two bullets fired during the shooting passed through the plate glass door to the office of Town Clerk and Treasurer J. P. Russell and struck the wall in the rear of the office. It is thought that these bullets were fired by Policeman McGill. Streets Covered With Blood. The streets and sidewalk in front of the municipal building were covered with blood, the wounded officers bleeding profusely. The car driven by the negroes was brought from Fayetteville to Lumberton by Messrs. A. P. Page and Wilbur Leggett. The wounded negro bled considerably, the rear seat upon which he was riding being smeared with blood. Four bullets passed through the side curtains of the car and two holes that would answer for bullet holes are in the top. A .38 Smith & Wesson pistol was found in a pocket on a door in the rear of the auto.

One story that went the rounds Saturday was that only 2 of the negroes were in the car when it stopped in front of the municipal building and the other two negroes came upon the officers unaware and did the shooting. All the negroes were in the car and did not get out, according to Policeman Boyle. The negro who did the shooting was on the front seat and climbed to the rear of the car. Many people viewed the scene of the shooting Saturday and yesterday. Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt, Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman, Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Messrs. D. W. Biggs, R. H. Critchton, F. A. Wishart and F. Eli Wishart carried the prisoners to Raleigh. The negroes were placed in the State prison about 8 o'clock Saturday evening, according to the officers.

—Special communication St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday evening at 8:15 Work in second degree.

Funeral of Private Alfred A. Oliver

Remains of Soldier Killed in World War Interred With Military Honors Near Town Yesterday Afternoon—Large Crowd Attended—Private Oliver Was Killed in France October 10, 1918.

The funeral of Private Alfred A. Oliver, who was killed in action in France on October 10, 1918, was conducted from the home of Mrs. Ida Oliver, mother of the deceased soldier, on the Fairmont road in the western part of town at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, preached the funeral. The funeral was attended by a crowd estimated at from 1,000 to 1,500.

Interment was made in the Gunn cemetery about one mile south-west of town. The Lumberton post of the American Legion had charge of the burial and the remains were interred with full military honors. The pallbearers were I. L. McGill, J. R. Bridgers, Ira Dove, I. R. Cheek, A. P. Page, Dan Regan and R. F. Thomas. The regulation salute of three volleys was fired after the remains had been interred. The firing squad was composed of former-Captain F. Eli Wishart (in charge), Leslie Cashwell, W. E. Bell, C. A. Moore, Oliver F. Nance, Raymond M. ... and Earl Crump. Taps were sounded by Fentrice Jolly.

The Lumberton Red Cross chapter was represented by Mr. J. P. Russell, president; Mesdames H. H. Hamilton, H. B. Robeson, A. T. Parmele, J. R. Poole and Misses Mary McNeill, Margie and Sadie Russell, Mary Rozier Norment, Eulalia McGill and Elizabeth Whitfield. The floral offerings were arranged by the representatives of the Red Cross. The offerings were numerous and most attractive. Some designs cut by Mrs. S. H. Hamilton were especially attractive.

The remains of the World War hero arrived here Thursday night and were taken in charge by Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers. The casket was entwined with a large U. S. flag.

Private Oliver was killed in action at the front in France on October 10, 1918, and was 21 years old.

Revival Closes; 110 Baptized

One of Greatest Revivals Ever Held in This Community Has Just Closed at East Lumberton Baptist—202 Additions to Church.

The revival which had been in progress at the East Lumberton Baptist church for about six weeks closed Thursday evening. There were 202 additions to the church as a result of the meeting and some will probably join other churches. The baptizing took place in Lumber river just south of town at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. One hundred and ten were baptized yesterday and others will be baptized later. Rev. A. E. Paul, pastor of the church, did the baptizing, which was witnessed by hundreds of people.

This was one of greatest religious revivals ever conducted here. Rev. A. E. Paul and Rev. E. G. Willis, the last-named pastor of the North and West Lumberton Baptist churches, did the preaching, and the music was under the direction of Mr. Oliver Britt of East Lumberton.

Gov. Brough Again Heads U. S. Good Roads Association. Governor Charles P. Brough of Arkansas was re-elected president of the United States Good Roads association at the annual convention in Greensboro last week. Resolutions were adopted petitioning Congress to continue the present national-state co-operative system of federal aid in road building and to appropriate \$100,000,000 annually for 5 years. Chattanooga was selected as the next place to hold the meeting.

Sentenced to Life Imprisonment. Oscar Fields, negro, who shot and killed Lula Wilson, also colored, and a colored sailor and then attempted to end his own life at Norfolk, Va., some six weeks ago, has been sentenced to a life term in prison, according to information reaching Lumberton. The woman killed was reared here and her remains were brought here for interment. Fields shot himself after inflicting the fatal wounds upon the others, but recovered.

Laurel Institute, Indian, Will Close May 12. The public school at Laurel institute, Indian, will close May 12th. The commencement sermon will be preached in the school building on the second Sunday in May at 12 o'clock by Rev. H. H. Lowry. There will be an address and exercises by the pupils of the school on Thursday, May 12.

Play at St. Pauls Postponed. The play to be given at St. Pauls by pupils of the Ten Mile-Barker's public school has been postponed from Tuesday evening, April 26, to Thursday evening, April 28.

Mr. C. B. Skipper, Jr. of Rosemary spent the week-end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper, Sr., Water street.

Womanless Wedding Was A Darling

Gales of Laughter Swayed Capacity Audience at School Auditorium Friday Evening While Local Men Disported in Glad Raiment—Woman's Club Realized \$140.44 for Playground Fund, and Much Obligated.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, it was a scream, that Womanless Wedding was, as per expectations, which were keyed up to the nth degree: not a hope of fun was dashed nor a trick missed. From first to last the crowd which packed the high school auditorium to its capacity Friday evening held its sides, individually and collectively, and rocked and gaped and shook with laughter. If a hearty laugh is medicinal—and you'll say it is—that was the most thoroughly medicated crowd that ever indulged in a cooperative laugh, a laugh all together. It was a hilarious time. If the world is divided into two classes of people, those who want to have a good time and those who are afraid to have a good time, the latter class was not represented there.

No wonder they laughed. There was provocation enough and to spare. Were not some of the town's best-known citizens, some of them ordinarily sedate and dignified but too wise to be fearful of putting themselves on exhibition once in so often, wise enough to permit themselves "the glorious luxury of being utterly silly now and then", dressed as they never dared hope to be dressed in this world, gloriously and wonderfully arrayed in feminine apparel, and permitted to walk with stretched-forth neck and haughty mein, or with mincing steps and a come-hither air, and there before the assembled multitude to cut such capers as in everyday life they would not dream of cutting? It was even so; and while they did thus the audience gasped for breath and was entirely happy.

Orderly to begin at the beginning—for it was a most orderly "wedding"—the first thing on the program was a solo by Miss Mabel Boyd of High Point, a guest at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyd, who sang "Until." That was not a part of the rollicking fun: it was pure delight. Unconfined mirth held sway thereafter when Knox Proctor, blacked for the part of butter, landed with both feet on the stage and began to tell 'em. Never did butter bubble with more of unctious and understanding spirit than he. Announced by him, distinguished guests now began to arrive, entering the front doors and marching the length of the hall down the two aisles, each according to his counterfeit presentation: Norma Talmadge—Dr. D. D. King; Pearl White—Ira Prevat; Billie Burke—Leon McGill; Constance Talmadge—Lloyd Riddle; Mary Pickford—Robert Caldwell; Carrie Nation (Old Maid)—James Proctor; Schuman Heink—Dr. Waddell; Tetrazzini—W. L. Thomas; Mary Garden—Simeon Caldwell; Anna Pavlova—Robert Prevatt; Gertrude Hoffman—D. L. Whiting; Galli Curci—C. H. Boyd; Alma Gluck—Raymond Rowan.

With that galaxy of celebrities, upon the stage you know there was bound to be something doing; and there was. As chorus girls they sang "Smiles" and "Margie" and did some fancy dancing, displaying lingerie something careless. Then Schuman Heink sang "Mary, a Pal of Mine" to a fare-you-well, Mary Pickford appeared in the role of songbird, rendering "In Love's Nest" so you wanted to nestle here, and Galli Curci sang, Oh, so beautifully! "I Love You Truly." As the crowd gazed upon the slender form of Charles Boyd as he preened and posed and stretched his mouth while the volume of entrancingly sweet music rose, still the wonder grew that he could do it so pat, and switched if he did not accept the ready plaudits of the delighted throng with as much satisfied nonchalance as if Mrs. Boyd had not been behind the piano sing—but that would be telling.

Now Carrie Nation braced out to the front and began one of her harangues. If the real Carrie could then have been seen and heard a former calm and never-ruffled mayor of this town as he poured forth a perfect torrent of words she would have rejoiced for that her political speaking had not been in vain. Interpretation of a part then and there reached a killing funny climax. The audience wanted to lie down and roll over and kick its heels in the air and scream with delight. To look at this Carrie was mirth; to look and listen was a riot of laughter.

Before anybody had time to get her or his face straight, off the crowd went in peals again at some delightful foolery by the butler and Black Mammy, the latter in the person of Rufus Kinlaw, and then the butler announced other arrivals: Mother of the bride (Mrs. Nat Goodwin)—H. B. Jennings, who marched down the aisle in unfringed dignity, dressed so becomingly and looking the part so to a t-y that the audience sat up and gasped and wondered and approved, and received guests upon the stage with a courtly grace that held the admiration of all, and sundry to the end; mother of the groom (Mrs. Greenleaf)—Dr. R. T. Allen, and in him the crowd also got surprise, for he had looks and airs of

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Auto Turned Turtle And Burned

Mr. Thurman McIntyre of Rowland Was Slightly Injured Yesterday When His Car Was Ditched on Fayetteville Road.

A stripped-down Buick auto owned and driven by Mr. Thurman McIntyre of Rowland turned turtle and was destroyed by fire about 9 miles from Lumberton on the Fayetteville road late yesterday afternoon. Mr. McIntyre was brought to the home of Mrs. M. E. Raybon here, having escaped with slight injury. It was reported here that Mr. McIntyre had been killed, and many went to the scene of the accident. The woods were set on fire by the burning auto. The auto ran into a ditch by the side of the road and ran down the ditch some 75 yards and struck a pine tree, and then turned over.

The car was being driven at full speed when it went into the ditch, according to some people. Mr. McIntyre passed on the road just before the car was ditched.

Recorder's Court

Three Young White Men in Toils on Charge of Larceny—Negro Charged With Slandering White Woman.

Ernest Tilly, Claude Smith and Evans Williams, three young white men, were before Recorder David H. Fuller Thursday afternoon on the charge of larceny. Smith and Williams were sentenced to 3 months each on the roads while Tilly was bound over to the Superior court under a \$300 bond, in default of which he was remanded to jail. Tilly and Williams were charged with entering the store of Mr. R. A. Moore in the eastern part of town and all three defendants were charged with robbing a freight car.

Ransom Lee, negro, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads on the charge of slandering Mrs. Katie Hanchie, white. He gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$100.

Joe Willis and Pink Barker were before the court Friday on the double charge of trespass and allowing their stock to run at large. Judgment was suspended on the charge of trespass in each case upon payment of the cost, while the other charges were not prosed.

Blair Nominated for Internal Revenue Commissioner.

David H. Blair, a Winston-Salem attorney, has been nominated by President Harding for internal revenue commissioner. The North Carolina man had splendid backing, including leading business men of the State, and this with his clean record won out over other candidates, who had him distanced at first.

MR. A. T. McCALLUM COMMISSIONER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

His Father and Grandfather Held Similar Appointments—Judges in Contests at Scotland School Commencement.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, April 23.—Mr. A. T. McCallum of Red Springs has been appointed by the presbytery of Fayetteville a commissioner to the General assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church to be held at St. Louis. An interesting fact in connection with the appointment is that the father and grandfather of Mr. McCallum both held similar appointments to general assemblies held in Pittsburg and Atlanta.

Miss Jane Dixon Vardell, head of the violin department, and Miss Mamie Bitter of the voice department of Flora Macdonald college together with J. A. McRae of Red Springs acted as judges in the chorus and story-telling contests at the Scotland county schools commencement held in Gibson on Friday.

Maxton Methodist Men's Club Planning Big Time. The Men's Club of St. Pauls Methodist church, South, will have banquet next Thursday evening, the 28th instant, either in Maple Shade dining room or at Carolina College, place is not yet decided upon. Among clubmen who have accepted the invitation to be present are Rev. George Stanly Frazier, founder of the clubs, of Wilmington, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, of Lumberton, and fifteen or twenty of his club.

Mr. Dozier, a live wire among the Wilmington clubmen, has been also invited and it is hoped that he will be accompanied by a number of his clubmen.

There will be "something doing" Thursday night of next week.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

Clarkton Nominees for Office. The Bladen Journal states that in a recent primary in Clarkton Mr. Snowden Singletary was nominated for mayor, Messrs. N. E. Batchelor and T. L. Hutchinson and Dr. D. D. Clark for town commissioners. The election is to be held May 3rd.

Mrs. J. B. Boyd and daughter, Miss Mabel Boyd, left this morning for their home at High Point after spending some time here visiting at the home of Mrs. Boyd's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Boyd, North Elm street. Mr. Loyd Musselwhite of R. 7, Lumberton, is in town today.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 1-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Sheriff R. E. Lewis has been indisposed for several days. He is not thought to be seriously ill, however. —Some line trouble caused the fire alarm bell to ring for box No. 53 at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The fire company answered the alarm, but found no fire. —Mr. A. M. Hartley spent the week-end at Columbia, S. C., with his mother, Mrs. Frances Hartley, who is a patient at the Columbia sanatorium. —Arrangements have been completed for conducting a summer school for teachers at Red Springs. It has not been determined when the school will open. —Prof. W. H. Cale returned yesterday from Henderson, where he attended the State Baraca-Philathea convention Friday and Saturday. He reports a great meeting. —Miss Myrtle Barnes, who came home to attend the marriage Thursday afternoon of her sister, Miss Gaynelle Barnes, will return Wednesday to Ayden, where she teaches school. —Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will preach the annual sermon before the graduating class of the St. Pauls high school in the Methodist church of that place next Sunday at 11 a. m. —The local bar met Saturday afternoon in the office of Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper and arranged a calendar for the two weeks' term of civil court which will convene here Monday May 16. —Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, returned last night from Mt. Gilead, where she spent a few days with her father, Mr. Geo. W. Andrews, who is ill. Mr. Andrews' condition was very much improved yesterday. —Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, left this morning for Pinehurst to attend a meeting of the county health officers of the State. This meeting will be followed by a meeting of the North Carolina Medical society. Several local physicians expect to attend the meeting. —Mr. Charlie Butler, well-known singer, who has been in town here last fall, spent a few hours here Saturday. Mr. Butler is conducting the music for a revival which is in progress at the Baptist church at Bladenboro. Rev. Charles Poe, pastor of the Temple Baptist church, Durham, is doing the preaching. Mr. Butler is pleasantly remembered here.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Jean Britt Died Last Night at Her Home Near Mt. Elim. Mrs. Jean Britt, relict of the late Archie Britt, died last night at her home, near Mt. Elim. Deceased had been in ill health since the first of this year though she had not been confined to her bed but a week. She was in her 75th year and is survived by five children, Mr. E. H. Britt of Lumberton being a son of the deceased. The funeral will be conducted from the home at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. I. P. Hedgpath of Lumberton, pastor of Big Branch Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Deceased was well-known and was a good woman.

John D. Herring of Howellville Township. Mr. John D. Herring, a well-known Robeson citizen, died at 5 o'clock Saturday morning at his home, near Regan church, Howellville township. Deceased had been in ill health for some time, but his condition had not been considered serious until a short time before his death. He was 69 years old and is survived by his widow and 8 children. The funeral was conducted from the home yesterday at 3:30 p. m. by Rev. G. W. Starling, pastor of Regan Methodist church, and interment was made in the family cemetery, near the home.

Ada Martin of Boardman. Ada, small daughter of Mr. Charlie Martin of Boardman, died yesterday of pneumonia, following measles. The child's mother died three weeks ago. The remains were carried to Critz, Va., for interment.

Annie Lee Ivey, Infant. Annie Lee, 6-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ivey of R. 1, Raynham, died at 7:20 last evening of colitis. The funeral was conducted from the Raynham Baptist church at 11 o'clock this morning by Rev. R. A. Hedgpath, pastor of the church, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

James Holmes, Indian. James Holmes, Indian, aged about 18 years, died Saturday night at the Baker sanatorium of some head trouble and complications. Holmes lived near Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Rossie B. Britt went Saturday evening to Eureka, Moore county, to attend the Eureka high and State farm life school commencement. Mrs. Britt's mother lives at Eureka.