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Automobile Thief Pleads Guilty

Dan McQueen Came out of Swamp With Hands Up and Said He Was The Man They Were After—Thunderbolt Was Willing to get out the Legal Way but the Ford Balked—Other Cases.

Dan McQueen, negro, pleaded guilty of stealing an automobile before Recorder David H. Fuller Saturday and was bound over to Superior court under a \$500 cash bond, in default of which he was remanded to jail. McQueen made a bold attempt to get away with a Ford touring car belonging to Mr. Hampton Mercer about 8 o'clock Friday evening. Mr. Mercer works at Mr. Pat Kornegay's fruit and grocery store, corner Elm and Second streets. He had his car parked in the back lot a few feet from the place where Mr. Mercer works. Dan cranked the car and drove it out West Second street into Water, up Water street to the iron bridge and out the Rowland road. Mr. Mercer heard the car leave and started chase, but was unable to overtake the car. He informed Policeman Ed. J. Glover and he in company with Officer Glover followed in another car. They overtook the negro at McNeill's bridge, some three miles from town. The negro left the car just before the officers overtook him and went into the swamp. Officer Glover called to him to halt and informed the negro that if he did not throw up his hands he would shoot him. He did not see the negro, but Dan was not taking any chances, so he threw up his hands and begged the officer not to shoot, coming out of the swamp with his hands up. He was brought to town and placed in jail.

The negro informed the officers that he was leaving with the car. He said his home was at Raeford. He has just completed a 12-months' sentence on the roads for the larceny of another car.

Will Thunderbolt and Mabel Ford, negroes, pleaded guilty of registering at the Bland hotel (colored) here as husband and wife. The negroes were allowed to go under continued judgment, judgment to be prayed if they were found in town after 10 o'clock Saturday night.

When the couple were hailed into court Will stated that while he was guilty of the charge, he intended to get married Saturday or Sunday. The court proposed to allow them to marry if they wished. Will appeared willing, but Mabel stated that she did not know whether or not she wanted to marry Will. They were arrested Friday evening, after they had been at the hotel for several hours. Mabel stated that her home was in Wilmington and that Will had written her requesting her to join him here. They spent Friday night in jail.

Swindell McEachern and James Love, colored, were found not guilty of reckless driving.

Dave Sealey, Haynes Ivey, Geo. Andrews and Elliott Griffin were found not guilty of plowing into the public road.

Shooting Fish Cost Lucion Ward \$118.

Lucion Ward was fined \$100 and cost—\$118—by Recorder David H. Fuller today on the charge of shooting fish. Ward pleaded guilty of the charge and was given the minimum sentence for the offense. Fifty dollars of the \$100 fine goes to the informant and \$50 to the county. This was the first case to come before the recorder here under the fish law passed by the last Legislature.

Walter Locklear, Indian, was sentenced to 10 months on the roads on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. He gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$500.

ROBESON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION ORGANIZED

Purpose is to Organize a B. Y. P. U. in Every Church of Robeson Baptist Association.

The Robeson County Baptist-Young Peoples Union association was organized at the First Baptist church here yesterday afternoon with the following officers: President, Dr. H. M. Baker, Lumberton; vice-president, Rev. E. G. Willis, North Lumberton; recording secretary, J. Carl Nye Orrum; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Robt. Belch, Lumberton.

Eleven B. Y. P. U.'s were represented at the meeting yesterday afternoon and three churches which have no unions were also represented. It is the purpose of the association to organize a B. Y. P. U. in all the churches in the Robeson Baptist association where a union has not already been organized.

The county organization will be divided into circles and circle meetings will be held at some central point once each month. The county association will meet once or twice each year.

Lewis-Edmond, Colored. Clio Lewis and Tomar Edmond, colored, were married in the office of register of deeds at 11 o'clock this morning by Justice M. G. McKenzie.

Mr. Robert Monroe of the Lumber Bridge section is among the visitors in town today.

Hail Does Considerable Damage

Worst Damage Was Between Barnesville and Marietta and in White Pond Section—It Will be Necessary to Replant Some Crops.

Hail did considerable damage in some section of the southern part of the county Friday afternoon. The worst damage reported here was between Barnesville and Marietta and in the White Pond section. Crops were damaged on some farms to the extent that it will be necessary to replant, according to information reaching Lumberton. A dispatch from Chadbourn, Columbus county, states that hail did considerable damage to crops in that section Friday afternoon.

Stills Captured.

Officers captured a copper whiskey still in a bay near Moss Neck Saturday afternoon. The still had been operated just before the officers reached it, being hot when they arrived on the scene, but the operators had vanished. Around 175 gallons of beer were destroyed. Deputy A. H. Pevatt and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman made the raid.

Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman captured a lard-tub whiskey-making outfit in White House township Friday. The still was not in operation and no arrests were made.

Bank of Maxton Again County Depository.

The Bank of Maxton was designated as county depository by the board of county commissioners today. The bid submitted by this bank, which has been county depository for the last year, provides for paying the county six per cent. interest on average daily balances and for loaning the county money at 3 per cent. interest. Bids were also submitted by the Bank of Robeson of Maxton and the National and First National Banks of Lumberton.

Democrats Force Reduction in Army Appropriation Bill.

Holding a solid front against a Republican split, Democrats forced through the House of Congress Saturday an amendment to the army appropriation bill cutting down the enlisted force to 150,000. The Kahn proposal for a bigger force never got to a vote.

The bill as approved by Secretary Weeks made provision for 168,000 men, or 12,000 more than the number fixed by the measure passed last session and vetoed.

Policeman McGill's Condition Continues to Improve.

The condition of Policeman Vance McGill, who was desperately wounded by negro bootleggers a week ago Saturday, continues to improve. He was given solid food for the first time this morning. Dr. N. A. Thompson of the Thompson hospital, where Mr. McGill is being treated, said this morning that he would recover unless complications set in.

Residence Burned at Fairmont This Morning.

A 6-room residence belonging to Mrs. J. B. Stephens at Fairmont was burned about 10 o'clock this morning, together with practically all her furniture. The fire started from a stove flue. The loss is estimated at around \$3,500, with but little insurance.

Snow Storms in North Carolina Mountains.

Snow, frost and freezing temperatures visited the mountain counties of Watauga, Alleghany, Avery and Ashe the latter part of the last week, says today's Charlotte Observer, this news being brought by Editor Wade H. Harris, who returned Sunday night from a trip to the mountains.

Agricultural Agent of V. and C. S. Railway.

Mr. W. J. Ritter has been appointed agricultural agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. Mr. Ritter will assist farmers along this railroad in any way possible.

Land Sold for Taxes.

Much land was sold for 1920 State and county taxes by Sheriff R. E. Lewis at noon today, the land having been advertised according to law. Practically all the land was bid in by the county.

Mr. A. J. Garris of Parkton is a Lumberton visitor today.

Messrs. J. H. and Lemon Johnson of R. 1, Fairmont, are Lumberton visitors today.

Mrs. Jno. J. Henderson and small daughter, Cora Ennaline, of Graham, are guests at the home of Mrs. Henderson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Proctor, North Elm street.

Miss Rosalie Lyth returned yesterday to her home at Rowland after spending a few days here visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stacy, North Elm street.

Mrs. Wesley Douglas and small son, Wesley, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., arrived Friday and will spend a few days visiting at the home of Mrs. Douglas' father, Mr. J. W. M'White, on R. 1 from Lumberton.

Redpath Chautauqua This Week

5-Day Feast of Good Things Begins Thursday—Season Tickets Dirt Cheap.

ADVANCE MAN OFFERS MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

The Redpath Chautauqua, the biggest and best in this country, opens a big five-day engagement here next Thursday and pennants, window cards, and newspaper advertising are heralding its coming.

The advance man, Mr. C. J. Stout, arrived Friday and hopes to enlist the services of every man, woman and child in a high-powered campaign to raise the money which the public-spirited business men of Lumberton have pledged to bring this splendid organization here. He asks no one to gamble on his statements in regard to the program to be offered. If any one holding a season ticket decides that anyone of the performances is not worth the entire price of a season ticket he can get his money refunded without any question asked at the gate. He will put this statement in writing for any one desiring him to do so.

Every man and woman on the program is a star professional performer with years of experience competing against the best in the music and lecture world in this country and is sure to delight the people of this community.

Mr. Stout feels there is no doubt whatever that the people will be extremely enthusiastic about the program before the week is half over because of a similar reaction in the forty other towns already covered this season in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Every town has been so well pleased that despite the financial depression it has reopened with extreme enthusiasm for the following year. One little town, LaGrange, Georgia, wired to headquarters to secure it the second time this year.

The following article appeared in the Augusta Chronicle about the little town of Williston, S. C.:

"Chautauqua a Success at Williston, S. C."

Williston, S. C., April 21.—"Despite the somewhat depressed conditions everywhere, the Redpath Chautauqua has been the greater success this year than last. Though only having run two days already, the greatest numbers that have ever been given to this community have appeared on the program with the star attractions yet to come.

"On the opening day the full quota of season tickets had been sold and a check in full turned over to the Redpath Bureau and definite arrangements made for the Chautauqua another year.

"Judged by the crowds at the tent and the unusual success of the entire year, it is hard to believe that the 1920 census gave Williston slightly less than a thousand population and means that every man in Williston counts for two or three by his enthusiasm and the ability to pull together. This is the Williston spirit that is fast bringing this little town to the forefront in business matters."

Mr. Stout says the tickets here are "dirt" cheap. In most towns the business men who guaranteed the Chautauqua have charged \$4.40 for the tickets while here they have agreed to sell them not only for \$2.50 but have got the government to cancel the war tax. Considering the splendid price the backers of the Chautauqua have made on the season tickets and the program they are offering, the people of this town, it will be nothing short of a shame if the people do not buy in large numbers.

Tickets can be secured from any member of the Women's Club, the drug stores or business men of the city.

Single admission will cost \$6.50 for the 10 performances or \$3.54 for the evening performances alone. Don't get caught without a season ticket. None are sold after the opening performance.

Two Airmen Killed at Pope Field, Fayetteville.

Lieut. Joseph E. Virgin and Lieut. Harold J. Hartman, of the eighth aero squadron, were instantly killed at Pope field, Camp Bragg, near Fayetteville, Friday afternoon when the engine of their plane is thought to have died on a sharp turn and the machine, going into a side slip, crashed into a pine tree.

The ship was being piloted by Lieutenant Virgin. The plane was a new DeHaviland type 4-B, with a 480 horsepower liberty motor. In making test flights with the same plane Tuesday, Lieutenant Hartman had made the 80-mile trip from Pope field to Goldsboro in 30 minutes.

Lieutenant Virgin's nearest relative is his mother, Mrs. Joseph E. Virgin, or Norman, Okla., while Lieutenant Hartman's home address is Reading, Pa., where his father, John H. Hartman, lives.

Mr. William Fuchs of Wilmington is spending the day here on business. Messrs. T. J. Noblin and Will Barnes of the Barnesville section are among the visitors in town today.

LaFayette Mutual Takes New Life

New Officers and Directors Take Over Business and Under New Management Company Will Have Much Larger Financial Backing—Policy Will be to Go After Business in Other States.

The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance company of Lumberton was taken over by new officers and directors Thursday afternoon. Under the new management the company will have a much larger financial backing and it is the purpose of the new organization to expand the business of the company to other states, the business heretofore having been confined to North Carolina. Headquarters of the company will remain in Lumberton and the office will be in charge of Mr. A. P. Page, who has been in charge of the office for 9 years.

Following are the officers of the new organization: President, Col. Emanuel Barrick of Philadelphia, Pa.; vice-president, Chas. E. Adams of Philadelphia; treasurer, Alfred Adams, Jr., of Atlantic City, N. J.; secretary, I. Morton Adams, of Philadelphia; assistant secretary, A. P. Page, Lumberton; medical directors, Dr. H. C. Donahoo, Chester, Pa., Dr. T. F. Costner, Lumberton. The new board of directors is composed of Col. Emanuel Barrick, I. Morton Adams, Jr., Chas. E. Adams, Dr. H. C. Donahoo, E. L. Brittingham.

The old officers were: president, W. J. Beattie, Jr., New York city; vice-presidents, K. M. Barnes, Lumberton, E. A. Poe Fayetteville, A. J. McKinon, Maxton, O. L. Clark, Clarkton; secretary-treasurer, E. E. Page, Lumberton; medical directors, Dr. T. F. Costner, Lumberton, Dr. Seavy Highsmith, Fayetteville; general council, Q. K. Niblocks, Fayetteville.

This company is in fine financial condition and the new organization with its enlarged financial backing and expanded business will be an addition to the business life of Lumberton.

PHILADELPHUS SCHOOL GRADUATES VISIT LUMBERTON

Jolly Party of Young Folk Came to Town Friday Afternoon in Big School Truck—Tomorrow is Commencement Day.

A jolly crowd of young folks, 13 of them members of the graduating class of Philadelphia high school, visited Lumberton Friday afternoon in the big truck that carries pupils daily during the term from the Mt. Tabor district to Philadelphia.

Those in the party were: Misses Mary Baggett, Annie Belle Buie, Lillian Britt, Carmen Berryhill, Emily McArthur, Rosa Lee McEachin, Mary Belle McMillan, Myrtle Williams; Messrs. Douglass Brown, Bruce McGowan, Marvin McNeill, Dannie Wilkinson, Kenneth Smith—all members of the graduating class; Mr. J. O. Overcash, principal of the school, and Mr. Jack McNeill, a member of the Ninth grade, who drove the truck. Mr. McNeill has driven this big truck all during the term which is now closing, gathering up pupils of the Mt. Tabor district every morning and taking them back home every afternoon. This bus will carry about twenty people comfortable in all sorts of weather and it has solved the school problem for the patrons of the Mt. Tabor district.

The party drove about town a bit and at the Baker sanatorium the entire party called on a fellow student, Mr. Boyd Ayers, who is just recovering from an attack of pneumonia and was so far convalescent as to be sitting on a porch at the sanatorium. Mr. Ayers is captain of the Philadelphia basketball team.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, tomorrow, May 3, is commencement day at Philadelphia, beginning at 10:30 a. m. There will be exercise by the class, an address by Prof. M. C. S. Noble of Chapel Hill, dinner, moving pictures and a ball game. Commencement began last Friday night, Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick of Lillington preached the sermon yesterday morning, and this evening at 8 o'clock a play will be given by the graduating class.

Tabernacle School Funds May 3 and 6

St. Pauls, April 30.—The Tabernacle school closes Wednesday and Thursday, May 5th and 6th exercises beginning each p. m. at 8:30 o'clock Everybody invited.

Mr. H. W. Ivey and son, Mr. Charlie Ivey, of R. 3, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. D. H. Britt, Jr. of McDonalds is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. A. W. Harrington of the Marietta section is among the visitors in town today.

Messrs. F. M. Wilkerson and Graddy Floyd of R. 1 from Fairmont are among the visitors in town today. Dr. G. M. Pate of Raynham is a Lumberton visitor today.

Messrs. Robt. H. Rice and T. C. Driggers of Red Springs are Lumberton visitors today. Messrs. H. V. Brown and Thos. Barker of Fairmont are among the visitors in town today.

Fairmont High School Finals

Splendid Program Rendered at Close of Successful Term—Ten Members of Graduating Class.

The Fairmont high school closed a most successful term Friday of last week with appropriate and fitting exercises the last being given Friday and Friday evening. The literary address was delivered in the high school auditorium Friday morning by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton. A large crowd heard the address which was entertaining as well as instructive.

The exercises opened with a chorus by the small pupils, followed by a solo, "America", by Miss Erah Thompson. Pupils of the first grade then presented "A Play of Springtime" and flag drill. This was followed by a delightful duet, "Witches Flight", by Misses Magenta Lassiter and Katherine Cole.

After Dr. Beaman's address diplomas were presented to the ten members of the graduating class by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction. Members of the graduating class were: Misses Katherine Floyd, Freda Fauk, Martha Inman, Retha Jenkins, Mary Ethel Lewis, Erah Thompson, Selma Ward; Messrs. Paul Thompson, Frank Mitchell, Willis Fisher. Certificates issued to 25 pupils who finished the seventh grade work were also presented by Prof. Poole.

Senior class exercises were given Friday evening and were attended by a large crowd.

Closing exercise, began Wednesday night, when pupils of the grammar grades presented "The Courting of Mother Goose" and pupils of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades presented "The District School."

Thursday night the music pupils gave a recital, with Miss Wrennie Floyd in charge.

Red Springs News

Town Election—Woodall Lodge Celebrates 106th Anniversary.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, May 2—Woodall Lodge No. 235 yesterday observed the 106th anniversary of the founding of the order by attending special services held in St. Stephens Episcopal church and hearing a sermon delivered by Rev. T. F. Opie on the principles of the order. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and numbers over forty members.

Red Springs held its town election on Monday, only one ticket being in the field. Hiram Grantham, candidate for mayor, headed the ticket with the following running for commissioners: Messrs. J. L. McMillan, A. C. Huggins, G. T. Bullock, M. E. Watson, W. L. McRae, T. C. Rogers.

Word was received here Saturday of the birth in Macon, Ga., of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Vardell, Jr. Mr. Vardell is dean of the conservatory of music at Flora Macdonald college.

FEDERAL RAIDERS BRISK BATTLE ADERS IN KRILL BLOCK

Three Negroes Killed, and Others Wounded When Officers Raided Monster Distillery.

Three unidentified negroes were killed outright and 6 others wounded when a party of nine prohibition officers, headed by R. G. Gulley of Raleigh, raided a monster distillery 600 yards beyond the Virginia line from Warren county Friday morning at 5 o'clock, states the Raleigh News and Observer. None of the officers were wounded. The plant, including 3 stills of an aggregate capacity of 475 gallons, 22,000 gallons of beer and other property valued at \$7,500, were destroyed. It is said to be the largest distillery ever destroyed by North Carolina prohibition forces.

The plant was manned by 17 negroes, most of them believed to be residents of the southern section of Wake county, with Hayes and Joe Baldwin. Apex negroes, fugitives from justice, in charge of the operations. Both the Baldwins escaped in a highpowered auto carrying several of the wounded negroes with them.

Meeting Places for Community Service Motion Pictures.

Union Chapel (Ind.) Monday, May 2nd. Philadelphia high school, Tuesday, afternoon at 3 o'clock, May 3rd. Allenton Tuesday night, May 3rd. Purvis Wednesday, May 4th. Fairmont Thursday, May 5th. Centenary Friday, May 6th. M. N. FOLGER, Director.

Chautauqua Week in Lumberton May 5 to May 10. Eleven Big Attractions. Season Tickets Only \$2.50.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 10 1/4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Miss May is treating us cold.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Towns, yesterday afternoon at the Thompson hospital, a son.

—Mr. A. H. Hinds has improved the appearance of his front and interior of his market by adding a fresh coat of paint.

—An election to confirm the nominations made in last Tuesday's town primary is being held today. Very few votes had been cast up to noon.

—A partition has been removed from the rear of the McMillan pharmacy and the fixtures re-arranged, adding considerable space to the interior of the store.

—The board of county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board are all holding regular first-Monday meetings here today. Large crowd in town.

—The Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will meet in the municipal building Thursday of this week at 5 p. m. Much business of importance will be considered and a large attendance is urged.

—Mr. E. L. Holloway, proprietor of the Peoples garage of Lumberton, made a voluntary assignment Saturday. Mr. E. M. Johnson is named as trustee for the creditors. The amount of liabilities and assets has not been learned.

—Town Clerk and Treasurer Russell says he will turn over to The Robesonian Wednesday morning for publication the list of delinquent town tax-payers. Those who pay before that time will not be included in the list.

—Did you ever see a chicken with four well-developed legs, with feet attached? Mrs. A. B. Thomas of R. 1, Lumberton, sent a biddie to The Robesonian office today thus equipped for traveling. The biddie was dead, however, having died soon after it was hatched.

—Mr. I. H. Warwick, a merchant and farmer of Orrum, is among the visitorse in town today. Mr. Warwick is one man who is cheerful, although his losses were heavy last year. "I expect to live 'till I die, if somebody don't kill me," remarked Mr. Warwick while talking with The Robesonian man.

—Rev. W. D. Pridgen and Mr. J. L. Thagard, both of Pembroke, were Lumberton visitors Friday. Mr. Pridgen has just entered upon the pastorate of Pembroke and Buies Baptist churches. He moved to Pembroke with his wife and four children Saturday a week ago from Swansboro, Onslow county.

—Rev. R. D. Bothea, colored, pastor of Mt. Olive Methodist church, was liberally pounded with choice groceries by members and friends of the church at the parsonage a few nights ago and he wants to express his appreciation through The Robesonian and intimates that another visit of the same kind would not be objectionable to him.

—Mr. A. J. Floyd of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Friday. Mr. Floyd says that on a visit to Fair Bluff the other day he saw the picture on a tombstone referred to recently in a dispatch from Fair Bluff printed in The Robesonian, and that it is very distinct. He saw the same tombstone a short while before and did not then notice the picture, which is said to resemble the woman buried at that stone. Many people are visiting the grave to see this image.

Senate Passes Peace Resolution. The administration's first step toward placing the United States on a technical, legal basis of peace was taken Saturday night by the U. S. Senate in adopting the Knox resolution. The vote for adoption of the resolution was 49 to 23.

Three Democrats voted for the resolution and although no Republicans voted against it, Senator Nelson of Minnesota, was paired against it. The Democrats voting for it were Senators, Myers, Montana; Shields, Tennessee; and Watson, Georgia. Two other Democrats, Reed, Missouri, and Walsh, Massachusetts, were announced as favoring the resolution.

The resolution now goes to the House with prospects of prompt action there. No change was made by the Senate in the resolution as reported by the foreign relations committee. It would repeal the war resolutions affecting Germany and Austria-Hungary, impound alien enemy property, and reserve to the United States all rights and privileges under the treaty of Versailles and other peace treaties.

HOUSE FOR SALE
Ten-Room House on West Fifth Street, next to Garage of Lumberton Motor Car Company will be sold as it stands, purchaser to move it off the lot on which it stands within the Next Thirty Days.
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