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Liquor Car Negroes Given Hearing

Negroes Who Shot Policemen McGill and Boyle Are Being Given Preliminary Hearing Before Recorder Fuller Today.

Jim Wells, James Grice, Spencer James and Bennie Rogers, negroes, charged with shooting Policemen Vance McGill and J. P. Boyle on Saturday morning, April 23, are being given a preliminary hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller today. The negroes are also charged with transporting whiskey.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Officers McGill and Boyle were shot when they stopped a car loaded with liquor in front of the municipal building about daylight on Saturday morning, April 23. Policeman McGill was seriously wounded, a bullet entering his abdomen and another passing through his left arm. Policeman Boyle was shot through the left arm. The negroes were arrested in Fayetteville a few hours after the shooting. Jim Wells, one of the four negroes arrested, was struck in the hip by a bullet fired by Mr. McGill after he had been shot.

Charged With Insulting White Woman

St. Pauls Negro, Heck McNeill, Said to Have Made Improper Remarks to White Woman—Brought to Jail Here and Will be Given a Hearing Tomorrow.

Heck McNeill, negro, was brought here Saturday from St. Pauls and placed in jail charged with making improper remarks to a white married woman. The negro went to the lady's home to get some chairs to repair, it is said, and made some insulting remark to her while there. The negro was rushed to jail here soon after the occurrence. He will be given a hearing tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The negro is about 40 years old and lived at St. Pauls.

Will Fight Automobile Driver Tax

Number of Citizens Will Employ Lawyers to Contest Town Ordinance Taxing Each Auto Driver \$5.

Mr. D. R. Shaw has secured contributions from a number of citizens to a fund to be used to contest the ordinance passed by the town commissioners last week, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, taxing each driver of an auto \$5. It is understood that about 100 citizens have signed the protest and have contributed to the fund and that the firm of McIntyre Lawrence & Proctor will be employed to fight the ordinance, carrying it to the Supreme court, if necessary.

Admiral Sims Ordered Home

Rear Admiral Sims was ordered home from London Saturday by Secretary of the Navy Denby as a result of his recent speech attacking Sinn Fein sympathizers in the United States.

Columbus Jailer Jails His Son-in-Law

Whiteville, June 10.—Jailer J. L. Spivey is in an unusual predicament through having in his keeping a man who is charged with bigamy and whose second wife happens to be Mr. Spivey's own daughter. The man in question is W. C. Dixon, and since the arrival here of wife No. 1, on Monday of this week he has been held in default of a one thousand dollar bond.

Large Still Captured in Smiths Town

Officers captured a large copper whiskey still in a bay in Smiths town Friday afternoon. Around 300 gallons of beer was also found at the still, which was set up and ready for operation. There was nobody at the still when the officers reached it and no arrests were made. The posse was led by Sheriff R. E. Lewis.

Sims Says He Was Not Correctly Quoted

Washington, June 12.—Remarks attributed to him in press reports of his recent address before the English Speaking Union in London in which he criticized activities of Sinn Fein sympathizers in this country were not correctly quoted and were misleading, Admiral William S. Sims declared in a cablegram received today by Secretary Denby.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Tebeau and Little Daughter, Sadie Rose, of Fayetteville, Spent the Week-end here

visiting at the home of Mrs. Tebeau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley, Elm street.

—Mr. Everett Davis and five children of R. 3, Lakeview, S. C., were among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Davis said he would cure a bar of tobacco this week.

Running Expenses Exceed Revenue

Lumberton is Having Same Difficulty as Other Towns—Amount Derived from Taxes Last Year Lacked \$10,000 of Meeting Running Expenses and no Relief is in Sight—Mayor White Will Attend Meeting of Mayors in Raleigh Thursday.

Mayor A. E. White expects to attend Thursday in Raleigh a meeting of the mayors of the State, at which meeting matters pertaining to financing municipalities will be considered. Lumberton, like practically all other towns in the State, is having difficulty in raising revenue to meet operating expenses. Last year the amount of taxes derived from property levies amounted to \$46,634.36. This lacked about \$10,000 of meeting the running expenses. Only a like amount can be levied this year under the present State laws, and a mistake in the Senate Journal makes it impossible for towns to sell bonds now.

It takes about two-thirds of the money collected to pay the expenses of the schools. The town is now in need of funds, with nothing in sight except privilege taxes and about \$5,000 uncollected 1920 taxes.

As will be noted elsewhere in today's paper, the mayor and town commissioners have cut off several of the town's employees and cut the salaries and wages of others in order to reduce expenses and Mayor White says it may be necessary to cut some more.

Recorder's Court

Nathan Bruce Draws 2 Road Sentences and a Fine, on 4 Charges and Appeals to Higher Court—Other Cases.

Nathan Bruce of Raft Swamp township was before Recorder David H. Fuller Friday on four charges—manufacturing whiskey, carrying concealed weapon, cursing and raising a disturbance on the public highway and assault with intent to kill upon his brother-in-law, Mr. Ambrose Davis.

On the charge of manufacturing whiskey he was given a 5-months' road sentence, an 8-months' road sentence on the charge of assault upon Davis, was fined \$5 and cost on the charge of cursing and raising a disturbance on the public highway and was found not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. Bruce gave notice of appeal to the Superior court and made bond.

Ervin Prevatte of Raft Swamp township was found guilty of obstructing a public highway. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost and the cost was remitted.

Two charges against John Townsend of Raft Swamp township, one of assault with deadly weapon upon his son-in-law and one for causing his daughter to leave her husband, were both not prosed.

Frank Parker was found guilty of cursing on the streets. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost, one-half the cost being remitted.

Oscar Warwick was found guilty of operating a slot machine, same being a game of chance. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Parker and Warwick were tried Saturday, all of Friday's cases being from Raft Swamp township.

E. L. Daughtridg Died Yesterday

E. L. Daughtridg, former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and prominent in business and politics for many years died at his home in Rocky Mount early yesterday. He is survived by his widow, 2 daughters and 5 sons.

JURY FINDS DR. PEACOCK NOT GUILTY OF MURDER CHARGE

A Rowan county jury at Lexington Saturday night found Dr. J. W. Peacock not guilty of murder in killing Chief of Police J. E. Taylor of Thomasville.

The jury accepted the testimony of alienists including Dr. Albert Anderson, superintendent of the State hospital in Raleigh and Dr. Isaac Taylor, of the State hospital at Morganton, and other physicians who appeared in the case that the physician on trial was insane when he did the brutal deed.

Judge T. B. Finley ordered Dr. Peacock placed in the custody of the Davidson county sheriff until a hearing can be held here to determine his sanity at the present time. He was returned to his cell in the Davidson county jail. The date for this hearing was set for June 28th before Judge Finley.

Mrs. Hook Boomed for Legislature

The consensus of opinion among North Carolina club women who attended the meeting of the State Federation which came to a close Friday at Wrightsville Beach says the Raleigh News and Observer, appears to be that Mrs. C. C. Hook of Charlotte, the able retiring president of the Federation, is of distinctly legislative timber, and, accordingly, should be put forward as a candidate for the next General Assembly by the women of Mecklenburg county.

Some 2,000 People At Last Service

4-Weeks Revival at Star Warehouse Closed Last Night—Much Good Accomplished—Mr. L. H. Caldwell Was Father of the Meeting and Others Helped—One Lady Gave 2 Preachers \$100 Each.

The revival which had been in progress at the Star warehouse four weeks closed last night, the largest crowd that attended any of the services being present for the closing service. The attendance last evening was estimated at around 2,000. There were a number of professions during the meeting and a general spiritual awakening among professing Christians. Seventy cottage prayer meetings were held in various homes in town during the meeting and the prayer meetings will be continued for some time.

The service last evening was especially interesting. Besides the congregational singing, Misses Rosa and Lois Caldwell rendered a delightful duet and Mr. J. H. Jones, who directed the singing during the last two weeks of the meeting, sang a solo. Rev. A. E. Paul, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church and field, who did most of the preaching, preached a stirring sermon. He read as a Scripture lesson a part of the first chapter of Proverbs. The preacher warned against putting off the day of salvation, declaring that he had never known what was thought to have been a death-bed repentance to hold out when the man or woman got well. The man who depends upon a death-bed repentance doesn't stand much chance of getting to heaven. God may save your soul on the death bed, but He has made no promise to do so. Among the ways in which God calls men to repentance, the preacher mentioned, nature the Bible, preaching, providence, His Son and the Holy Ghost. He declared that the Bible is a letter from God to the people of earth. The preacher gave special warning against turning the Holy Spirit away when He calls, saying that when the Holy Spirit takes its glight from a person it is a gone case.

Mr. Paul took occasion to thank all who had assisted in any way in the meeting. To Mr. L. H. Caldwell he gave credit as being the father of the plan to hold the meeting. In his remarks, the preacher stated that a lady member of the First Baptist church gave both herself and Rev. E. G. Willis a check for \$100 each soon after the meeting started. The lady requested that nothing be said about what she had done, and he did not give her name. Mr. Willis is pastor of North Lumberton Baptist church and preached several times during the meeting.

DELaware MAN CHOSEN STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Charles Hufham Accepts Position Declined by Clifford Older—He Built One of Finest Pieces of Road in the World in Delaware.

Charles Hufham, highway engineer for the State of Delaware, accepted appointment to the same position in North Carolina yesterday, and will come to the State within the next few weeks to begin his new duties. Mr. Hufham spent several days here last week when the commission was in session, and went over the work with the members. He telegraphed his acceptance to Chairman Frank Page yesterday.

Mr. Hufham comes to North Carolina in place of Clifford Older, State Highway Engineer of Illinois, who was appointed by the Commission at its second session in April. Mr. Older accepted the position, agreeing to come to North Carolina early in the summer, and later reconsidered his decision because of the unwillingness of members of his family to leave that State.

The new highway engineer is a graduate in engineering at the Boston Institute of Technology. Some years ago the DuPonts determined to build a paved highway across their State of Delaware. Mr. Hufham was in their employ at the time, and he was delegated to go into every State in the Union, and into several foreign countries to study roads. He went, at the expense of the DuPonts, and came home and built one of the finest pieces of road in the world.

Then he was made State Highway Engineer of Delaware, and continued the road building provided by the General Assembly. Delaware is said to have the finest system of roads in the country, most of which has been built under the direction of Mr. Hufham. Mr. Page has known him for several years, and has high regard for his abilities as an engineer.—Raleigh News and Observer.

—Born, Thursday afternoon, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Biggs, a 10-pound daughter.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ross H. Petner, who were married recently, will begin light-housekeeping here at the home of Mr. E. B. Freeman, Water street, this week.

Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, returned home Saturday from a three weeks' trip to New York and points in New Jersey.

Town Board Adopts Economy Program

Salaries and Wages Slashed and Several Employees Are Dropped from Pay Roll—\$700 to \$800 a Month Cut from Town's Operating Expenses—Privilege Taxes.

A general reduction in salaries and wages of town employees was made by the mayor and town commissioners at a meeting Friday afternoon and several employees were cut off the payroll. The reduction in salaries and wages and the cutting off of the employees was brought about by stringent financial conditions and for the purpose of cutting down operating expenses generally.

It is estimated that these changes will save the town between \$700 and \$800 a month.

Reductions in salaries and wages were made as follows:
Chief of Police D. M. Barker from \$125 to \$115 the month.
Night Policeman J. B. Boyle from \$95 to \$90.
Fire Chief E. J. Glover from \$100 to \$90.
Truck Driver Raymond Musselwhite from \$80 to \$75.
John L. McNeill, superintendent of light and water plants, from \$150 to \$125.
The number of employees at the light and water plants was reduced from four to three and the wages of employees cut from \$22.50 the week to \$17.50.

The street and sanitary force was ordered reduced to two men besides James Sanderson, who was named foreman of this work.

Chief of Police D. M. Barker takes over the position formerly held by H. Bell Robeson as superintendent of streets.

While the salary of J. P. Russell, town clerk and treasurer, was not cut, he is not to hire an assistant in the future.

One night policeman was cut off, provision being made for Firemen Glover and Musselwhite to take turn about in patrolling the business section of town at night and assisting Night Policeman J. B. Boyle when necessary.

Vance McGill, former night policeman, was employed as tax collector, the salary not being named.

The board passed an order granting permission to the Texas Oil company to erect a station and tanks on a lot owned by this company south of the Seaboard railroad.

Privilege Taxes

Privilege taxes were fixed by the board as follows:
Auctioneers: \$25 annual, \$10 daily.
Automobile for hire \$25.
Auto repair shop, \$20.
Automobile sales agents, \$15.
Auto supplies and parts, regardless of other business, \$15.
Barber shops, each chair \$3, sanitary tax \$3.50.
Bicycle dealers and repair shops, \$15.
Bill posting for occasions to take place in other place, than Lumberton, \$25 per year, \$7.50 per day.
Blacksmith shops, \$10.
Bottling works, \$50.
Bowling alleys, \$50.
Brick dealers, regardless of other business, \$10.
Buggy, wagon and harness dealers, \$15.
Butchers, retail, regardless of other business, \$15.
Brass knuck dealers, regardless of other business, \$25.
Cigarettes, regardless of other business, \$10.
Carnivals and circuses, when permitted, same as State license.
Cabinet works, \$7.50.
Clothes cleaning and pressing, \$12-50.
Clothing dealers (made to order not included) \$15.
Contractors, building, construction work, painting, electrical wiring, \$7.50.
Coal and wood dealers and brokers, \$15.
Cattle and hog dealers, nothing less than \$10, this good for one year.
Coffins and caskets, regardless of other business, \$20.
Crossitie dealers, \$15.
Bull dogs, \$5. No dog allowed to run at large in town.
Drays for hire: trucks, \$15, wagons, \$10.
Electrical supply dealers, regardless of other business, \$10.
Express companies, \$25.
Embalmers, regardless of other business, \$10.
Feather renovators, \$75.
Fire crackers, toy pistols, fire (Continued on page five.)

American Federation Demands Recall of Admiral Sims

Denver, Col., June 10.—The recall of Admiral Sims from England and his dishonorable discharge from the United States navy by President Harding if his remark, in London on the Irish question are found to be correctly quoted, were demanded in a resolution presented today in the annual convention of trades department of the American Federation of Labor.

The resolution presented by Timothy Heavy, head of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Gilers, urges that the full force of the American Federation of Labor, be asked to co-operate and assist in the report.

Parkton Letter

A Surprise Marriage, Miss Burline Godwin and Mr. A. L. Carroll—Mr. James King Passes—Boy Scouts Reorganize—Splendid Rains—Home Talent Play—Personal Mention.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, June 10.—Mr. James King, aged 55 years, died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home four miles from Parkton. Deceased was a substantial citizen and well known throughout his neighborhood. He had been in declining health for several years, but only sick about a week. Funeral will be at the Adams graveyard today at 3 o'clock.

Rev. W. L. Maness left Tuesday for Durham to attend the ministers training school. He will be gone only a few weeks.

Mrs. A. B. Williamson and small son, Lewis left Saturday for Greensboro, where she attended the commencement of Greensboro college for women. Her daughter Miss Georgia Williamson graduated there this session and was vice-president of the class of 1921, which class numbers 71. Miss Blanch Platt was cheer leader. These two are Robeson county girls. Mrs. Williamson and son Lewis and Miss Georgia arrived home Wednesday p. m.

The Boy scouts have re-organized and on Monday night enjoyed an ice cream supper. They have their tent pitched on the school grounds.

Capt. B. A. McDonald left last night for New York on legal business.

Mr. Jas. T. Cox, and son, Harold, and daughter, Edith, of Saratoga, N. Y., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs for a few days. Mr. Cox and Harold left yesterday for their home, while Miss Edith will remain for a few weeks. Mr. Cox is a brother of Mrs. Stubbs.

Miss Bessie Odom of Brightsville, S. C., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs and on Wednesday, Miss Odom, Miss Edith Cox and Mrs. Stubbs left for Clio for a brief visit.

Mr. E. B. Daniel spent last week with home folks at Ludowice, Ga., and returned home Sunday accompanied by his wife and three children, who have been on an extended visit in Georgia. Also little Mary Daniel, his niece, accompanied them home and will spend some time in our town.

Our town was blessed yesterday and today with splendid rains, which were much needed.

Mr. J. B. McCormick and son, Pemberton, and J. W. Williamson were Lumberton visitors this afternoon.

Mrs. Young of Chester, S. C., is on a visit to her sister Mrs. J. K. Hall.

The play entitled, "Hazel Adams" was given at Hope Mills last night to a full house. Door receipts \$30, benefit Christian Endeavor society. They carry it to St. Pauls tonight. Mrs. L. M. Powell, who underwent an operation a couple of weeks ago at the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, is reported as improving somewhat but may be several days before she will be able to return home.

Mrs. J. H. Butler of R. 1, Parkton, was taken to the Highsmith hospital Monday for treatment and may undergo an operation soon. Mrs. Butler is quite sick. We trust she may soon recover. Her son Mr. Charley Butler and family are with Mr. J. H. Butler while Mrs. Butler is away.

Quite a surprise marriage took place last night 8:30 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Hall when Mr. A. L. Carroll and Miss Burline Godwin were united, Mr. Hall officiating. Only the members of the family of the contracting parties were present. This young couple have the hearty congratulations of numerous friends of the community.

Master Donovan Williamson is spending this week at the home of his sister Mrs. Justin McNeill in Lumberton.

Little Ester Johnson of St. Pauls is visiting her cousin little Mary Currie this week.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Thomas Franklin Powers, Infant
Thomas, Franklin, 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Powers of Howellsville township, died Saturday morning of colitis.

Mrs. Wincie Nora Lamb of Britts.
Mrs. Wincie Nora Lamb, aged 19 years, died Saturday at her home in Britts township. The cause of her death has not been learned.

Mrs. Rowland Mercer, Near Bellamy.
Mrs. Rowland Mercer died this morning at her home, near Bellamy, following an extended illness. Deceased was 48 years old and is survived by her husband and three children. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 10 a. m. and interment will be made in the family cemetery, near the home.

Mrs. Ethel Green of East Lumberton.
Mrs. Ethel Green, aged 21 years died last night at her home in East Lumberton, death resulting from tuberculosis. Her husband and two children survive. Interment was made in the family burying ground in Wishard township at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

—The condition of Dr. D. D. King, who has been ill for two weeks, is improving.

A Great Banquet—Methodist Men's Clubs.

That was a great banquet given by the Methodist Men's club of Lumberton in the dining room of the splendid hotel Lorraine on Friday night of last week. Responding to a very cordial invitation twenty-five or thirty of the members of the Maxton club attended the banquet, and enjoyed the occasion immensely. Our crowd was a little late in reaching Lumberton, but we were in time for the best part of it. In addition to the visitors from Maxton, there were others from Wilmington, Rowland, Red Springs, St. Pauls, Fairmont and Rockingham. Unless I am mistaken this new organization means a great deal for the men of our church, meeting a long felt need for something to call out the energies of our men. The women and children have been organized for many years, but until Dr. Frazer organized the idea of organizing our men, much of the man power of our church went to waste. Presiding Elder Shore delivered a splendid talk at the banquet, in which he said it was an easy matter to organize anything, but that the important matter was to keep it going. That is unquestionably true, but we believe that the Methodist Men's club has in it elements that cannot but appeal to men with such force that it would be more difficult to stop it than it will be to keep it going.—Rev. J. A. Hornaday in Maxton Scottish Chief.

COTTON MARKET.

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

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Rebecca Ward left Friday for Asheville where she will attend a summer school for teachers.

—Dr. W. C. Wicker of Elon College arrived yesterday and will spend two weeks here lecturing to St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M.

—Mr. W. H. Stone, who lives in the north-eastern part of town, sent to The Robesonian office Friday an Irish potato bush with potatoes on the top.

—There is talk of local merchants giving their employees a half-holiday each week. The plan is to close all stores Thursday at noon. This plan has been adopted in several cities.

—Messrs Irvin Jenkins and Jno. S. McNeill left today for High Point to attend the State convention of the Order of the Eastern Star. They represent the Lumberton chapter of the O. E. S.

—Chief of Police D. M. Barker has asked The Robesonian to say that he is going to enforce the town ordinance against smoking in town with muffer cut-out open. He is also going to put a stop to driving at night with only one light burning, he says.

—Justice M. G. McKenzie married two colored couples in quick succession this morning: William Forney and Rebecca Bell of Fairmont at 10:30 and William Handon and Cornelia Lesane of Bladen county at 10:35. Both marriages took place at the court house.

—Miss Rosalie Lytch of Rowland underwent an operation for enlarged adenoids in the Charlotte sanatorium, Charlotte, early last week. She arrived here from Charlotte Friday night and spent the week-end at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stacy, North Elm street.

—Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, expects to leave tomorrow evening for Atlanta, Ga., to attend a meeting of the Home Mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, of which board he is a member. Dr. Durham has arranged for prayermeeting to be conducted at his church Wednesday evening, however.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belch, Misses Dovie Prevatte, Bertha and Lily Barker, Eulalia McGill, Lina Gough, Nettie Phillips and Gwendolin Barrett will go tomorrow to Charlotte as delegates from the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church to the 12th annual State convention of the B. Y. P. U., which will convene in the First Baptist church in Charlotte tomorrow evening.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson of Parkton, who had been a guest since Friday at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill, left for home this morning accompanied by his son, Master Donovan, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McNeill since last Sunday. Mr. Williamson is on his annual vacation until June 15 from his R. F. D. route from Parkton and his son Charles is subbing for him.

—Mr. A. L. Lawson of Orrum was among the visitors in town Saturday. A warehouse in Charleston, S. C., in which Lawson had two bales of long-staple cotton stored, was burned, together with the cotton, recently. Mr. Hezzie Phillips of the same section had six bales of cotton in the warehouse, while Messrs. Don Phillips and W. A. Britt, also of the Orrum section, had three bales each stored in the warehouse that was burned. The cotton was all insured, according to Mr. Lawson.