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Wells To State Prison For 10 Years

Negro Who Shot Policeman McGill Goes to Pen and 3 Others in Liquor Car Get Road Sentences—Lawrence Fox Plead Guilty and Goes to Prison for 3 Years for Killing Another Negro—Road Sentences the Order—Liquor Offenders Do Not Find Favor With Judge Kerr.

A raft of cases have been disposed of in Superior court for the trial of criminal cases since court convened Monday morning. A number of men have been sentenced to the roads by Judge John H. Kerr of Warrenton, who is presiding. Persons found guilty of violating the prohibition laws are finding Judge Kerr ready to deal out sentences for this particular offense.

The following cases had been tried up to noon today:

Lawrence Fox, negro charged with the murder of Henry McDonald, another negro this morning, when the trial was to begin, entered a plea of second degree murder, which was accepted by the State. He was sentenced by Judge Kerr to three years in the State prison. Fox shot and killed McDonald in Britt's township March 6, last.

Duffie Ward this morning was found guilty of violating the fish laws.

The grand jury will probably complete its work today. Mr. H. C. McMillan of Parkton is foreman of the jury and Mr. E. McQ. Rowan is officer.

Jim Wells, James Grice, Spencer James and Bennie Rogers, negroes, assault with deadly weapon upon Policemen J. B. Boyle and Vance McGill of Lumberton. Wells was given a ten-year sentence in the State prison, five of them at hard labor; Spencer James and Bennie Rogers were sentenced to 18 months each on the county roads and James Grice to 9 months on the county roads. Wells pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and judgment was suspended in that case.

Wells, Grice, James and Rogers were the negroes who were in the liquor car when the Lumberton officers were fired upon some two months ago. The evidence tended to show that Wells did the shooting, firing upon the officers when they were in the act of removing more than three gallons of whiskey from the car occupied by the negroes. While both officers recovered, Officer McGill was seriously injured.

Oscar Watts, assault with deadly weapon, plead guilty; fined \$25 and cost.

George Williams, violating fish law; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Elihu Barton, assault upon a female, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Albert Locklear, cheating; not prosessed with leave.

Raymond Brooks, manufacturing whiskey, two cases; two years on roads in first case and prayer for judgment continued in the second upon payment of the cost. Brooks pleaded guilty of carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to 60 days on the road in this case, to begin at the expiration of the two years' sentence. Brooks was tried on the liquor charge by Recorder David H. Fuller and was given an 8-months road sentence, from which he appealed to the Superior court. His appeal resulted in 16 months additional sentence.

Jim Strong, Luther Platt and Nelson Leggett, house-breaking; not guilty.

Mitchell McRae, assault; 30 days in jail and cost.

Boyd and Walter Quick, manufacturing whiskey; Boyd found not guilty, Walter found guilty and sentenced to 10 months on the roads.

Will Warwick, having liquor in his possession, two cases, six months on the road in each case—12 months.

Randall McNair, assault; not prosessed with leave.

Archie Brooks, manufacturing whiskey; not prosessed with leave.

J. P. Strickland, removal of crop; not guilty.

Lee Goins, perjury; not prosessed with leave.

Wm. Murchison, manufacturing whiskey; not prosessed with leave.

Fletcher Thompson, false pretense; not prosessed with leave.

Crawford Blackman, perjury; not prosessed with leave.

Kine Manning, murder; not prosessed with leave.

B. W. Lovett and Sealey Graves, fornication and adultery; not prosessed with leave.

Hugh Locklear, assault with intent to kill; not prosessed with leave.

Harry McQueen, assault with deadly weapon; not prosessed with leave.

Elrod Cummings, assault with deadly weapon; not prosessed with leave.

French Hooks, larceny; fined \$25 and cost.

Lula Ford, larceny, plead guilty; six months in jail with leave to hire out to E. M. Britt.

George Beck, injury to personal property, defendant entered plea of nolo contendere; prayer for judgment continued with consent upon payment of cost and Dr. T. C. Johnson for damages to auto tires. Beck was charged with cutting the tires

Cache Under Store At Pembroke

Whiskey and Still Worm Found Under Store of Asbury Oxendine—Trap Door in Floor—Proprietor Was Away When Officers Made the Find Last Night.

Two gallons of whiskey and a still worm were found under the floor in the store of Asbury Oxendine at Pembroke last night. A trap door had been cut in the floor. The find was made by Rural Policeman W. W. Smith and Policeman J. D. Garcia of Pembroke. Oxendine was away from home and has not been arrested.

TYPHOID VACCINATION DATES

Following are the appointments of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, for vaccinating against typhoid:

July 16—Raynham 2 p. m.; Lumberton 4 p. m.; Jennings Mill 6 p. m.

July 18—Red Springs 11 a. m.; Red Springs Mill 2 p. m.; Fairmont 5:30 p. m.

July 19—St. Pauls Mill 9:30 to 11 a. m.; St. Pauls 1:30 p. m.

July 20—Tabernacle 11 a. m.; Regan 12:30 p. m.; Tolarsville 2:30 p. m.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE SEEMS INEVITABLE

This morning's News and Observer states that "a special session of the General Assembly is a certainty and the Council of State which meets today with the Governor for a consideration of the financial statements of cities in support of their petition for a special session, is expected to vote almost solidly for the session."

Recorders Court.

The following cases have been aired before Recorder David H. Fuller this week:

Henry Edwards four charges—cursing and raising a general disturbance on the public highway, fined \$10 and cost; being drunk on the public highway, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost, defendant to show good behavior for 12 months; trespass, not guilty; cursing on the public highway; not guilty.

C. B. Meares, Snider Aulsbon, Albert Wilson and Andrew Stankwyth—all charged with being drunk on the public highway; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the cost for 12 months upon good behavior.

Will Taylor, slandering Mrs. W. A. Davis; not guilty.

Excursion Train Carried More Than 500 People to Wilmington.

More than 500 people went to Wilmington Tuesday on the Seaboard excursion, which was operated from Hamlet, Lumberton being the last stop. The train passed Lumberton at 7:40 a. m. and 191 tickets were sold at the local station. Returning the train reached Lumberton at 9:20 p. m. Those making the trip from Lumberton reported good order and a delightful trip. The train was met at Wilmington by Wrightsville Beach cars and most of the excursionists went to the beach.

This was the first special excursion train operated by Wilmington to the Seaboard since before the World War started in 1914.

No Boll Weevils Found at Mr. Ivey's—Some Found in Gaddys.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, visited the farm of Mr. H. K. Ivey, near Raynham, who reported that the boll weevils were destroying his cotton crop, Monday. Mr. Dukes says he found that it was not the boll weevil damaging Mr. Ivey's crop. Mr. Dukes recently found some weevils in Gaddy township, he says.

Hearing in Auto Driver Case Has Not Been Held.

The hearing in re the injunction brought against the town of Lumberton, restraining the town from collecting a \$5 tax from auto drivers, was not argued Monday. It will probably be argued before Judge Kerr next week.

Miss Inez Edgerton of Kellay, who has been the guest of Misses Hazel and Sarah Carlyle for several days, left this afternoon for Bladenboro, where she will visit Mrs. M. C. Bridgers.

Messrs. W. A. Griffin, W. H. Allen, and D. A. Oliver of the Fairmont section are among the visitors in town today.

on Dr. Johnson's auto.

Archie Andrews, seduction, defendant plead guilty of assault upon a female; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Ernest Tilly and Evans Williams, store-breaking; twelve months each on the roads.

Pink Willoughby, retailing, three cases; three months on the roads in two cases—6 months; prayer for judgment continued in the third, the defendant to make bond in the sum of \$200 to show good behavior for two years.

Dan McQueen, larceny, plead guilty; six months on the roads.

Valuation Robeson County Real Estate

Real Estate Values Reduced from \$48,065,334 Last Year to \$28,772,438—Average Reduction is Approximately 40 Per Cent.—Rural Property Reduced 45 to 50 Per Cent., Town Property 25 to 30 Per Cent., and Mill Property 25.

VERY FEW COMPLAINTS MADE.

Valuation of Robeson county real estate for taxation has been reduced to \$28,772,438 for this year as compared with \$48,065,334 last year. This is approximately 40 per cent. reduction for the entire real estate of the county. Rural property was reduced 45 to 50 per cent., town property 25 to 30 per cent., and mill property 25 per cent. flat.

The average valuation of real estate the county over is \$34.86 this year as compared with an average valuation last year of \$68.11.

That the work of the tax assessors in the various townships meets with general approval would seem to be indicated by the fact that though the board of review advertised in county papers that it would sit in Lumberton three days to hear complaints, less than a dozen complaints were made, and only one complaint was carried to the board of county commissioners from the board of review. This complaint was referred back to the board of review and no doubt will be satisfactorily adjusted, so it is unlikely that any complaint will go from the county to State Tax Assessor Watts.

Auditor J. M. McCallum carried the certified report of the county board of review to Raleigh Tuesday, and it is not considered probable that any changes will be made.

The report by townships follows.

Alfordville Township
Number of acres of land, 88,196; value, \$1,163,832; average value per acre, \$30.47; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,163,832.

Back Swamp Township
Number of acres of land, 21,217; value, \$700,161; average value per acre \$33.00; aggregate value of real estate, \$700,161.

Britts Township
Number of acres of land, 20,583; value, \$687,883; average value per acre, \$33.42; aggregate value of real estate, \$687,883.

Burnt Swamp Township
Number of acres of land, 14,498; value, \$438,419; average value per acre, \$30.24; aggregate value of real estate, \$438,419.

Fairmont Township
Number of acres of land, 22,183; value, \$688,020; average value per acre, \$30.93; value of town lots, \$719,325; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,397,345.

Gaddys Township
Number of acres of land, 11,833; value, \$365,284; average value per acre, \$30.87; aggregate value of real estate, \$365,284.

Howellsville Township
Number of acres of land, 44,861; value, \$1,162,797; average value per acre, \$25.92; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,162,797.

Lumber Bridge Township
Number of acres of land, 14,981; value, \$570,925; average value per acre \$38.11; value of town lots, \$59,985; aggregate value of real estate \$630,910.

Lumberton Township
Number of acres of land, 19,939; value \$696,950; average value per acre, \$35.00; value of town lots \$2,294,409; aggregate value of real estate, \$3,291,359.

Maxton Township
Number of acres of land, 30,564; value \$1,528,200; average value per acre, \$50.00; value of town lots, \$1,265,988; aggregate value of real estate, \$2,794,188.

Drum Township
Number of acres of land, 23,006; value, \$768,170; average value per acre, \$33.39; aggregate value of real estate, \$768,170.

Parkton Township
Number of acres of land, 15,046; value, \$596,423; average value per acre, \$39.64; value of town lots, \$178,111; aggregate value of real estate, \$774,534.

Pembroke Township
Number of acres of land, 23,450; value, \$779,209; average value per acre, \$33.22; value of town lots, \$85,395; aggregate value of real estate \$864,604.

Raft Swamp Township
Number of acres of land, 9,525; value, \$333,375; average value per acre, \$35.00; aggregate value of real estate, \$333,375.

Red Springs Township
Number of acres of land, 14,605; value, \$659,415; average value per acre, \$45.15; value of town lots, \$608,915; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,268,330.

Reanert Township
Number of acres of land, 12,073; value, \$359,171; average value per acre, \$29.75; aggregate value of real estate, \$359,171.

Rowland Township
Number of acres of land, 17,115; value \$810,395; average value per acre, \$47.35; value of town lots, \$546,275; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,356,670.

Saddletree Township
Number of acres of land, 17,450; value, \$535,715; average value per acre, \$30.70; aggregate value of real

Parkton Paragraphs.

Mr. W. M. Jackson Kills Rattlesnake 5 Feet Long—Small Boy Loses Finger in Lawn Mower—Marketing Cotton—Personal and Other Items.

by C. D. Williamson

Parkton, July 12—Mr. W. M. Jackson killed one of the largest rattlesnakes last Friday evening about sundown that ever was seen in this neighborhood. It was 5 feet long and carried 12 rattles. It was found near the house on the Council place, crossing a corn middle, and while the rows were 5 feet wide, the snake completely filled the row. It was coming from the direction of the marsh.

Hugh Fisher unfortunately cut off one of his fingers Sunday afternoon by putting it in a lawn-mower. As Dr. Currie was out of town at the time the father of the child, Mr. P. H. Fisher, took him to Fayetteville, where the wound was dressed.

Rev. J. K. Hall and son, Joe, attended the funeral of Colonel Dan Hugh McLean at Lillington yesterday.

Our town was blessed this afternoon with a nice rain, which was badly needed.

Mrs. McNeill of Moore county, sister of Mrs. W. L. Maness, is on a visit to her sister and family.

We notice much cotton being sold on our local market today.

This scribe with a few others of our town attended the ball game at Red Springs this afternoon. Camp Bragg and Fairmont crossed bats, with Fairmont the victors.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ROZIER

Series of Meetings in Progress at Roziers Siding and Another Begins at Roziers Next Monday Night—What He Got For His Cotton—Personal and Other Items.

Roziers (St. Pauls, R. 2), July 12.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ratley and daughter, Miss Norene, of St. Pauls, were visitors at Mr. J. C. Carlyle's Sunday.

Messrs. Pope Humphrey and Arch McPhail of Saddletree were visitors in this section Sunday p. m.

All smiles at Mr. and Mrs. Cary McDonald's: a big girl.

Mrs. Mudd from South Carolina is a guest at the home of Mr. J. H. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rozier and 2 children, of Ten Mile, spent Sunday at Mr. D. C. Carlyle's.

Messrs. J. S. Carlyle, K. E. Harrell and R. B. Tolar were Red Springs visitors recently on business.

A series of meetings will begin at Roziers church next Monday night. The meeting began at Roziers Siding Sunday night and will continue for a week or ten days. Everybody is invited to attend at both places.

A young man of this section was seen carrying several bales of cotton to town recently, and upon returning we saw he had a rolling chair in which he was rocking and smoking a cigar. We wonder if that is what he got for the cotton!

It may be true that alcohol is no longer king, but wine or something else of that kind surely is, as even the little "kids" must be drunk.

estate, \$535,715.

St. Pauls Township
Number of acres of land, 35,875; value, \$1,402,712; average value per acre, \$39.10; value of town lots, \$512,225; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,914,937.

Shannon Township
Number of acres of land, 6,862; value \$244,149; average value per acre, \$35.58; value of town lots, \$82,550; aggregate value of real estate, \$326,699.

Smiths Township
Number of acres of land, 33,477; value, \$1,297,903; average value per acre, \$38.77; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,297,903.

Sterlings Township
Number of acres of land, 23,636; value, \$706,716; average value per acre, \$29.90; aggregate value of real estate \$706,716.

Thompson Township
Number of acres of land, 29,085; value \$1,247,746; average value per acre, \$42.90; value of town lots \$52,250; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,299,996.

White House Township
Number of acres of land, 21,865; value, \$765,275; average value per acre, \$35.00; value of town lots, \$29,385; aggregate value of real estate, \$794,660.

Wisharts Township
Number of acres of land, 44,272; value, \$752,624; average value per acre, \$17.00; \$752,624.

Lumberton Cotton Mills and Kingsdale Lumber Co.
Number of acres of land, 1,660; value, \$1,754,128; aggregate value of real estate, \$1,754,128.

Red Springs Cotton Mill
Number of acres of land, 55; value, \$243,250; aggregate value of real estate, \$243,250.

St. Pauls Cotton Mill
Number of acres of land, 60; value, \$598,978; aggregate value of real estate \$598,978.

Total acres of land 566,197; Total value, \$19,741,269; Total value of town lots, \$6,434,813; Total aggregate value of real estate, \$26,176,082.

VOTE SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX

Tolarsville-Centerville Consolidated Districts and District 4, Wisharts, Vote Special Tax.

The Tolarsville-Centerville consolidated public school districts voted Saturday a special school tax of not more than 30 cents on the \$100 valuation and 90 cents on the poll. Twenty-three votes were cast in favor of the tax and none against.

Public school district No. 4, Wisharts township, voted Saturday a special tax of not more than 30 cents on the \$100 valuation and not more than 90 cents on the poll. Eleven registered for the election, ten voted for the tax and one failed to vote.

SOUTHERN POWER CO. GRANTED INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT. IN RATES FOR POWER

Power Rates Standardized in North Carolina for First Time—Hardest Fought Case in History of Commission.

Raleigh News and Observer, July 13.

The end to the most bitter struggle ever waged before the Corporation Commission was written yesterday when the commission handed down an order wherein the petitioner, Southern Power Company, was granted an increase of approximately 20 per cent in the rates charged for electric power in North Carolina, which will net the company approximately three-quarters of a million more revenue than the old rates.

Along with the order is the commission's denial of the contention of respondent cotton mill users of the power that fixing the rates involved is a matter for the Interstate Commerce Commission; the declaration of the real value of the Southern Power Company's holdings in North Carolina, and what would be a reasonable return upon the sixteen million dollars worth of property owned.

The order definitely places the Southern Power Company under the regulation of the commission, and the rates declared supercede all existing individual contracts and agreements entered into by the power company and corporations and municipalities. In the place of a variable rate the commission establishes a fixed and standardized rate that applies to all consumers within the nine different classifications.

On the main schedule the petitioner asked for a rate of 1.4 cents per kilowatt hour. The commission grants an increase from the old average rate of 1 cent to 1.25 cents per kilowatt hour. Nine other schedules of varying rate are declared in the order, all keeping fairly close to the standard set in the main schedule. During the past year the company produced in North Carolina 393,833,593 kilowatt hours of power which sold for approximately \$3,750,000. The increase will swell the earnings to approximately \$4,500,000.

Working on the legal basis which requires the commission to fix a rate for power that will return the company a reasonable income on its working investment, the commission took the values urged by the respondent consumers in the case, with the exception of transmission lines which bring power from South Carolina into North Carolina for distribution, and upon that value undertook to fix a rate that would yield a legal rate of interest. The result will give the company an estimated gross income of 25 per cent on the value of the property. The estimated net income will be about six per cent.

PRESIDENT REQUESTS POSTPONEMENT OF BONUS BILL

President Harding, in an address to the Senate Tuesday afternoon, made formal request for temporary postponement of consideration of the soldiers' bonus bill. In making his request the President called attention to the condition of the Treasury, saying that enactment of the legislation at this time "would greatly imperil the financial stability of our country." Pledges of a wide majority of votes to lay aside the measure were claimed by Republican leaders and conceded by opponents after the President's address.

One Senator declared that the President's action was unprecedented, that no other Executive had ever appeared before Congress to oppose legislation, but only to advocate it.

RED SPRINGS K. OF P. INSTALL OFFICERS

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, July 13.—Red Springs Lodge No. 235, Knights of Pythias, held an installation meeting last night and inducted into office the following knights: J. S. Jones, chancellor commander; Dr. W. L. McRae, vice chancellor; J. J. Thrower, prelate; H. McLeod, master of work; Fitzhugh Jones, keeper of records, and seals; R. C. Adams, master of finance; W. M. Snoddy, master of exchequer; J. H. Turner, master at arms; M. E. Watson, inner guard, T. A. Gibson, outer guard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hamilton and Mr. J. W. Glover of the Marietta section are Lumberton visitors today.

MORE TROUBLE.

Continued trouble with theelectric equipment of one of The Robesonian's linotype machines since Monday morning has made it impossible to get up the usual amount of type for today's paper. Some parts have been ordered and it is hoped that the trouble will soon be remedied.

COTTON MARKET

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

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Tomorrow is the last day for paying June light and water bills.

—Mr. Robert Hester of Elizabethtown has accepted a position as salesman in the Lumberton Bargain House.

—Twenty-one white, 9 Indian and 5 colored people took the teachers examination given by Supt. Poole Tuesday and yesterday.

—Mr. W. P. Bullard, who lives on Chippewa street, found twin squash in his garden this morning. The squash were joined together.

—Mr. Jno. S. Gore underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital yesterday. His condition is reported as favorable today.

—Miss Janie Carlyle left yesterday morning for Toccoa, Ga., where she will attend a two-weeks' conference of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brewer of Rome, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McKenzie of Wimauma, Fla., are guests at the home of Mr. McKenzie's and Mrs. Brewer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie, Elm street. They made the trip in Mr. Brewer's auto.

—Mr. J. S. Williams, one of the proprietors of the St. Pauls tobacco warehouse, and Mr. G. E. McDaniel, auctioneer, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Williams reported great improvement in the tobacco crop up St. Pauls way during the last few weeks.

—At their regular quarterly meeting Tuesday the directors of the Planters Bank & Trust company made their usual examination of the affairs of the institution and were highly pleased with the bank's condition, a statement of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

—Mr. Robt. E. Lee of Lumberton and Mr. H. H. Clark of Clarkton have formed a co-partnership for the practice of law. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Clark and their 3 children moved to Lumberton Monday and are living in a new residence owned by Mr. Lee on East Seventh street.

—Mr. J. M. McCallum, county auditor, returned yesterday afternoon from Raleigh, where he went on Tuesday to carry the Robeson county tax budget to the State Tax Commission. He was accompanied to Raleigh by Mr. A. V. G. Wishart. They made the trip on Mr. McCallum's auto.

—Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, went Tuesday evening to Raleigh to attend a 3-day conference of the county health officers of the State. He is expected home Saturday. Dr. Hardin vaccinated more than 200 people against typhoid fever in Howellsville township Tuesday.

—Regular monthly meeting of the Robeson County Medical society is being held here today. Dr. J. B. Sidbury of Wilmington read a paper on colitis before the meeting at the morning session. Out-of-town physicians were entertained at dinner at the Lorraine hotel by local physicians.

—Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, Mr. E. B. Freeman and daughter, Miss Anna, and Miss Thelma Sanderson expect to leave this evening for Toccoa, Ga., to attend the annual conference of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The conference will last two weeks.

—Mrs. C. C. Baxley, who was operated on at the Baker sanatorium 2 weeks ago, was able to return to her home at Buie Tuesday with Mr. Baxley, who came for her. Mrs. Joe McKee of Clarkton, who was operated on 3 weeks ago at the sanatorium, also was able to return home Tuesday.

—Mr. E. J. Davis and son, Mr. Harry Davis, well-known tobacco warehousemen of the Fairmont market arrived last night from Martinsville, Va., and were Lumberton visitors this morning. Mrs. E. J. Davis was operated on a few days ago for appendicitis, which delayed the Messrs. Davis in reaching the Fairmont field.

—Among the out-of-town people who attended the funeral of the late H. B. Robeson here Sunday were: Mrs. R. W. Shelby, sister of deceased, and son, Master Theodore Shelby, of Howells, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hall and Mrs. Harry Payne of Wilmington, Misses Jessie Lois Phillips and Gladys Blackburn of Marion, S. C.

—Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle was sworn in as an attorney on July 5 at Elizabethtown by Judge C. C. Lyon. Mr. Carlyle will open an office here for the practice of his profession at an early date. His office will be on the second floor of the Carlyle building, West Fifth street, over the office of the Freeman Printing Co. Mr. Carlyle passed the State board of examiners last February.