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Let World Know **Such Crimes Will** Not Be Tolerated

Judge Connor Commends Grand Jury for Attention to Conditions at There is yet no ciue as to who shot Chaingang—Recent Wholesale Es. and killed Mr. R. Walter Bullock in cape of Prisoners Followed by his room, three miles west of Crimes of Murder and Robbery Show Conditions That Should Not

CAUSE BLUSH OF SHAME TO COUNTY AND THE STATE

Crime Such as Happened at St Pauls Does County and State Great Injury-Must Build Up Public Senti-ment That Will Frown Down and Punish Such Crimes.

"I am glad you have called attenthe chaingang," said Judge George W. Connor in addressing the grand jury following its report Thursday afternoon in Superior court. The jury in its report, published elsewhere in this paper, criticised the number of trusties allowed.

"Six or eight desperate men", continued Judge Connor, "have recently Arms Conference escaped from the chaingang and are now at large. I do not know whose fault it is, but certainly a condition in which eight men convicted of crime escape in this way should not Final Adjournment Today After Adexist. I understand that since the escape of these prisoners violent crimes have been committed in this county, and I am informed that some of the escaped criminals have been while at large.

Too Many Trusties

"I am glad you have called attention to the large number of trusties! now at the chaingang. Twenty-three more treaties and a half dozen suptrusties out of sixty-seven prisoners plemental resolutions were passed would appear to be a large percent- through the final stage of conference age of the convicts who are allowed approval, and then the delegates exthe liberty given a trusty.

Shocked by Brutal Murder. "Your community is shocked by a night, and I trust that the murderer tion just ended. will be caught and properly punis

Disgraceful Occurrence at St. Pauls. "I was also shocked at the crime which took place at St. Pauls, when by President Harding voicing his ap- ed, and also that the check-rail in the lower man called a young man out of four men called a young man out of praisement of the work accomplish- court house hall be replaced. his father's store and maltreated ed by the conference he called into him. There is one thing certain, being. Most of the foreign delegates gentleman of the jury, when such plan to leave Washington on Mon- white, 9 colored, and 5 Indian-and a thing as the disgraceful scene at day night or Tuesday. St. Pauls goes out to the world it brings shame to us all and it is ex- at today's session both relate to sanitary condition and the prisoners happened in this community.

exists in North Carolina. You cannot from the scope of the agreement the passers-by, also one cell needing rerealize how much injury is done the principal islands of the Japanese embusiness credit of our State by reports of violence and lynching which pire.

in this State. Public Sentiment

in your mind when you go home, that tled proceeded outside the conference a crime such as happened in St. Pauls proper and only the two oriental does your county and your state a powers were made parties to the regreat injury and I beg you to aid in sulting treaty. building up a public sentiment which will frown down and punish such final session of oratory that really

No Excuse

will not tolerate such crimes of vio- all the other national groups. . lence which have brought the blush North Carolina."

Bullard; chairman membership com- new inspiration to go forward to mittee, Dr. R. S. Beam.

The club has already erected a pinelog lodge house on the banks of Lumber river, one mile north of conference, Mr. Balfour gave warn- body. They are requested to meet at Building Light and Water Plant at Dukes, farm demonstration agent, town. It is planned to equip a tennis ing that no nation in the future could the court house at 9 a. m. Tuesday, court, erect bath houses, etc., in the violate the principles laid down in 7th.

man public school, spent the week- derstanding with minor Chinese of- her committees. end here visiting Miss Ruth Norment. ficials."

Mr. W. M. Bridgers of R. 1, Raynham, is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. J. J. Humphrey of R. 2, Lumberton, is in town today.

No Clue To Murder- Grand Jury Finds Cummings Broth-

Several False Reports Have Been Run Down by Officers-Coroner's Jury Has Not Made Report Yet.

Lumberton, near McNeill's bridge, Wednesday night of last week. The coroner's jury has not yet made report of its findings, the open for held matter being further investigation. A number of rumors to the effect that the been circulated. run down proved to be false.

tion to certain conditions existing at erated a gasoline filling station on and return at will, and recommended Wednesday night, the shot being fired which he lived.

Deceased was to have been married in a few weeks, it is said.

Makes Last Entry

Large in History of World.

The arms conference at Washington made the last entry on its record captured and have confessed to a of achievements Saturday and prerobbery of a store at Fairmont, pared for sine die adjournment today. transporting children to and from 4th from Washington gives the fol- tion should not be allowed.

At a four-hour plenary session two changed farewell courtesies in a series of speeches expressing universal brutal murder which took place last history-making 12 weeks of negotia- ing are diligent in their work and satisfaction over the results of the

entirely to formal signature of the len in several of the offices in the made a map of the surroundings about ing toward a poultry association and conference treaties and to an address court house be immediately repair- the point of the homicide; J. R. May- there will be important matters of

A few hours after the plenary sesgo out to the world. Putting it from sion adjourned the Japanese and a business standpoint alone, there is Chinese met and affixed their signa-under guard. These consist of 10 no business man in North Carolina ture to the treaty by which Shanwho is not hurt in dollars and cents tung is to be returned to Chinese Shantung question occupied a key position in the conference program, and clothed. We do criticise the pol-"I want you to put these thoughts the negotiations by which it was set-

Every delegation had a voice in the brought the work of the conference Correspondence of The Robesonian. to a close today, and every spokes-"There is no excuse for these acts man predicted that the negotiations of house on the evening of Feb. 3rd, of violence which happened in St. Washington would bulk large in the Mayor White, who was requested by Pauls. When a brutal murder is com- history of the world. Secretary the Jewish Relief association to handle mitted in the night time the commun- Hughes for the United States and the matter in Lumberton, appointed ity cannot prevent it, but when three Arthur J. Balfour, for Great Britain, the following, together with himself, or four men band together and com- hailed the conference accomplish- to solicit aid in this very worthy mit a crime in the open it is based ments as ushering in a "new era" of cause: A. E. White, chairman by reupon the belief that public opinion in international understanding, and Al- quest of the association; R. H. Crich-Robeson county will protect the bert Sarraut for France eulogized the ton, S. F. Caldwell, Harris Dunie, record of achievements as constitut- vice chairman; J. P. Rusell, secretary "I call upon you to let the know- ing the "loftiest precedent of man- and treasurer. ledge go forth that public opinion kind." Similar expressions came from The following canvassers were ap-

What the negotiations had done for the town as follows: of shame to Robeson county and China and for peace in the crucial S. F. Caldwell and Harris Dunie, area of the Pacific and the far east both sides of Elm street between 6th was the keynote of nearly all the con- and S. A. L. depot. Lumberton Goat Club Elects Offi- cluding addresses. Japan renewed her R. H. Crichton and A. E. White, The Lumberton Goat (or Country) through Baron Shidehara, who points. club met Thursdan evening and elected the following officers: president, wanted only to aid in bringing the French and T. A. McNeill, both sides J. Dickson McLean; treasurer, C. H. Chinese nation to its proper place in of Chestnut to be railroads, including Phillips; governing board, H. B. Jen- the world, and Minister Sze, of the the railroad offices. nings, W. G. Pittman, Dr. John Knox Chinese delegation, asserted that his Dennis W. Biggs and John C. Fuland Ira Bullard; building committee, people would look upon the discus- ler, all cross streets east of Elm H. B. Jennings, W. G. Pitman and Ira sions reached here as the animus of a street.

orderly development. Dwelling on the Chinese situation spective territories and will make as a cornerstone of the work of the second calls, if necessary, to see everynear future. The club has 41 mem- Washington without sacrificing the conference of the powers. Hereafter rection of Mrs. John Knox, has he said, selfish aggressions at China's kindly agreed to canvass all the re- will be completed in 60 days. Two Miss Sallie Johnson of Burgaw, a expense could not be excused upon sidential sections of the town. Mrs. 100-horse-power oil-burning engines Bridge spent the week-end here, a member of the faculty of the Board- a plea of ignorance or of private "un- Knox will arrange the canvassing of are being installed to furnish current guest of Miss Lois Cashwell.

> Mr. Willie Davis of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in THIS. town this morning.

er of Mr. Bullock Too Many Trusties

23 Trusties Allowed to Leave Chain State Fails to Prove Charge of Mur- Elza Hill and Ernest Tilly Arrested Gang Camp at Night and Return at Will Strikes Jury as Unwise Policy-Recommends Increased Pay For Guards, Erection of Stockad?, Separation of Races and Investigation of Crowded Cages.

SOME RECKLESS DRIVERS EM-PLOYED ON SCHOOL TRUCKS

In its report to Judge George W. of rumors to the effect that the Connor, the grand jury which served the defense after all the State's Pembroke. Two of the prisoners— cap for a perfectly good hat belong-guilty party had been arrested have at the criminal term of court last testimony was in. The motion was Will Willard and Frank Ward—are ing to a member of the jury in the However, officers week, criticised the policy of having argued by council for both the prose- still at large. Ernest McPharlan, Cummings murder trial last week. say all reports they have heard when 23 trusties on a chain gang of 67 As was stated in Thursday's ed, according to inforantion given Both defendants, who had been in Robesonian, Mr. Bullock, who op- the jury, to leave the camp at night jail here since immediately after the Richmond county officers at the this week at 7:30. All members are the highway, three miles west of that the number of trusties be contown, was shot and killed some time siderably reduced and that they be judge. confined under lock and guard at

dress by President Harding—Speak- home for the needy is concerned" and Pittman. ers Predict Negotiations Will Bulk thinks the county commissioners The tri "should give this immediate atten-

The jury was informed that some reckless drivers are employed in An Associated Press dispatch of the school and declared that this condi-The report of the jury, submitted

Thursday afternoon, follows: We passed upon 18 bills, finding 17 true bills and 1 not a true bill.

Court House and County Offices. 'The court house building and grounds seem to be in good condition, it appearing to this body that those having the care of the build-

"We found 18 persons in jail, had no complaint from any of them.

The two treaties accepted formally "The jail building is in a clean and pairs.

Chain Gang-23 Trusties.

"We found 67 convicts at the camp, 23 of these being trusties and 48 whites, 7 Indians and 46 colored ers, and they seem to be properly fed (Continued on page eight.)

CAMPAIGN FOR RELIEF OF EUROPEAN DESTITUTE JEWS

WILL BE MADE FEBRUARY 7

At a meeting held at the court

pointed to serve in the sections of

The above canvassers are to visit all business places within their re-

The Woman's Club, under the di-

OUR CITIZENS HAVE NEVER

J. P. RUSSELL, Sect'y.

ers Go Free

der of Asbury Oxendine Against Arch and Norman Cummings-After Day and Half of Evidence Mo-

tion for Non-Suit Sustained. convicts, these trusties being allow- nor ruled in favor of the defendants. gang Tuesday, is also at large. ed, according to inforamtion given Both defendants, who had been in Hill and Tilly were arrested

Referring to Robeson county's A. Oliver, Alex. Hayes, J. D. Lewis, rank of 17th in the nation in agricul- J. M. Brown, P. W. Evans, Foster ty stands "at the foot in so far as its C. Currie, J. A. McRae and Council

The trial proper was not begun uninterest in the case, the court room being crowded during the trial. The prevailing opinion of those who heard the evidence was that it was not sufficient to convict the defendants of the charge of murder in the first

Solicitor S. B. McLean was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. Mc-Lean, Varser, McLean & St. Mc-Lean, Varser, McLean & St. Lean, Varser, McLean & Stacy, while the defense was represented by Messrs. Johnson & Johnson and Meeting Will be Held at Court House Mesrs. Britt & Britt.

Witnesses put on by the State in their order, were, Dr. E. R. Hardin, keeping same in good condition. The county health officer and coroner; planned for the man and women of only recommendation that we make Jim Oxendine, son of the man killed Lumberton and near-by communities. Monday's session will be devoted is that the plastering which has fal- F. F. Wetmore, civil engineer, who The purpose of the meeting is look-Lewis, S. H. Dunlap, O. D. McRae, home and farm demonstration agents Bennie Sampson, Effie Jane Oxendine and it is hoped that every

Basis for The Fight. Council for the State based its ceedingly unfortunate for North China, one providing for a revision are well fed and receive proper care fight upon the fact that the tires of Carolina that such an occurrence has of the Chinese customs system and and attention. The building in which an automobile owned by Arch Cumthe other embodying Elihu Root's the jailor lives needs repairs, espec- mings were cut up on Saturday night "It seems that the victim of the "four points" and the amplified open ially we would recommend that the prior to the homicide, testimony that Last Week a Week of Crimesoutrage was a Jew. I certainly hope door. Some of the separate resolu- walls in this building be put in proper Arch and Norman Cummings had the occurrence was not caused by tions put on record deal with collaracial prejudice. It does the State a teral Chinese questions, but included chimneys to this building be placed in cut up the tires, evidence tending to great injustice to have the report go in the lot was a supplement to the a safe condition, because as it now is show that the defendants had reason out to the world that racial prejudice fourpower Pacific treaty excluding there is danger of the same falling on to believe that the tires were cut by 6—We are having some rainy weaththe bloodhound from near the scene season. of the murder to the home of Norman Cummings.

Star Witness for State

Malinda Chavis was the star witness put on by the State. She testi- Byrd Sunday. from reports of unlawful happenings control. Although the long debated and are under five guards. We had fied that Norman Cummings went to no complaint from any of the prison her home on Sunday afternoon prior to the homicide. After discussing with lie Inman. her the fact that the tires on Arch Cummings' car had been cut, she testified that Norman said that Asbury had been going to her home when he pleased at night without being bothered, but that he would not go also Mrs. J. H. Hardin. there another night and get away without being bothered. She told him that he and Arch were going to bother visitors Saturday. Asbury and that if they had any trouble about her house it would ruin all of them. Norman said he knew it, but that when Arch said he would do a thing, he would do it.

Malinda admitted that Asbury had been calling upon her for a year and defendants had ever had any illicit re- weevil a little. Some are planting the heart. He showed how covetousness lations with her. Getting down to same amount of cotton while others the night of the homicide, Malinda are cutting their crops half and some ing youth has been ruined and stained told of hearing two shots between 11 are cutting out in full. and 12 o'clock. After the report of the guns she heard an awful hollering and went to a window, then she SUPERIOR COURT heard two other shots and saw the flash of the guns. She heard Richard Cummings, father of the defendmings to come here." Richard re- is presiding at the civil term. plied that he would have to get somebody to help him and began calling Special Poultry Meeting at Back completed the purchase of the Hamhis son, Norman, who did not answer. Richard then called Norman's wife, Martha, after which she heard Norman say, "Here I is". His voice Demonstration club Thursday, Feb- company in Horry county, S. C. The sounded as if he was in the Trestle swamp. Malinda told of Asbury's Swamp school house.

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Red Springs-Installing Ice Plant. will be present. Work has been begun on a brick light and water plant at Red Springs and it is expected that it day and night.

BEEN CALLED UPON FOR A Red Springs by Mr. B. W. Townsend fers to lend liberally to its customers CAUSE MORE WORTHY THAN of that town and Mr. E. E. Chandler on Cotton Stored in Bonded Wareof 6 tons daily.

Two More Escaped

in Richmond County-Three of Escaped Convicts Still at Large.

the seven prisoners who escaped from Judge Geo. W. Connor sustained a the Robeson county chain gang Tuesmotion for non-suit of the charge day night of last week, were arrested Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

against Arch and Norman Cummings, near Rockingham Friday night. As —The county commissioners, the Indians, charged with killing Asbury was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, county road board and the county Oxendine, another Indian, in Superior three of the prisoners-Isham Victor, court Saturday at noon. Motion for Von Speight and John C. Willardnon suit was made by council for were arrested Wednesday night at cution and defense before Judge Con- negro prisoner, who escaped from the

iail here since immediately after the Riemmond county officers.

killing on the night of October 31, home of Hill's sister, near Rocking- urged to be present.

—Mr. Dan F. McNeill of Laurinprisoners and the two white prisoners burg was a Lumberton visitor Satur-Motion for non-suit was made upon that are still at large stole a Ford day. through a window in the building in night. The jury also recommended the ground that the evidence put on car belonging to Messrs. Stephen & cently better pay for guards, erection of a by the State was not sufficient to Barnes here Tuesday night and drove Laurinburg. stockade to enclose all the cages, sep- justify a verdict of guilty by the jury. it to St. Pauls. The Ford was aration of white and Indian convicts The jury was selected Thursday af- abandoned there and a Franklin car and thorough investigation of the ternoon from a special venire of 100 belonging to Mr. Sam Davis was practice of crowding prisoners in men and was composed of the following: Messrs. C. B. Redmond, D. near Raeford. Bloodhounds were A. Oliver, Alex. Hayes, J. D. Lewis, placed on the trail of the car thieves there and trailed for more than 60 tural wealth, the jury fears the coun- Kinlaw, M. D. Shaw, W. S. Stone, D. miles, it is said, losing the trail in Richmond county. Both Hill and Tilly deny that they belonged to the party that stole the cars or thet til Friday morning. There was much they left Lumberton with the two prisoners now at large.

Mr. J. W. Davis, keeper of the chain gang, went to Rockingham Saturday and brought the prisoners back to the gang.

Night of February 10.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. A special poultry meeting has been Willie Chavis (15-year-old son of to keep poultry during the coming in Bladen county as soon as he re-Malinda) Hursey Jacobs, Sheriff R. E. year. The meeting is called by the sioners' room of court house.

BLOOMINGDALE NEWS BATCH

Usual.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Asbury Oxendine, and the trailing of er after the coldest weather of the published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Graham, on the 31st, a girl. Mrs. P. E. Byrd and son, D. R. Byrd, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. I.

Miss Thelma Surles spent the week-end with Misses Sally and Mol-

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stone visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bullock of the

Oaktoh section Sunday. We are sorry to report Mr. J. D. Herring in a very critical condition,

Messrs. Sam Stone, Jas. Humphrey. Don and Joe Herring were Lumberton

Seems that last week was a regular week of crimes of murdering, storebreaking and auto-stealing.

Mr. J. R. Sealy was a Lumberton

visitor Saturday.

Farmers of this section are planting more foodstuff than usual. Seems they are trying to beat the boll-

A week's term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened ants, come out from his home and at 10 o'clock this morning. Judge ask who it was shot. Asbury then Geo. W. Connor of Wilson, who presaid, "Tell old man Richard Cum- sided at the criminal term last week,

Swamp February 9.

A special poultry meeting will be held with the Back Swamp Home county, and the timber owned by this ruary 9th, at 2:30 o'clock at the Back lumber plant and mill was also pur-

Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, and Mr. O. O.

All who are interested in poultry are requested to be present.

An ice plant has been installed at The National Bank of Lumberton ofof Maxton. The plant has a capacity houses. It will pay you to Bank with This STRONG BANK.

COTTON MARKET

Convicts Caught | Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 14 3-4 cents. Middling cotton is quoted on the

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

-Born, Thursday afternoon, to Mr. Elza Hill and Ernest Tilly, two of and Mrs. Clyde Sessoms, a daughter. -Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will meet in the school auditorium

-The county commissioners, the

board of education are holding regular monthly meetings here today. -Somebody swapped a worn-out

-An important meeting of Pine Camp No. 144, W. O. W., will be held

Mr. McNeill and family removed from Durham to ourg. They formerly lived

-Mr. W. H. Inman, who lives in the eastern part of town, brought to The Robesonian office Thursday a sweet potato which grew through an iron ring, The ring is still around the potato.

-Daniel Cupid is apparently away on vacation. During the last month Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd has been caned upon for very few mayriage license. In fact, matrimony is at a standstill.

-Messrs. D. A. Grubbs and O. L. Singletary of Laurinburg are in Lumberton today looking for a location for a cash-and-carry grocery store which they propose to open here

if they can find a suitable place.

-- Maxton Scottish Chief: The con-Poultry Raisers dition of Mr. A. J. McKinnon is greatly improved. Since his return from Spartanburg, S. C., where he suffered a severe attack of uremic poison, he has been rapidly recovering and it is believed that he will soon

be restored to good health.

—Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Page and small daughter, Ottalie, arrived here Saturday from Dunn, where Mr. Page formerly served as chief of police for several years. Mr. Page and family

models a dwelling. -Mrs. E. T. McInnis and small son, Louis Neill, arrived Saturday from and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman. make special effort to be present. Troy to join Mr. McInnis, who re-Friday night at 7:30 in the commis- cently accepted a position as pharmacist in the Pope drug store. They will do light house-keeping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Mc-

Kenzie, Elm street. -Mr. Alex. Bullock of Rosemary Planting More Foodstuffs Than was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Bullock came here to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. R. Walter Bloomingdale (Orrum, R. 1), Feb. Bullock, who was murdered Wednes-Mr. Bullock returned home yesterday.

COVETOUSNESS AND CRIME

Friday Morning Talk at School Opening by Dr. Beaman-Senior Class in Charge.

Reported for The Robesonian. The Senior class of the Lumberton high school had charge of the opening exercises Friday morning, chruary 3. Mr. Bahnson Barnes pre

sided. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of the Methodist church, had charge of the devotional exercises. He gave a wondeful and most impressive talk on covetousness. He showed how that if covetousness is allowed to get a hold in the heart that crime might be the result. No man is apt to do some horrible crime unless he has first led up to it by degrees of allowing covetousness or some other ill spirit first to get a foot-hold in the seas cannot wash away, by the spirit of covetousness.

BEAUFORT COUNTY LUMBER CO. MAKES BIG PURCHASE

Acquires Lumber Plant, Mill and Timber Holdings of Hammer Lumber Co.

The Beaufort County Lumber company of North Carolina, whose principal office is at Fairmont, Thursday mer Lumber company's timber holdings in two townships in Brunswick chased by the Beaufort County Lumber company.

Ward Succeeds Bellamy as U. S.

Marshal. The nomination of Rippon W. Ward of Raleigh to be U. S. marshal for the eastern district of North Carolina was confirmed by the U. S. Senate Friday. He succeeds Geo. H. Bellamy of Brunswick, under whose administration the office has been at Wilmington. Mr. Ward will move the office to Raleigh.

Mr. G. D. Floyd of the Fairmont section is a Lumberton visitor today.