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Stolen Goods Found In Negro's Home

Henry Chapman Arrested on Charge of Robbing Stores in Lumberton and Fairmont.

Henry Chapman, negro, is in jail here charged with breaking into and robbing the store of L. E. Squires & Co., West Fourth street, four weeks ago and also with breaking into the store of Mr. E. V. McDaniel at Fairmont on Tuesday night of last week. Chapman, who lives across the river from Lumberton, was arrested about dark Monday evening. Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policemen Vance McGill and Ed J. Glover made the arrest. The negro was located on a hill surrounded by water, near Mr. H. C. Freeman's wood-working plant, and the officers had to wade through water knee deep to reach him. He made an effort to escape and two shots were fired by the officers in an effort to stop him.

Several Suits of Clothes Chapman's arrest followed the finding of several suits of clothes taken from the two stores in his home Monday afternoon. Besides the clothing, the officers found forty yards of silks taken from the Squires store and a supply of pencils and stationery belonging to Messrs. McNeill & Hackett, local attorneys, in Chapman's home. A dandy hand-bag, containing all kinds of tools and screw drivers and two razors, was also found in the negro's home.

Around \$100 worth of the goods were recovered, according to Mr. M. B. Robbins, manager and part owner. Chapman's wife had cut up some of the suits and made dresses of them, according to the officers. Seven suits of clothes taken from the McDaniel store were recovered.

Will Graham, negro, of Fairmont, also has been arrested in connection with the robbery. He was later released under a \$100 bond. Chapman implicated Will McKenzie, negro, of Navassa in the robbery. Policeman Ed J. Glover went to Navassa Tuesday and arrested McKenzie. He was released, however, after he had proven to Officer Glover that he had not been to Lumberton in 12 years.

Chapman's arrest came as a climax to continued effort upon the part of Chief Barker and his assistants to find a clue since the Squires store was robbed four weeks ago.

No Clue to Murderer of Bullock

Coroner's Jury Will Meet Again Saturday—It Has Not Yet Rendered Its Verdict.

Officers have not yet found any clue to the murderer of Mr. R. Walter Bullock, who was shot Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Bullock was shot in his room at a gasoline filling station, which he operated near McNeill's bridge, three miles west of Lumberton, the lead being fired through a glass window. The coroner's jury has not yet rendered a verdict. The jury will meet again Saturday of this week.

Dr. and Mrs. S. R. McKay are moving today from Lumberton to Lillington, Harnett county, where Dr. McKay will open a dental office. He has practiced his profession here for about two years. Both Dr. and Mrs. McKay have many friends here who regret their decision to leave Lumberton.

IS THIS MEANEST MAN?

Wilton T. Davis of Fairmont Charged With Baiting Steel Trap for Children.

Wilton T. Davis of North Fairmont has been indicted on the charge of setting a steel trap on his porch and baiting the trap with pencils and candy poisoned with paris green for his neighbor's children. He made bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance before Recorder A. E. Floyd on Monday of next week.

\$50,000 SCHOOL BOND ELECTION ORDERED FOR FAIRMONT

The county commissioners Monday ordered a bond election for the Fairmont high school district for the purpose of voting a \$50,000 issue for the erection of a high school building. Mr. E. W. Floyd was appointed registrar and Messrs. E. V. McDaniel and H. G. Mitchell judges of the election. The date for the election has not been determined.

Negro Convict Who Shot Mr. Lacy Prevvatt Died Tuesday Night.

Jno. H. Boyken, alias "Befo Day", colored, died Tuesday night at the Thompson hospital, where he had been a patient for several months. Boyken had served a part of a sentence on the county roads for shooting Mr. Lacy Prevvatt at Bule several months ago, when he was taken ill. His remains were interred yesterday in the county home cemetery.

Snow Melted as it Fell.

Following a sudden drop in temperature early Tuesday morning, snow fell here at intervals throughout the day. Owing to the dampness of the ground, a heavy rain preceding the drop in temperature, the snow melted as it fell.

Mrs. Sutton Gets \$1,010.60 Damages

Lumberton Cotton Mill Co. Must Pay Widow of Man Fatally Injured by Truck—Court Expected to Adjourn This Afternoon—Other Cases.

It is expected that Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which convened Monday morning, will close this afternoon. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson is presiding. The following cases have been disposed of: Mrs. Martha Sutton, administratrix of Hamp Sutton, deceased, vs. Lumberton Cotton Mill Co.; judgment for plaintiff in of \$1,010.60. Suit was instituted by the widow of Hamp Sutton, who died several weeks ago from injuries received when a truck owned by the cotton mill company ran over him, breaking one leg. The deceased was attempting to board the truck while it was running when he fell under it. The accident took place on East Second street.

S. T. Harrell vs. William Davis and St. Pauls Supply Co.; judgment for defendants.

P. M. C. Lovett vs. Sallie Jane Lovett; divorce granted.

Mrs. Josie Floyd vs. H. S. Floyd, et al; judgment for plaintiff.

A number of judgments has been signed.

J. A. Brown Director of Tobacco Coop.

Chadborn Man Heads Marketing Association for District—Composed of Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick Counties.

Mr. J. A. Brown of Chadborn was elected director of the Co-operative Tobacco Marketing association for this, the first, North Carolina district here Tuesday. The district is composed of Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick counties and the director was elected by delegates from all these counties. Mr. Brown was unanimously elected.

Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton was elected chairman of the meeting held here Tuesday and Mr. James Clark of Bladen county secretary. Mr. Brown is a successful farmer and business man and has taken much interest and given much time to the interests of the farmers of eastern North Carolina. No doubt the farmers generally will be pleased at the election of Mr. Brown to this important position.

Mr. Brown left Lumberton Tuesday evening for Raleigh to meet with the directors of the other districts in the State.

Austin Heads Cotton Farmers "Coop."

Dr. G. M. Pate of Robeson is Member of Executive Committee.

At the first meeting of directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Marketing association, held in Raleigh yesterday, W. H. Austin of Smithfield was elected president, B. O. Townsend of Dunn, secretary-treasurer. The News and Observer says the matter of financing the association on probably a ten million dollar basis will be left with the executive committee, also employment of assistants. R. W. Christian of Manchester was elected vice president, Dr. G. M. Pate of Raynham, Robeson county director, member of the executive committee. Among the directors mentioned in The News and Observer as attending the meeting yesterday was A. A. McEachern of Red Springs, 9th district.

COUNTY CHAIN GANG DIVIDED

35 Convicts Taken to Fairmont—Orum Road—40 Men Left on Lumberton-McNeill's Bridge Road.

The county chain gang was divided yesterday, 35 of the 75 convicts being taken to a point on the Fairmont-Orum road between the two towns. That part of the gang is in charge of Messrs. J. W. Davis and Dave Jones, while the other 40 men are in charge of Messrs. J. L. Hatchel and W. H. Prevvatt. This part of the gang is doing work in connection with the hard-surfacing of the road leading from Lumberton to McNeill's bridge.

Honey-Bee Specialist in County Next Week.

Mr. C. L. Sams, honey-bee specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, will spend Wednesday and Thursday of next week, February 15 and 16, with Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator. Beekeepers who would like to have Mr. Sams visit them should advise Mr. Dukes at once.

Poultry Meeting Friday Evening 7:30.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, a poultry meeting will be held in the court house tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. It is planned to organize a poultry association and all who are interested in such an organization are urged to be present.

Mrs. Edward K. Proctor returned last evening from Greensboro, where she spent a week visiting friends.

St. Pauls News Letter

Some Grippe in Town—Buildings Going up for Ice Plant and Filling Station—A Word to Correspondents—An Old Friend of The Robesonian—Week of Prayer—An Approaching Marriage—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, Feb. 7.—We were greeted with a regular downpour of rain this morning, and now as noon approaches, we notice little flakes of snow occasionally falling. Here's hoping another big snow is not on the way! for, "we love a snow that will come and go, but never for one that lingers, oh!

Messrs. A. R. McEachern and J. M. Butler arrived home Sunday morning from New York and Boston where they had been since the first of the week. It seems that business is dull in New York, as well as everywhere else, but some-what brighter in some respects, as they reached Boston. We hope every thing will brighten up everywhere, sometime. Just as well smile while we can, tho', for "Smile and the world smiles with you, cry, and you cry alone."

We hear of a good bit of grippe around. Mr. Butler has been some-what indisposed since his return. Mr. Cary Powers has also suffered an attack of grippe, besides some few others. The little son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Fred Nash, however, took with pneumonia. This was a very bad case, too good for those with colds or grippe, as pneumonia so often follows.

We notice Mr. W. Fred Hester's name among the 70 applicants who passed the examination for license to practice law in North Carolina, held before the Supreme court on last Monday. Mr. Hester being a St. Pauls boy, his many friends here rejoice with him in his good luck, and wish him success always.

Mr. T. L. Britt is erecting a building where he will install an ice plant in the near future. We also hear Mr. J. Browne Evans is having a brick filling station erected on the old Methodist church corner. The next thing that St. Pauls needs is a newspaper. It looks like our little town is large enough now to afford one.

Perhaps some one will see to their advantage to open up one here some time. Our county has a good one, the faithful old Robesonian, which we have always enjoyed. Now if all, "we correspondents" all over the county will just do our part, we'll have a better one than ever. I have always remarked about any newspaper, if a copy should ever come, that doesn't contain quite the news we think it should, to blame not the editor but the correspondents, for (Continued on page eight.)

Special Tax Election Approved

County Board of Education Holds Regular Monthly Meeting.

The county board of education held its regular monthly meeting here Monday.

A note in the sum of \$10,000 due the First National Bank of Fairmont was ordered paid.

An order was passed allowing district No. 1, colored, Maxton township, \$15 for repairing school building.

Lindsay Norment was appointed committee man in district No. 9, Rowland township, succeeding J. W. McPhail, who has moved out of the district.

Sherman Johnson was appointed committeeman in district No. 3, Indian, Fairmont township, in place of Robert Sampson, who failed to qualify.

Supt. J. R. Poole was authorized to pay \$140 on the school building in district No. 6, Smith township, same to be paid out of district funds.

An application for a loan of \$2,000 from the State loan fund to district No. 1, Indian, Smiths Township, for the erection of a new building, was approved.

A special school tax election for district No. 6, Howellsville township, was approved, also bond election for district No. 1, Fairmont township.

The monthly report of Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer, was approved and ordered filed.

D. C. Shaw, Lumber Bridge township, was allowed \$3 rebate on dog tax.

Judge Long Will Test Watts' Ruling Superior Court Judge B. F. Long will test revenue Commissioner Watts' ruling that all State officers including judges, must pay income tax. Judge W. A. Devine, in Wake county Superior court at Raleigh, Tuesday signed an order notifying Colonel Watts to appear before his court next Monday to show cause why he should not be permanently enjoined from collection of an income tax from Judge Long.

Mr. W. T. Ivey of Proctorville is serving on the jury this week.

The National Bank of Lumberton offers to lend liberally to its customers on Cotton Stored in Bonded Warehouses. It will pay you to Bank with This STRONG BANK.

Fairmont Votes On School Bonds Soon

Site and \$50,000 Bonds to be Voted on at Same Time—Stock and Fixtures of Pitman Drug Co. Sold—Death of Mrs. Amelia Stephens and Mr. Chas. P. Grantham.

A DASTARDLY CRIME

Wilton T. Davis is Charged With Baiting a Steel Trap with Bright-Colored Pencils and Poisoned Red Candy for Children.

Fairmont, Feb. 8.—Another well attended mass meeting was held in the Dixie theatre building last Friday night with much success. The committee on locating another site to be voted against the old site made a report and submitted a site which they had been offered by Mr. P. R. Floyd. The idea of buying the colored church property was entirely thrown out. Mr. Floyd's property lies in the western part of town, just a few hundred feet west of the present property, except that it is facing Iona street. This plot contains 5 acres with a street in front (Iona); one on the east side (to be named later) and the continuation of Dunie Street on the north. The bonds will be voted upon at the same time as the site. Amount of the bonds has been decided to be \$50,000. It is the opinion of many that it is possible to build even a better and more commodious building now for \$50,000 than could have been built two years ago for \$100,000, the amount that was voted and by some means lost. The election to be held at a very near date will determine whether or not we have a better school building and just where it will be placed.

Drug Stock and Fixtures Sold. The entire stock and fixtures and accounts of the Pitman drug store were sold here at auction Saturday, and under the provision that the judge confirms the sale and no one raises the bid within five days it will remain as sold. W. H. King Drug Co. of Raleigh, represented here by Mr. Simpson, was the largest bidder, buying the stock and fixtures for the sum of \$4,025. The accounts due Pitman Drug Co. were sold to Dr. J. P. Brown for \$1,000. A note in favor of Pitman Drug Co. was bought by V. W. Keith, local attorney, and a few other small items by different parties making the total amount of the sale \$5,091.50. Later: bid for stock, fixtures and soda fountain has been raised 10 per cent. by Mr. Wiggins of Coats. This will necessitate another public auction sale which will be held at the drug store on February 18th.

Death of Mrs. Amelia Stephens. Much sorrow was caused throughout the community when it was learned early Saturday morning that Mrs. Amelia Stephens had died during the night. Miss Lucy Stephens, only daughter of deceased, found her aged mother dead when she arose about 6:30. Only two children survive: Miss Lucy Stephens, who has made her home here with her mother since they moved from their farm to town several years ago, and Mr. N. J. Stephens of Ybor City, Florida. The funeral was preached in the Baptist church by Rev. J. R. Miller, and interment was made in the family burying plot of Fairmont cemetery. Deceased was 62 years, 1 month and 1 day old, and a faithful member of the Baptist church. She was the widow of the late A. Whiten Stephens, and was one of the most highly respected women of the community.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Jim Floyd, Furman Floyd, D. G. Rouse, A. E. Byrne and G. E. Bracy.

Death of Mr. Chas. P. Grantham. Another death causing more sorrow and gloom was that of Mr. Charles P. Grantham, who died at his home on North Iona street about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Deceased had been in bad health for some time and was taken seriously ill last Tuesday night, but his condition seemed to improve until Thursday night, when he gradually became weaker. All of his children were at his bedside at the time of death. Mrs. W. A. McPhaul of Charlotte arriving just a few minutes before. Deceased was a well-known and highly-respected gentleman. He had made Fairmont his home for the past three years, after having moved from his country home near Iona. He was about 64 years of age and is survived by his wife, several brothers and sisters and the following children: Mrs. S. J. Smith of Iona section; Dr. Lloyd Grantham of Asheville, Mrs. Alice Brice of Fairmont, Mrs. W. A. McPhaul of Charlotte, Messrs. C. E., G. L. and V. G. Grantham of Fairmont. The interment was made in the Iona cemetery three miles west of here Monday afternoon. A large number of friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects. The pall bearers were: active, Messrs. E. J. Chambers, N. A. Andrews, H. G. Mitchell and W. N. Hubbard of Fairmont, Mr. D. R. Shaw of Lumberton and Mr. T. S. Greyard of McDonald; honorary, Messrs. Frank, Arthur and T. A. Davis, A. E. Floyd, R. O. Pitman and A. J. Floyd.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Keith left early Tuesday morning for Mr. Keith's home in Creedmoor, in response to a message stating the death of Mr. Keith's (Continued on page four.)

Parkton Letter

New Baptist Parsonage Nearly Completed—Presiding Elder Bundy Will Preach Sunday Night and Monday and Hold Quarterly Conference—Jewish Relief—Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, Feb. 7.—Uncle Josh and Snow ball is still carrying the day. Last Friday night they entertained at Antioch, Saturday night at St. Pauls and last night at Eastover, Cumberland county. At all three places report large attendance and lively wholesome attractions, and the people well pleased. The proceeds all go to the benefit of the new Baptist parsonage, which is almost completed. Proceeds of the last-mentioned entertainments amounted to near \$150. Rev. J. D. Bundy, P. E. Fayetteville district, will preach at the M. E. church here on next Sunday night. The public is most cordially invited. He will also preach Monday morning at 11 and the 1st quarterly meeting will follow.

The fact that next Sunday closes the Jewish Relief campaign should arouse the interest of every sane person, both old and young. Neither our township or town seems to be properly organized, but we all should get mighty busy and do our duty in this respect. The light has been turned to every reader, but there are some people who do not read much, so here is the importance of getting organized and see that every individual has the chance to contribute.

Mr. A. M. Smith has put fresh curtains in his nice dwelling, which adds beauty to its appearance.

We notice a new clerk with the Parkton Merc. Co., big store, a Mr. Hamilton of Red Springs, as we have been advised.

This is rough weather on basketball players. Not much doing these days. The local boys' team went up to Fayetteville Saturday night and played Fayetteville, and suffered a slight defeat; but just wait until Fayetteville comes to Parkton and see how the score runs.

This scribe was fortunate yesterday morning to come in contact with the Parkton pack of hounds just in time for the home stretch. A 3-hour heat, and old raynard was captured. Some sport! The music of twenty or more, each carrying different melodies—Oh, it's fine!

Mr. J. Q. Parnell made a business trip to Savannah, Ga., Monday returning today. He reports cold rough weather down south.

Alleged Bootleggers Arrested Here

Two Fayetteville Men Arrested Here on Charge of Selling Whiskey—9 Quarts of Whiskey Found in Car.

A. T. Harris of Fayetteville was arrested here last night and is in jail charged with transporting and selling whiskey. Harris was arrested by Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policemen Vance McGill when the officers found 9 quarts of "Bottled in Band" whiskey in the Ford coupe which he was driving. The car and whiskey were confiscated. The whiskey was packed underneath the leather on the back of the seat in the car. Harris is a young man, married, and formerly lived here.

M. D. Bennett, also of Fayetteville, a cigar salesman, was arrested this morning on the charge of selling whiskey. It is expected that both Harris and Bennett will be given a hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller this afternoon.

MR. DUNCAN M. JOHNSON DIED AT PARKTON YESTERDAY

Funeral This Afternoon—Interment at Nicholson Graveyard.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Feb. 8.—Mr. Duncan M. Johnson, aged 73 years, died suddenly of heart trouble this morning at 8 o'clock at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hughes, of our town. Deceased had made his home here with his daughter since the death of his wife, who preceded him about 3 years ago. He is survived by five sons and one daughter, also one brother N. A. Johnson of St. Pauls, and one sister, Mrs. A. H. Tolar of Tobemore, and several grand-children. The funeral will be held tomorrow p. m. the hour unknown as yet. Interment will be at the Nicholson graveyard, one mile from town.

SIX PERSONS LOST LIVES IN HOTEL FIRE AT RICHMOND

Six persons are known to have lost their lives in Richmond Tuesday morning in a fire which swept over half a city block, destroying the Lexington hotel and several other buildings. A Richmond dispatch states that 11 persons were still missing last night. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. Twenty-eight persons were injured, some of them perhaps fatally.

Creditors of Mr. R. Pitman Barnes of Barnesville, who recently was adjudged bankrupt, appointed Mr. J. W. Barnes trustee at a meeting held here Tuesday. The matter will be handled by Mr. Barnes under the direction of the court.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 15 1-2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—The boys' basketball team of the Lumberton high school went up to Maxton yesterday and won over the Maxton team by a score of 32-2.

—Mr. E. E. Hunter, division freight and passenger agent of the Seaboard, with headquarters in Wilmington, spent Tuesday in Lumberton on business. He went from here to Laurinburg.

—Mr. Lee G. Stone of Lumberton has signed up as pitcher for the Shreveport, La., baseball club for the 1922 season. This club belongs to the Texas league. Mr. Stone expects to leave for Shreveport about the first of March.

—A charter was filed with the Secretary of State at Raleigh Tuesday for the Joint Fraternal Order, Inc., of Lumberton, with no capital stock, incorporated by Rev. J. D. Harrell, L. H. Powell and J. W. Smith, an order for negroes.

—Miss Josephine Breece will leave Saturday night for Baltimore and New York to purchase spring and summer stock for her millinery store. Miss Mary Rozier Norment will have charge of the store during Miss Breece's absence.

—Elizabeth Carver and Hamp McDuffie, a colored couple from Wakulla, were married in the office of Recorder R. J. Brown of Red Springs officiated.

—There will be a tacky party and fiddlers' convention at Alfordville school house, in connection with community service pictures, Monday night of next week. An admission of 15 and 25 cents will be charged, the proceeds to go to the school.

—At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Tuesday evening the town tax collector was instructed to levy upon personal property for unpaid 1921 taxes. The books show that less than one-half the town taxes for last year have been paid.

—The Green Valley Dairy of East Lumberton, of which Mr. E. L. Hamilton is manager, recently sold an Eminent stock Jersey bull to a dairyman in Mecklenburg county. The bull, which Mr. Hamilton raised, is 6 years old and weighs 1,800 pounds. The consideration was \$600.

—Mr. Jno. M. McCaskill of Carthage has accepted a position as stock-room man at the local H. A. Page, Jr. garage and sales station. Mr. McCaskill succeeds Mr. Jno. H. Coble, who was transferred to Hamlet, where Mr. Page also conducts a like business.

—Mr. F. G. Odum, who lives out Buie way, says the bull weevils have not been killed by the cold weather, for he found one on a collar in his garden last Saturday. The collar was frozen, but not the weevil. Mr. Odum and his son, Mr. Clarence Odum, were Lumberton visitors Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Angus Wilton McLean and their daughter, Miss Margaret McLean will accompany the Governor to Raleigh, and will be guests for a few days at the mansion, states a Raleigh special of the 7th to the Charlotte Observer, referring to Governor Morrison's expected return to Raleigh from Washington yesterday.

—Mr. J. H. Barrington was named trustee of the John T. Biggs bankrupt stock at a meeting of the creditors held here Tuesday. Messrs. A. E. White, Geo. L. Thompson and S. F. Caldwell were named as appraisers. The stock will be disposed of by Mr. Barrington under the direction of the court. As was stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Biggs signed a petition in bankruptcy several weeks ago.

—The condition of Mr. Ed Willoughby, who was shot and dangerously wounded some three weeks ago, is very favorable, according to Dr. N. A. Thompson, superintendent of the Thompson hospital, where Mr. Willoughby has been since soon after he was shot. It is now thought he will recover. Evander Parker, who is charged with the shooting, is still in jail, though it is expected that he will be released under bond soon.

Mr. T. P. Monroe of R. 5, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

ERROR CORRECTED
The name of Jno. F. French & Co., Lumberton, N. C., should appear under the Purina Calf Chow advertisement appearing on page two in today's paper. Some of these pages were printed before the name was added.



Important Meeting This Evening. An important meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion will be held in the legion hall this evening at 7:30. All ex-service men are urged to be present. Refreshments will be served.