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## Mistrial in McEachern-Clayton Case

Jury Failed to Agree in Case Involving Return of Purchase Price of Stolen Automobile—\$10 Damages for a Dog—John G. Proctor Appointed Receiver for Robeson Grocery Co.—Court Adjourned Friday.

The jury failed to agree upon a verdict in the case of A. R. McEachern vs. Clayton garage and a mistrial was ordered. The case went to the jury late Thursday afternoon and the jury was dismissed Friday about 10 a. m. As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, this suit was brought by the plaintiff in an effort to recover the amount paid the W. R. Clayton garage of Fayetteville for a Cadillac automobile which later proved to have been stolen.

The jury returned a verdict giving the plaintiff \$10 damages for a dog which it was alleged the defendant killed in the case of A. L. Smith vs. Alfred Britt.

Judgment was rendered for the defendant in the case of Dora Davis vs. W. W. Davis.

Besides the jury trials, many judgments were signed and a number of cases appearing on the calendar were compromised during the term.

John G. Proctor was appointed receiver by the court for the Robeson Grocery Co., of Lumberton, which concern has been adjudged bankrupt.

## Bass to Jail in Default of Bond

Bound to Court by Recorder Butler of St. Pauls on Charge of Stealing Automobile.

Travis Bass, Jr., was bound over to Superior court Thursday by Recorder Jno. S. Butler of St. Pauls on the charge of the larceny of an automobile. His bond was fixed at \$2,500, in default of which Bass was remanded to the county jail.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Bass, whose home is in Lumberton, was arrested late Tuesday afternoon at Marion, S. C., on the charge of stealing a Ford touring car from near the Presbyterian church at St. Pauls about noon. Bass drove the car to Marion. The car was driven to St. Pauls by Rev. Eugene Alexander of Raeford, Mr. Alexander having borrowed the car from a neighbor to make the trip. The car was stolen while Mr. Alexander was attending services in the church, near by where he left it. The car was recovered. Bass admits stealing the car.

## Bass Attempted Suicide in Jail

Tried to Hang Himself With Necktie and Belt But the Belt Broke and He Was Not Hurt.

Travis Bass, Jr., who, as stated elsewhere in today's paper, was bound over to Superior court Thursday by Recorder Jno. S. Butler of St. Pauls on the charge of larceny of an auto, attempted to commit suicide in the county jail Saturday night. Bass used both his necktie and belt in his attempt to "end it all." He tied his necktie to the top of the cell, fastened his belt to the tie and wrapped the belt about his neck. He then jumped off his bunk and the belt broke. Bass escaped his scheme unhurt.

Some Political Talk.

The folks are beginning to talk politics. State Senator L. R. Varsler is being urged by many to make the race again to succeed himself. Ex-State Senators Frank Gough and H. E. Stacy are also being "talked" as candidates for this office. It is a safe bet that not more than one of the three will offer, but the question is, "Which will it be?"

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. D. P. McKinnon, young Rowland attorney, is considering "coming out" for the lower house of the Legislature. Indications point to a "live" political year and candidates for the various offices will soon be making their intentions known.

## Another Stolen Car Gets Folk in Trouble

W. H. Fowler of Fayetteville, was bound over to the Superior court Thursday by Recorder David H. Fuller on the charge of false pretense. His bond was fixed at \$1,000, which he made. Fowler, who is connected with the W. R. Clayton garage of Fayetteville, was indicted by Mr. Lawrence Freeman, who lives on R. 4, from Lumberton. Mr. Freeman purchased an automobile from Fowler, which later proved to have been stolen in Newark, N. J., Mr. Freeman losing the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Higginbotham of Hamlet spent yesterday here visiting at the home of Mrs. Higginbotham's father, Mr. A. H. Webster, North Pine street.

## 12 Months on Roads For Blockading

Richard Davis, Indian, Owned to Operating Still Near Maxton 3 Months—Officers Locate Another Still But Operator Escaped—Woods Fall of Stills Says Officer.

Richard Davis, Indian, was brought to the county chain gang Saturday by Rural Policeman W. W. Smith of Maxton to begin a 12-months' sentence imposed by Recorder R. M. Williams of Maxton for blockading. Davis plead guilty of the charge, admitting that a still captured Friday by Rural Policeman Smith was his and that he had been operating the plant for three months. The still was located by Officer Smith in a swamp 8 miles east of Maxton and was made of a gasoline tank with a copper worm attached. Around 200 gallons of beer were found at the still.

Policeman Smith and Federal Prohibition Officer James Clifton captured another still near the same point Friday night. The still was in operation. The operator proved to be faster on foot than the officers and escaped. The still was made of a galvanized tub and other appliances. About 250 gallons of beer were found at the still, though the operator carried a jug supposed to have contained the finished product with him as he fled. The woods are full of stills in that section, according to Officer Smith.

## New York to Lumberton by Airplane

Mr. J. Ellie Walters Made Trip in 9 1/2 Hours in His New DeHaviland 3-Passenger—Accompanied by Mr. Kenyon Woody of Wilmington.

Mr. J. Ellie Walters arrived home Thursday at 5:50 p. m. from New York with his new DeHaviland 3-passenger airplane. Mr. Walters and Mr. Kenyon Woody of Wilmington made the trip from New York to Lumberton through the air. The trip required only 9 1/2 hours flying time, though they were held up in Philadelphia and Richmond on account of bad weather. They left Richmond Thursday at noon, stopping only at Wilson on the trip from that city to Lumberton.

Messrs. Walters and Woody divided time in piloting the 'plane on the trip. Mr. Woody is an experienced aviator, having been engaged in flying for several years. He will remain here for some time instructing Mr. Walters in handling his new machine. Mr. Woody says the Walters field, near the National cotton mill, is one of the best he has ever used. Mr. Walters has had a makeshift of a 'plane for several months, but on account of the weakness of the motor in it has never attempted to fly except about his aviation field.

The DeHaviland 'plane is one of the best made. Mr. Walters will use it for pleasure and commerce. The 'plane carries 40 gallons of gasoline, enough for four hours flying. It will accommodate two passengers besides the "driver". The 'plane was purchased by Mr. Walters in New York.

## Local Legion Post to Stage Big Minstrel

The local American Legion post will stage a minstrel show here around the last of March, the same to be under the direction of "Deep C." Green, a minstrel man of many years experience. The production will run two hours, a big minstrel first part, six acts of vaudeville and "The Conscripted", making up a most attractive program. Thirty people will be employed in the cast and rehearsals will start Wednesday, March 15th.

## Sacred Organ Recital This Evening at Chestnut Street Methodist Church

As has been stated in The Robesonian, a sacred pipe organ recital will be given this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, at Chestnut Street Methodist church by Prof. Vardell, director of music at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, assisted by his sister, Miss Vardell, on violin. Prof. and Miss Vardell are accomplished musicians and this recital will be a treat to music lovers. The public is cordially invited. No collection will be taken.

## Rev. W. H. Dodd Accepts Call to Jackson County

Rev. W. H. Dodd has resigned as pastor of a field of Baptist churches composed of Proctorville, Barnesville and Mt. Elm, to accept a call from the Sylvia Baptist church in Jackson county. He expects to leave for Sylvia about April 1. Mr. Dodd has been pastor of the Robeson field since 1919 and both he and Mrs. Dodd have made many friends since coming to the county who will regret their decision to leave.

## "Trial of Robbers" Will be Given at Back Swamp Thursday Night

The Lumberton B. Y. P. U. will give "The Trial of the Robbers" at Back Swamp church Thursday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited. No admission will be charged.

## Plans of E. C. C. Commerce Given

Mr. J. R. Eddy Outlines Purposes at Meeting at Court House—Another Meeting to be Held—Embraces 39 Counties.

Plans and purposes of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce were outlined by Mr. J. R. Eddy of Paradise, Pa., who is employed by the organization at the court house Friday evening. Owing to the rain and the fact that the meeting had not been well advertised, only a few were present. Those present were favorably impressed with the movement and Mr. Eddy was asked to attend another meeting which will be called at an early date.

The chamber takes in 39 counties in eastern North Carolina and the movement for such an organization was started with the view of obtaining a closer relation between the people of the towns and the rural districts and the mapping out of plans for fighting the boll weevil menace.

Mr. Eddy will visit several other towns in the county for the purpose of laying the plan before the folks.

Mr. J. P. Russell presided at the meeting Friday evening. Short talks were made by Messrs. K. M. Barnes, E. J. Britt, K. M. Biggs and Mr. Russell, while several others expressed themselves as being in sympathy with the plans of the chamber.

## Begin Score-Card Plan This Week

Pupils Above Sixth Grade in Local Schools Will Make Daily Reports on Work—Efficiency the Aim—Cooperation of Parents Requested.

With efficiency the aim, the score-card plan will be put into effect this week in the local high school, beginning with the 7th grade.

The card is to be an individual score card, consisting of from 10 to twenty points, the card to be kept by the pupil and daily reports made on same. For instance, after each recitation, pupils will produce score cards from their desks and grade themselves according to what they think they deserve. According to Supt. Cale, who has used the plan before successfully in other schools, the majority of the pupils will grade themselves even lower than the teacher.

All the points heretofore considered will be used on the card with several other points added, such as effort, neatness, respect for teachers, and all the points that go to make up a number one pupil.

The score card will not do away with the regular monthly report card but is an effort to improve the monthly report card. This plan gives the pupils an opportunity to realize just where they stand in their school work, to recognize their weak points and improve them. It is a fine test to undergo in order to realize just what they are fit to accomplish.

Supt. Cale requests cooperation and encouragement on the part of parents in order that the plan may be carried out successfully.

## Sentenced to Roads for Shooting at Man

Clio, Will and Webster Lewis, colored brothers, were sentenced to 12 months each on the county roads Thursday by Recorder J. A. McKay of Rowland on the charge of shooting at Mr. Dewey Stoe of the Rayham section. All the defendants gave notice of appeal and made bond totaling \$750. While the evidence showed that several shots were fired, none took effect.

## Bills Paid by County Commissioners Total \$5,677.55

At their regular monthly meeting last Monday the county commissioners ordered bills paid totaling \$5,677.55. This total is made up of various small items such as usually found in detailed report of regular monthly meetings.

## To Sell Land for Taxes Not Paid by April 1

All lands in Robeson county upon which the 1921 State, county and drainage taxes are not paid by April 1 will be advertised and sold for the taxes, according to Sheriff R. E. Lewis.

## Negro Lynched for Shooting White Man

Atlanta, March 12.—Charged with shooting L. O. Anderson, a white farmer, near here, early this morning, Alfred Williams, negro, was taken from the jail, as he was being brought to the gall here, and lynched. Anderson will recover.

## 100 Killed in Fighting in Johannesburg

A dispatch from Johannesburg, South Africa, states that it is believed that 100 persons were killed and many more injured there Saturday in heavy fighting between striking diamond miners and police.

Mr. B. F. Gately of Buie was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. B. M. Stephens of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

## Lumber Bridge News Letter

Rowland Loses in First of Basketball Championship Series—Second Game Tuesday in Rowland—Series of Services—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumber Bridge, March 10.—The girls' basketball team of Lumber Bridge high school, pennant-winners of the North Robeson Basketball league, played Rowland, pennant-winners of South Robeson league, here yesterday afternoon. The friends and followers of the two teams believe them to be the best in this section of the State this year. This game was the first of a 3-game championship series to determine the champions of Robeson and Hoke counties.

In yesterday's game every member of both teams seemed to put everything she possessed into the game, and each player did herself credit in the game. Each team is an honor to the community which it represents. Each community has a just right in feeling proud of its team.

The game was one of the prettiest and fastest the girls have played this season, one which the good fan delights to see, and one which the players enjoy taking part in. The visitors seemed a bit nervous in the first half and allowed the locals to pile up most of their lead. However, they came back strong in the second half and played bang-up ball. The final score was 30 to 12 in favor of Lumber Bridge.

The teams meet Tuesday of next week in Rowland for the second game of the series, and another good game is in store for the spectators.

Miss Jessie McPhaul of Antioch school refereed the game here, and her work was highly pleasing to the players of both teams and to the spectators.

Mrs. Charles Harris and family of Georgia are visiting relatives here. Dr. T. A. West of Fairmont delivered an address in the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, March 5, on "Stewardship." His lecture was intensely interesting and very impressive.

Mr. Edwin West of Fairmont spent Sunday, March 5, in our town. For a few nights this week our town was plunged into darkness, due to trouble with the electric plant.

Chason Brothers have moved into the building formerly occupied by the Central Supply company, and have opened up an "up-to-date" general store.

Miss Elizabeth Walker of Raleigh, is visiting her sister Mrs. Thomas Stamps.

We are glad to report that practically all of the sick folks are better. Mr. Rice, business manager of Flora McDonald college, attended the Lumber Bridge-Rowland basketball game.

A series of services is being held at the Baptist church, lead by Rev. A. C. Hamby of Raleigh.

## FAIRMONT NEWS ITEMS

### Death of Mr. Shell Regan of Dillon—Personal Mention.

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, March 11.—News reached here yesterday of the death of Mr. Shell Regan at his home in Dillon, S. C., which occurred March 9th at 4 a. m. Deceased had been in ill health for only a few days. Among those from here attending the funeral yesterday were Mrs. Lalah Bracy and son, John Bracy. Mrs. Bracy is a sister of deceased. Mr. Regan was cashier of the National Bank of Dillon and had many friends and relatives.

Mr. F. F. Thompson left here yesterday for Manteo, where he will teach in the public schools. Mr. Thompson had just returned from Evergreen, where his school closed last week.

Mr. Ernest Jones spent a few days this week in Greensboro on business. Friends and relatives received news here today that Mr. Freeman Pittman of Wilmington was very ill with pneumonia, and that his friends were very anxious regarding his recovery.

Mr. Arch Collins of Charlotte spent a few days here this week on business. (Other Fairmont news will be found on page 3 of this issue.—Editor.)

### John G. Proctor Candidate for Recorder

Mr. John G. Proctor, well-known Lumberton attorney, says he will be a candidate for recorder of the Lumberton district in the June primary. Mr. D. H. Fuller, present recorder, says he will not offer for re-election. Mr. Proctor is a son of the late E. K. Proctor of Lumberton and has been practicing law here for some time. Mr. Proctor entered the race at the solicitation of many friends. It is probable that others will "come out" for this office.

—Light and water cut-off squad goes out on Thursday, 16th, to all who have not paid.

Messrs. Jno. S. Butler and Jno. D. Canady, attorneys of St. Pauls, are Lumberton visitors today.

## Special Gardening Meetings Next Week

Specialist From Horticultural Department at Raleigh Will Assist Home and Farm Demonstration Agents of Robeson in Meetings March 20 and 21.

During February the home demonstration clubs have been making a special study of gardening. Miss Andrews has stressed this work in every possible way, securing bulletins and seed from the government. Mr. Dukes has very kindly given his assistance for this campaign and has spoken at a number of meetings. In addition to this Miss Andrews has secured a specialist from the horticultural department at Raleigh and he will be in the county on March 20th and 21st.

The following meetings have been arranged, at which the demonstration agents will be assisted by Mr. Bowditch of Raleigh:

Monday, March 20th, 2:30 p. m.—Ten Mile Home Demonstration Club at the school auditorium.

Monday, March 20th, 7:30 p. m.—Lumberton Home Demonstration Club in commissioners' room, court house.

Tuesday, March 21st, 10:30 a. m.—Lumber Bridge H. D. Club at the school building.

Tuesday, March 21st, 2:30 Philadelphia H. D. Club at school grounds. Both men and women are urged to attend these meetings. There will be a special message for both. It is hoped that every one will feel free to attend.

## Must Kill Dogs Bitten By Rabid Dog

Owners Who Neglect or Refuse to Kill Dog Bitten by Mad Dog Are Guilty of Misdemeanor and Will be Prosecuted.

Mr. W. B. Ivey, solicitor of the Lumberton recorder's court, is receiving complaint from numerous citizens that owners of dogs that have been bitten by rabid dogs refuse to kill them. It is a violation of the law to keep a dog knowing that he has been bitten by a rabid dog. The following from a letter which Mr. Ivey has mailed to some who are keeping such dogs will be of interest:

### Law Governing Keeping of Dogs

"If the owner of any dog shall know, or have good reason to believe, that his dog, or any dog belonging to any person under his control, has been bitten by a mad dog, and shall neglect or refuse immediately to kill the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars to him who will sue therefor; and the offender shall be liable to pay all damages which may be sustained by any one, in his property or person, by the bite of any such dog, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

"I have had a good bit of complaint recently about people letting their dogs run at large after knowing or having reason to believe that they had been bitten by mad dogs. Several citizens of the county are now having to spend large sums of money, to say nothing of the worry and suspense, taking treatment because they were bitten by some useless dog that was carelessly let run at large. Hereafter I shall prosecute without notice all persons coming to my knowledge that violate the foregoing statute."

### Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Proctor Move to Columbus

Whiteville News Reporter: As mentioned in this paper sometime ago, Mr. Edward Knox Proctor of Lumberton has formed a partnership with District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker. Mr. Proctor arrived here Monday and entered actively upon the duties of the office. Since his graduation from his law school in the spring of 1921 he has been practicing with his brother, Mr. John G. Proctor, in Lumberton. His wife is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown of Chadbourn and her many friends in Chadbourn, Whiteville and Columbus county will rejoice at her return to Columbus county. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Proctor will live at Chadbourn for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Brown and then remove to Whiteville as soon as a residence can be secured.

### A CORRECTION

In the article about Mr. H. L. Cook in the issue of The Robesonian of March 2nd in the line reading "many years a member of the State executive committee" "about two years" should be substituted for "many years." This was not the mistake of The Robesonian, as the article was printed like the copy furnished this paper, but Mr. Cook asks that the correction be made as he does not care to have a mis-statement made.

### Personal from Pembroke

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, March 13.—Mrs. Rosa J. Thomas and her 3 children have returned from Charleston, S. C., where they visited Mrs. W. N. Thomas for a week.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 17 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Dr. M. A. Waddell left yesterday for Atlanta, Ga., to attend a dental clinic. He will be away a week.

—Miss Lacy Johnson went Saturday to Hope Mills to be with her mother, Mrs. Philip Johnson, who is ill.

—The rainfall here Friday and Friday night totaled 1.33 inches. This brought the total fall since March 1 to 4.98 inches and the total since January 1, last, to 13.72 inches.

—A recruiting party from the 17th field artillery, Camp Bragg, spent Friday night and Saturday morning here. Nine army recruits joined the party here and 4 at St. Pauls, returning to Camp Bragg with the recruiting party.

—The Lumberton home demonstration club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The program will be on interior decorations. All ladies of the town are cordially invited to be present.

—The play, "Farm Folks", which pupils of the Barker-Ten Mile high school planned to give Friday evening, was postponed on account of the rain. The play will be given on the night of March 22. This was the second time the play had to be postponed on account of rain.

—Speaking of boll weevil hibernation, or winter-quarters, Mr. S. E. Davis of R. 6, Lumberton, says he found five of the rascals between two pieces of wood recently. They were fat and very much alive, according to Mr. Davis, who was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon.

—Among those from Lumberton who attended the Truett meetings in Raleigh yesterday were State Senator and Mrs. L. R. Varsler and daughter, little Miss Lillie Snead, Messrs. H. E. Stacy and T. L. Johnson. Mr. J. F. Johnson of Fairmont also went to Raleigh Saturday night to attend the services yesterday.

—Water from Lumber river has overflowed the lowlands about the river heretobouts. A number of houses occupied by colored people about town are surrounded by water. The water began to recede last night, however. The Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway a few miles south of Lumberton has been damaged somewhat as ton has been damaged somewhat as a result of the water flowing across it.

—Charlie is dead. He passed away Thursday night and no more will be seen on the streets of Lumberton, as he had been seen daily for the last 14 years. He was 26 years old and was well-known to the citizenship of Lumberton and many who do not live here. The Charlie referred to was the old grey horse which Alex Thompson, colored drayman, had driven about town for the last 14 years.

—Henry Smith, negro, arrested here last Tuesday, was carried to Wilmington Thursday night by Sheriff Jackson of New Hanover county to determine whether or not he was John Thomas, an escaped convict from that county. Smith was returned to Lumberton last evening, as he proved not to be the negro wanted in Wilmington. He will be tried here on the charge of aiding and abetting and receiving stolen goods and also with resisting an officer.

—Mr. Frank Watson, section foreman on the Seaboard on the Councils section, and two of his employees—Mr. Levi Benson and William Russ, the last-named colored—were brought to the Thompson hospital Friday evening for treatment for injuries received Friday afternoon when a motor truck on which they were riding jumped the track. Mr. Benson was the worst injured, his hip and one arm being dislocated, besides other bruises. Mr. Watson and Russ were somewhat bruised up, though Mr. Watson was able to return home Friday night. A fourth man on the truck escaped uninjured.

—While nobody was present at the chapel exercises at the high school auditorium Friday morning to tell "Why we have a fire department", the exercises were both instructive and entertaining. Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted devotional exercises and delivered a lecture on the Book of Proverbs. Mrs. L. R. Varsler rendered two vocal solos and several songs were sung by the school. The program was arranged by the eleventh grade, with Miss Elizabeth Shaw in charge. It is expected that Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, and another speaker will represent farming Friday morning of this week.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON has money to lend to Farmers on Bonded Warehouse Receipts for cotton or other acceptable securities. Farmers seeking a permanent banking connection are advised to consult the officers of this strong National Bank.