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## Fines and Bonds For Blockaders

**Joint Owners of Still Fined \$100 Each and Required to Give Bond for Good Behaviour—\$50 Fine for Carrying Concealed Weapon—Check Forger Remanded to Juvenile Court—Other Cases Before Recorder.**

Alex Calder and Marshall Davis were fined \$100 each and cost by Recorder David H. Fuller Tuesday on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. Each of the defendants was required to give bond in the sum of \$500 to show good behavior for 12 months. David Jones, who was convicted of the same charge, was taxed with the cost and judgment continued upon condition that he appear before the court the first Monday in each month for a year and show good behavior.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, officers watched Davis and Jones operate a still in a bay near Atkinson's mill late at night recently. The still was captured, but the defendants outran and escaped the officers. Davis was later arrested and Calder and Jones came in and surrendered to Sheriff Lewis.

According to the evidence given at the trial by Calder, who lives near the scene of the still, the outfit was owned jointly by himself and Davis, he owning the still proper and Davis the worm and cap. Calder prepared the beer according to Davis' instructions and Davis was stilling on a 50-50 basis. The still was captured the first night it had been operated at that place according to Calder, who admitted that he carried the beer to a point near the still. Jones is a son-in-law of Calder and several witnesses testified that he was not of sound mind. Calder testified that he agreed for Jones to assist Davis with the "cooking" of the liquor, his half of which he intended to use for home consumption only. Quite a crowd heard the trial. The other defendants did not go on the stand.

Henry Smith, colored, was fined \$50 and cost Monday on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. Henry has not succeeded in raising the fine and is in jail.

John Powell, colored, was fined \$5 on the charge of being drunk.

Johnnie Chavis, Indian, was remanded to the juvenile court, proving to be under 16 years of age. Chavis is charged with forging White & Gough's name to a \$25 check. As stated in a recent issue of The Robesonian, Chavis was arrested when he presented the check at the National Bank of Lumberton.

## MADE "ROPE" OF SHIRT TO HANG HIMSELF IN JAIL

**Travis Bass, Jr., Says He Would Rather Die Than Go to Roads.**

Bent on "ending it all", Travis Bass, Jr., who is in the county jail charged with the larceny of an automobile, tore his shirt up Monday night and made a "rope" of it for a second attempt at suicide. Jailer A. H. Prevatt found the "rope" before Bass had a chance to use it. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Bass used his necktie and belt in an effort to hang himself Saturday night, the belt breaking when he jumped off his bunk. Bass stated to Jailer Prevatt that he would rather die than go to the roads.

## COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE WILL MEET MARCH 21

Mr. T. A. McNeill, chairman of the Robeson county Democratic executive committee, has called the committee to meet in Lumberton on Tuesday, March 21, for the purpose of arranging for precinct meetings and a county primary. The committee is composed of one member from each township in the county.

## Huge Bucket Shop for Fleecing Speculators.

New York March 14.—Charges that the American Cotton Exchange is a huge bucket shop where actual trading is rare and where the Southern speculator is at the mercy of the New York broker were made today by former members of the exchange at a "John Doe" investigation conducted by the District Attorney's office before Chief City Magistrate McAdoo.

Witnesses testified to numerous instances of "cross trading" fictitious orders, dummy accounts, "scalping" secret manipulation of unrecorded transactions, sensational advertising designed to woo the accounts of small speculators in the South and undisguised bucketing of orders.

## 90 Days' on Roads for Blockading.

Luther Locklear, Indian, was sentenced yesterday by Recorder R. M. Williams of Maxton to 90 days on the roads for manufacturing whiskey. Locklear was brought to Lumberton this morning by Rural Policeman W. W. Smith. He was convicted of operating a still which Policeman Smith captured last week.

Mr. Dave O. Floyd of R. 2, Fairmont and Mr. C. C. Fennell of Proctorville are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. David Smith of R. 7, Lumberton, is in town today.

## Negro Set Fire To Woman's Clothes

**Poured Gasoline Over Her Clothes Before Applying Match—Saved Herself by Jumping Into Pond.**

Wrightsville, Ga., March 14.—Track dogs from two counties are on the trail of a strange negro, who this morning slashed the clothing of a young widow near Kite and then poured gasoline over her body and set fire to her. The negro demanded money and the widow cut his face with a butcher knife.

The negro, a stranger in the community, fled on the arrival of a negro farm hand and the woman's brother. The woman had previously inflicted a wound on his throat with a knife she had been using to cut broom grass. She leaped into a shallow pond to extinguish her blazing clothes, saving herself from serious burns.

The woman, a young widow, had gone with her child to the edge of a nearby swamp, she said, and the negro appeared suddenly out of the swamp, pointed a rusty pistol at her and first demanded money. He soon closed in on her and seized her nose, so she could not scream, but she slashed at him with a knife and drew blood from his throat.

In the struggle the assailant pulled a small bottle of gasoline from his pockets and drenched the woman's clothes, she said. He then struck a match, but the clothes failed to ignite until after the third match had been struck, she declared. The appearance of the negro farm hand and the woman's brother about that time caused the woman's assailant to flee and with her clothes ablaze, she jumped into a solough of water. The negro pulled her out and after she had been carried home, word was telephoned here and to Kite.

The countryside is aroused and the response was almost instantaneous as men and boys took up the trail. Bloodhounds traced the negro into the swamp, where it is believed he was hemmed in. The woman was the daughter of one of the largest farmers in the county and is highly respected. Save for a collapse from her experience, she seemed unharmed.

## BLOCK OF OFFICE BUILDINGS BURNED IN CHICAGO

**One Person Killed, 20,000 Rendered Idle and Property Loss Over Million.**

Chicago, March 11.—Investigation of the cause of the fire which destroyed a block of thickly-tenanted office buildings, caused a loss of more than \$1,000,000, resulted in the death of one man and rendered 20,000 others idle, was begun tonight by State city and insurance officials.

The manner in which the flames flared out in several places at the same moment, the almost incredible rapidity with which they spread until nothing but smoldering ruins was left of the block bounded by South Canal, West Van Buren and South Clinton streets and West Jackson boulevard, caused Shirley T. High, fire attorney, to announce that "everything pointed to incendiarism."

Officials of the Board of Underwriters declared that the fire which was the most disastrous since the great fire of 1871, revealed many problems which would have to be met by firemen before they could hope to cope successfully with fires in great modern skyscrapers. The effect of the fire on the Burlington building was declared to show that no sky-scraper is free from fire danger and that the modern fire department is practically helpless against a blaze that gets a full headway in the upper floors of a tall building.

## OUT SMYRNA WAY

**B. Y. P. U. Reorganized—Needed New Road Planned—They Came to Dance and Remained to Pray.**

By David E. Lovett  
Lumberton, R. 4, March 14.—Rev. R. L. Byrd filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. A B. Y. P. U. was organized here some time ago, but for lack of attention it went dead. Mr. W. H. Lamb came over from Long Branch Sunday afternoon and we had a reorganization. Mr. Lamb will be with us in our meetings for some time to give instructions.

Plans are being made for a new road from the church to Lovett road. There may be some who will want to kick, but I don't see where anybody has any right to kick against a thing like this. This road is very much needed. The school children have to go long distances to get around the ponds and branches in wet weather. I never heard of a thing like this before: There was to be a party not 100 miles away and not 100 years ago. The crowd had gathered and there was no one to play dance music for them. At last a nice young gentleman began to play some good old church songs and some of the crowd thought they'd bluff him by laying the Bible on his knees. But what did he do? Just read a chapter and the party ended.

Messrs. J. F. and C. Raybon and Barrie Lamb attended preaching here Sunday.

## Storms Take Heavy Toll in 4 States

**At Least 23 Persons Killed and Many Injured in Storms in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma.**

New Orleans, March 14.—At least 23 persons were killed and many others were seriously injured as a result of a series of storms, at places reaching proportions of tornadoes, which visited isolated sections of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma last night and early today.

The heaviest loss of life reported was at Gowan, Okla., a village 15 miles east of McAllister, where 12 persons were killed when a tornado swept through the foreign section of the village last night. Many others were slightly injured.

Six negroes were killed when the storm passed through the northeastern section of Jefferson county and the southeastern section of Lonoke county, Arkansas, early today. The storm in this section left a trail of wrecked buildings for 20 miles. Several were slightly injured here.

At Sulphur, Okla., two white men were killed late yesterday. Nineteen others were seriously injured and scores suffered slight injuries. Property damage here is estimated at \$100,000. Fifty buildings were completely demolished and 200 people left homeless.

Eight homes were demolished at Sunrise, a village two miles north of Baton Rouge, La., and a negro woman and her child were killed. Four others were slightly injured there early today.

Twenty-five persons were injured, a number seriously, when the storm struck Corinth, Miss. More than 150 homes were leveled. The storm swept a path more than 100 feet wide, razing every building in its path. Reports from outlying districts tell of considerable property damage. A school building in which were 1,000 children barely escaped the path of the storm.

An aged negro was killed and several were slightly injured and a score of houses were destroyed at Arkansas City, Ark., early today.

Only meager details are available from the sections visited by the storm on account of the damage to wire communication, and it is feared the death toll will be greatly increased when complete returns are available. Little efforts have been made to estimate the property damage, which in addition to destroyed homes and other buildings include damage to crop and destruction of livestock. Rivers and smaller streams in practically all the sections visited by the storm, which was accompanied by heavy rains, are swollen, and some apprehension is felt on this score.

The storm was accompanied by the usual freaks, the most outstanding of which was reported from Kennet, Ark., where a 12 days old infant was blown from a bed on which it was lying, across the yard where its clothing held it suspended to a picket fence until the storm abated. The baby's parents were seriously injured.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM REX

**Senior Christian Endeavor Will Observe Dixie Day With Special Program—Many Attended Meeting of Woman's Club—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Rex, March 14.—Mr. Fred Tolar and family of Renner visited Mr. J. J. Beard yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Shaw, Mr. L. J. and Miss Margaret Williams spent the day in Lumberton Saturday.

Mr. J. F. Lewis of Parkton was in town yesterday.

Mr. J. S. Johnson has just returned from a visit to Lake City and Florence, S. C.

Miss Gertrude Percival returned to Fayetteville today after a short visit in Rex.

Mr. J. W. Campbell and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Campbell's father in Hamlet last week.

Although the weather was very inclement, quite a number attended the woman's club at Miss Ellie Cashwell's last week.

The Senior Christian's Endeavor will observe "Dixie Day" with a special program next Thursday night. This society has recently had two social functions, one at the home of Mr. James Ausley and one at Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson's.

**7-Year-Old Girl Run Down by Truck**  
Mary, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lytle of the Clarkton section, was run down by a truck while on the way home from school Monday afternoon. Both legs were hurt and the child suffered serious internal injury. She was brought to the Baker sanatorium soon after the accident and her condition is reported as favorable, considering the nature of the injury.

Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White returned Monday from a trip to Winston-Salem. They made the trip in their auto.

Mrs. E. P. Townsend and son, Mr. Harvey Townsend, of R. 6, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town yesterday.

## Parkton Letter

**Military Company Passes Annual Inspection With Flying Colors—A Good-Old-Time Time—Howard-Perry Marriage Today—Some Cases of Flu—Biddies by Parcels Post—Church Barbecue Saturday—Newly-Set Peach Trees Stolen—Personal and Other Items.**  
By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, March 14.—Last night was an important occasion with the military company, annual inspection of Co. L, 120th Inf. The above company, stationed here, was inspected by Colonel Day for the Federal government and by Adjutant General J. Vann B. Meets and Maj. Guthrie for the State. The company passed an excellent inspection and was very highly commended by the inspecting officers for the excellent condition of the equipment and armory and the fine appearance of the men. About 95 per cent were present. The company is commanded by Capt. B. A. McDonald, 1st Lieut. Guy A. Platt and 2nd Lt. G. S. Beard. The entire community is proud of the showing that the company made on this important event.

On last Saturday the company received their payroll and of course this was important too. We trust to see the boys in full uniform Saturday evening, for their regular drills and dress parades. Out in the open—lest we forget.

Mr. J. C. Webb has put a new roof on his large repair shops. Wonder why, as it did not leak.

Mr. L. P. Johnson is installing brand-new furniture in their new bungalow this week and they expect to move in the coming week. Mrs. Johnson has arrived from Clifton, S. C., and will remain this time and settle down to light housekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs, Mrs. Ang. Jenerigan and Mrs. Parnell left today for Johnston to meet several other relatives and enjoy an old-time quilting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ang. McLaurin, a daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs. There is where Rhode Island Reds will shine, and other fancy feeds. The good old times are coming back. Wish something would happen up our way.

"You say he's going to commit suicide? No, No, I say he's going to capture a bride."

The following good news reaches us: The wedding bells will ring—Mr. L. Y. Perry to Miss Mabel Howard of St. Pauls, Thursday, March 16th. Mr. Perry is a young business man of our town and holds a position with the Lancaster & Jones Co. establishment. We extend congratulations in advance.

We report several cases of flu this week. Mrs. D. S. Currie, Mrs. T. W. Thompson, also Sarah Currie, are quite sick at this present writing. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tolar and Mrs. R. S. Tolar of Wilmington spent the week-end with Mr. Tolar's mother, Mrs. O. Stanley, who has been sick for some time and whose condition remains about the same. Her daughter, Miss Mary Louise, trained nurse of Wilmington, is still with her.

Miss Annie L. McArthur is nursing at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie.

Mr. M. G. Hair of Cedar Creek is visiting relatives in town today and tonight. He is taking special treatment over in Fayetteville for better health.

This morning Mrs. W. W. Gainey received a box of 40 thoroughbred biddies less than a week old, by parcel post. This is the second package of young poultry ever received at this P. O., but more are expected soon in the box of 40 all were very much alive and crying for food.

Mr. L. E. Hughes does not have to order, but you can see beautiful twin jersey calves at his stall, arriving Saturday. Let's hear from any competitor.

We read a large beautiful banner bearing the following inscription: Barbecue and Brunswick stew, chicken and coffee, to be served at the Lancaster & Jones establishment, 2nd floor, Saturday, March 18th. Benefit Baptist Aid Society all for a worthy cause. Save up. Come, eat and be merry, for tomorrow, etc.

On last Sunday night Rev. R. F. Munn filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church, using as his text, "Son, go work today in my vineyard." The congregation was large and very attentive, and for 45 minutes were held spellbound by one of the most able sermons ever delivered in our town, as has been remarked by several of his hearers. And we only trust that the results will prove as was intended by the speaker. The choir was large and rendered the best of music, Mrs. R. B. Hutson at the piano.

Mrs. Jas. Blue, who has been quite sick, is improving and will go to the hospital for a while as soon as her condition will allow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMillan made a business trip to Lumberton this afternoon and report a fine road.

Of all the stealing! We never heard of going to a newly-set peach orchard and pulling up the trees and carrying them away. This actually occurred at Midway on Saturday evening from Mr. A. B. Williams' orchard.

We are sorry to report Miss Brown sick this week, teacher of the High school.

## St. Pauls News Letter

**Some Cases of Flu—Butler-Fletcher Marriage at McColl Last Night—Other Wedding Bells—Play Given by High School Pupils—Aged Father of Mr. John Guiton Dies at Rockfish—Personal.**  
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, March 15.—Alas for another rainy morn! Perhaps it will not last all day, tho'.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Inman returned Wednesday night from their bridal tour. Part of the time was spent in Spartanburg with Mrs. J. R. Dean, sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Inman will have rooms in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Inman, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Inman, where they will do light housekeeping.

Mrs. Ann Odum, widow of the late Mr. Archie Odum, since Mr. Odum's death, and Mrs. Inman's marriage, will not try to continue house keeping and is arranging this week to move to her brother's Mr. Willie McLean's, a few miles out of town. Mrs. Odum will be missed by her old friends in St. Pauls, but we are glad she is moving into this good home, where she will be well taken care of, as she could not stay on at the old home, alone.

Mrs. Effie Alford spent Thursday, the 9th, at the home of Mrs. L. A. McGee. Miss Margaret McGee came home Wednesday night, the 8th, school being suspended for a few days on account of the heavy rains and bad roads. Miss McGee says a good many of the high school students come over in trucks and the severe rains made it almost impossible for them to get to school. She teaches near Mebane, which is a clay country. Since Miss McGee's arrival here she has been informed of a few cases of influenza breaking out in that vicinity, so we do not know just when she will return. There are some cases of that dreaded disease reported in St. Pauls. We trust it will not prove to be very severe.

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McEachern, whose home is Fayetteville, will learn with regret that both are victims of influenza. Miss Margaret McGee stopped over in Fayetteville with her sister on Monday, the 6th, and stayed over till Wednesday on her way out here, their illness occurring within the past week. Their numerous friends wish for them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Annie Harris is spending a few days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Parnell, on Main street. Mrs. Harris will go from here to Buie to see her father, Mr. R. A. Melvin.

Mrs. Annie L. Nash of Sumter, S. C., is spending a while at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Nash on Main street.

Mrs. Richard L. Rivers went last Thursday p. m. to see her sister Mrs. Covington, who resides over in Marlboro county. Mrs. Covington's health has been very poor and she was contemplating a trip to some hospital in a few days. Mrs. Rivers returned to St. Pauls Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sugar and 2 children spent Sunday with Mrs. Sugar's people over in Bennettsville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McEachern of near Maxton spent Tuesday night with Mrs. McEachern's home people, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lockett, on Main street.

We wish to correct a little error in our last week's letter in regard to our new postmaster, Mr. Lee Parker's assistant helper. We should have said it was a son of Mr. Parker who was assisting him, instead of a young brother. We were under the impression he was a son of Mr. Parker but some one whom we supposed knew informed us he was surely a brother, therefore the mistake. "One of the name is as good as the same" they say, so he's a "Parker," anyway, however you fix it.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Terry and some members of their family went out to see their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McMillan, near Philadelphia, on last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Dean of Spartanburg came Sunday night for a few days' visit to relatives here. She was to return today.

Mr. Harry Fisher of Tar Heel stopped over here a short while at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Bettie Northrop's on last Wednesday eve, the 8th, on his way home from the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. John Fisher, whose sudden death occurred at her home over in Mullins on Monday, the 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holder visited her people, at Mr. Jim Humphrey's, out near Saddle Tree on Sunday, the 12th.

Several from here will attend the Butler-Fletcher marriage in McColl tonight. A bunch who will be attendants in the marriage went over for the rehearsal on last evening. We hear wedding bells will also ring in our little town again this week. Shall tell you more about it later. Who can beat St. Pauls for the marrying epidemic.

The high school play "Ruth In a Rush" was given in the school auditorium.

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1-2 cents the pound.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

License has been issued for the marriage of Leon Yates Perry of Parkton and Miss Mabel Worth Howard of St. Pauls.

Mrs. J. R. Lawson of Orrum entered the Thompson hospital Tuesday and will undergo an operation tomorrow. Mrs. Lawson was accompanied to Lumberton by her husband.

Messrs. P. H. and J. S. Adams of the Raynham section, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. They came to see Mr. J. S. Adams' son, Mr. Tommie Adams, who is a patient at the Baker sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Green of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived last night and probably will begin this evening rehearsals for the minstrel show which will be given under the auspices of the local American Legion post Friday evening of next week. Thirty people will take part and it is expected that it will be a great show.

Dr. G. M. Pate of Raynham, one of the directors of the North Carolina Co-operative Cotton Marketing association, passed through town Monday evening en route to Raleigh, where Tuesday he attended a meeting of the board of directors. Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton also spent Tuesday in Raleigh in the interest of the association.

Representative N. B. McArthur of R. 2, Red Springs, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. McArthur is being urged by many to make the race for the lower house of the Legislature to succeed himself. He would not commit himself when seen by a Robesonian reporter. Mr. McArthur was accompanied to Lumberton by his son, Mr. Mack McArthur.

"Squire Spurgeon Small found in a nest at his home yesterday a hen egg on which were some strange signs, which being interpreted appear to read "To a Mayor." That is, the signs appear to have that significance in the light of some political dope which will be found elsewhere in this issue. Wherefore it appears that "Squire Small has in his flock a jayal hen who is a politician.

Mr. W. J. Baxley, who lives 7 1/2 miles from town on R. 5, brought to The Robesonian office Tuesday a sure enough boll weevil, or what he thinks is a weevil. And a sure enough "hold" weevil he was, for he stole a ride to town, Mr. Baxley finding him on a load of wood brought to town by Mr. J. T. Andrews, who lives near Mr. Baxley, and yesterday morning the weevil was gone, maybe he is stealing another ride.

At a meeting of the directors of the Lumberton Poultry association Tuesday evening each member was asked to act as a membership committee. Any person wishing to join the association should apply to one of the following directors: Mrs. W. W. Parker, Mrs. W. E. McNeill, Mrs. R. M. Ballard, Miss Jamie Carlyle, Messrs. W. W. Davis, A. F. Ward, M. M. Burney, M. F. Caldwell, B. Sam Edwards.

Chapter degrees were conferred upon seven members of Lumberton chapter No. 77, Royal Arch Masons, Monday evening by Grand Secretary J. B. Griggs. Those taking the degrees were Dr. A. H. Hayes and Mr. E. V. McDaniel of Fairmont, Dr. Hall of Pembroke, Drs. H. M. Baker and E. R. Hardin, Messrs. M. H. Markham and Anderson Britt of Lumberton. The degree work was followed by a 5-course banquet at the Lorraine hotel. Around 50 Masons attended the banquet. Mr. E. J. Britt was toastmaster and the banquet was much enjoyed by all present.

torium on last Thursday evening. About \$48 was realized for the parents and teachers' association.

Mrs. Olive and little son of Mt. Gilead came last Thursday and have been guests at the home of Mrs. Olive's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lancaster, on Blue street. Mrs. Olive was Miss Forrest Lancaster before her marriage.

Miss Marjodie Russell of the high school faculty here took her 8th grade pupils out to Ardulussa yesterday p. m. for a little outing. Several of the high school teachers went along also. A picnic feast was enjoyed and a good time in general was reported.

Mr. John Guiton of our town was called to the bed-side of his aged father last Wednesday. Mr. Guiton was at the point of death, it seems, but lingered on until Monday, when he passed away. He was nearing 83 years and a resident of Rockfish. Mr. and Mrs. Guiton and daughter, Miss Chrissie, attended the burial yesterday, and possibly others.

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.