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E. R. Shepherd Still Missing

His Disappearance From Abandoned Auto Still is a Mystery—Brother and Cousin of Missing Man Arrived Here This Morning From Georgia and Local Officers Are Assisting in Investigation—Shepherd Had \$8,000 Worth of Notes for Collection.

IT IS FEARED MISSING MAN WAS VICTIM OF FOUL PLAY.

Nothing has developed to clear the mystery which surrounds the finding of an abandoned Ford roadster in a ditch beside the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway about a mile south of Lumberton Tuesday last week. The car was identified this morning by Mr. J. B. Shepherd of Doerun, Ga., as one driven by his brother, E. R. Shepherd, who drove the car into Lumberton Sunday, April 9. Mr. Shepherd arrived here early this morning, accompanied by his cousin, Mr. H. W. Jenkins. They began immediately an investigation, which it is hoped will clear the mystery.

According to Mr. J. B. Shepherd, his brother lived at Putney, Ga., where he has a wife and one child. The missing man came to this section to collect for lightning rods, which had been sold some months ago. When he left Georgia on March 28 he had \$8,000 worth of notes for collection. Relatives of the missing man knew nothing of his disappearance until they were advised from Lumberton late in the week.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the car was found in a ditch by the roadside, near Lumber river. The switch key was left in the abandoned car and the lights were left burning. The State license number had been taken off the car, which apparently had been pushed into the ditch and was not damaged. A suitcase containing shirts, handkerchiefs, socks and collars was found in the rear of the car.

Mr. Shepherd fears that his brother met foul play. He was seen in East Lumberton during the day Monday and nothing of his whereabouts after that time has been learned. The missing man was employed by his brother who arrived here today. Local officers are assisting the relatives of the missing man in an effort to clear up the mystery of his sudden disappearance.

Hard Surface Maxton to Lumberton

Contract Let for Concrete Highway Through Scotland and Maxton—Other Projects to be Contracted Soon Will Extend Road to Lumberton.

Contract has been let for concrete highway through Scotland and Maxton, a distance of about 12 miles. Work will be begun at an early date, it is expected.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, it is understood that contracts will be awarded soon for hard-surfacing from McNeill's bridge, 3 miles west of Lumberton, to Maxton, a distance of some 18 miles. Work is under way now on a new bridge across Lumber river at McNeill's crossing and hard-surfacing the road from that point to Lumberton, it is expected that that stretch of highway will be completed by July. When the work now under way and contracted for, and the projects that it is expected will be awarded soon, are completed, there will be a hard-surface highway from Lumberton to Hamlet with the exception of about five miles.

More Candidates—Another Entry for Legislature.

Mr. Collier Cobb, a well-known Democrat of Parkton, has decided to enter the race for the lower house of the Legislature, making the fourth candidate for that office. Other candidates whose formal announcements appear in this issue for the first time are: E. W. Floyd, for recorder, Fairmont district; J. H. McArm and D. W. Bullock, for recorder Rowland district; R. P. Dove and T. J. Graham, for road supervisor, Rowland township; M. A. McLean, for road supervisor, Alfordville township; E. S. Pate, for road supervisor, Pembroke township; A. M. Stubbs, for road supervisor, Parkton township; A. E. McCormick, for road supervisor, Thompson township; Rory McNair, present incumbent, for county commissioner from district No. 4; E. T. Taylor, for road supervisor, Howellsville township; W. G. Kirk, for road supervisor Pembroke township.

Another Candidate for Sheriff. Since the above was put in type Mr. Ernest B. Jones of Fairmont has announced that he will be a candidate for sheriff. He of course withdraws as candidate for road supervisor of Fairmont township, but the page on which his announcement for that office appears was printed before his other announcement was received.

T. L. Johnson Heads 3 Ladies and 2 Men County Democrats

Succeeds T. A. McNeill as Chairman of Executive Committee—Many Ladies Attended County Convention Here Saturday and Several Were Elected Delegates to State Convention—Address by J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville.

Mr. T. L. Johnson of Lumberton succeeds Mr. T. A. McNeill as chairman of the Robeson county Democratic executive committee. Mr. Johnson was elected at a meeting of the committee held in the court house Saturday morning prior to the county convention. Mr. McNeill tendered his resignation as chairman after serving in that capacity for a number of years.

The convention proper was called to order by Mr. Johnson in the absence of Mr. McNeill, who was called out of town on account of the death of a relative. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton. Mr. D. P. McKinnon of Rowland was named temporary chairman and later was elected permanent chairman of the convention. Messrs. David H. Fuller and F. Grover Britt were elected secretaries.

The roll call of the 26 precincts in the county showed that all were represented by delegates. Many ladies attended the convention as delegates from various townships and several ladies were elected as delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh Thursday, April 20.

The complete list of delegates elected from the various townships to the State convention follows:

Alfordville—J. F. Bullock, Alex Alford.

Britts—E. McQ. Rowan, Eli Britt.

Back Swamp—Rev. R. Walter Townsend, F. F. Townsend.

Burnt Swamp—W. L. Prevatt, J. F. Ray, L. McN. Melvin, W. H. Adams.

Fairmont—F. C. Jones, N. W. Jenkins, O. I. Floyd, A. J. Floyd, Geo. L. Grantham, E. G. Jones, Mesdames Geo. W. Thompson and W. W. Lewis.

Gaddy—R. F. Stuart, J. W. Burns, Robert Miller.

Howellsville—N. A. Townsend, Spurgeon Jones; Mesdames W. J. Powers and Cora Lipkey.

Lumber Bridge—J. J. Beard, M. L. Marley.

North Lumberton—A. E. White, J. J. Goodwin, D. H. Fuller, A. V. G. Wishart, Ira Bullard, L. R. Varsar, W. S. Britt, F. D. Hackett, J. R. Dickson, McLean, S. McIntyre, H. E. Stacy, F. E. Carlyle, J. A. Sharpe; Mesdames R. C. Lawrence, A. E. White and Miss Pennie Rowland.

South Lumberton—W. I. Linkhaw, Frank Gough, Ira. B. Townsend, E. J. Britt, Miss Lina Gough.

Maxton—S. H. McKinnon, G. B. Sellers, W. B. Harker, L. L. McGirt, Alex White, H. C. McNair.

Orrum—M. Shepherd, A. M. Floyd, Parkton—W. G. Britt; A. McM. Blount; Mesdames D. S. Currie and Collier Cobb.

Pembroke—L. E. Blanchard, W. G. Kirk, L. E. Lewis, J. L. Thagard.

Raft Swamp—W. C. Townsend, H. F. Townsend.

Rennert—R. D. Graham, Lacy McNair.

Rowland—R. S. Bond, C. T. Pate, E. B. Ward, A. T. McKellar, W. L. Buck, L. R. Edens, W. E. Lynch; Mrs. C. D. Smith.

Red Springs—J. T. Odom, J. M. Brown, W. B. Townsend, Z. V. McMillan; Misses Elizabeth Frye and Alice Hall.

Saddletree—McG. Prevatt, J. H. Powers.

St. Pauls—J. S. Butler, L. H. Townsend, J. M. Butler, J. A. Johnson, J. C. Lentz, Mach Smith.

Shannon—G. I. Klarrp.

Smiths—G. H. McKay; Misses Irene Buie and Minnie Brown.

Sterlings—D. L. Floyd, E. T. Lawis, Roger Pittman.

White House—D. J. Oliver, J. S. Oliver, Joe Page.

Wishart—B. H. Stansel, J. P. West.

Address by J. Bayard Clark.

Mr. J. Bayard Clark of Fayetteville addressed the convention. He was introduced by Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar. Aside from his introduction, Mr. Stacy called attention to the fact that the convention Saturday was the first one held in the county where ladies attended as delegates. The ladies, he declared, added much to the appearance of the gathering.

In beginning his address Mr. Clark said that he was a son of Bladen county and that the county of Robeson was a daughter of Bladen. The people of Bladen, he said, ever felt close to Robeson county and appreciate the eminence to which the county of Robeson has advanced. In speaking of the presence of the ladies in the convention, the speaker said that they would put more conversation in politics.

Mr. Clark mentioned what he considered the three outstanding features of the Harding Administration—the disarmament conference, the bonus measure and the boll weevil. The disarmament conference was described as a substitute for the League of Nations. Referring to President Harding's address before the conference, Mr. Clark said it was one of the best speeches ever written

3 Ladies and 2 Men Dumped Into Water

Automobile Backed Off Bridge and Fell With Its Occupants Some Ten Feet Into Pond Beside River—All Escaped With a Wetting—Car Top Wrecked.

Three ladies and two men were dumped into a pond beside Lumber river Saturday morning when a Mitchell touring car backed down and off the bridge beside Mr. Ches. Freeman's wood-working plant, just across the river in the western part of town, and landed on its side in the water some ten feet below. The occupants of the car were Misses Rebecca Ayers, Alese Squire and Alice Cox, members of the faculty of Centenary school, near Rowland, and Messrs. J. O. McArthur and I. E. Phillips, of the same section. Besides the wetting and scare, no one was injured except Miss Ayers, who received a slight bruise on her right arm, and Mr. McArthur, one of whose legs was lamed slightly.

The accident, which narrowly escaped being serious, happened about 10 o'clock. Mr. McArthur, owner of the car, was driving. Coming up the detour bridge beside Mr. Freeman's shop slowly on "high", the car began to stop near the top and Mr. McArthur thinks that in trying to shift into intermediate and at the same time put on the brakes, which refused to hold, he must have reversed. The car shot back down the bridge, which inclines steeply, broke down the strong railing opposite the shop, and landed on its side, spilling the occupants out into the water.

The ladies were taken at once to the Lorraine hotel, where they were enabled to remove traces of the mishap. Mr. McArthur had to repair to a clothing store.

The car was hauled out in the afternoon and it was found that the top had been considerably damaged.

Field Day In Lumberton April 21

All Schools in County Are Invited to Participate in Field Sports on Lumberton School Grounds.

Preparations are being made for a field day in which all the schools in the county are invited to participate. The contests are to be held on the Lumberton school grounds and are to begin at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, April 21st. There will be running, jumping and other contests in which boys and girls under 14 years of age may participate, and also for those over 14.

At present it is not definitely known how many schools will be able to take part. Schools may bring two or three contestants for each feature and all may be used if there is room for them. A baseball game between Rowland and Lumberton will begin at 4 o'clock on the school diamond and no admission fee will be charged. It is hoped that all the schools will cooperate in making this track meet for boys and girls the beginning of greater stimulation of these health-giving sports in which all the school children may have a part.

Lumberton Hi Wins Sixth Straight Game.

The Lumberton high school baseball club won its 6th straight game Friday from the Maxton high school team on the Maxton grounds. The score was 12 to 7. The Lumberton team is putting up some good games.

Annual Scotland County Commencement April 21.

The Exchange says that the annual Scotland county commencement will be held at Laurinburg April 21. Recitation and declamation contests will be held Thursday evening, April 20.

by Charles Evans Hughes.

The speaker denounced the bonus bill which the Republicans propose to pass. He likened it unto a due bill, payable three years after date.

Indications, the speaker said, point to a full Democratic ticket after the June primary. The Democrats, he continued, are ready to meet the Republican campaign argument.

Folks should remember that we cannot have government worthy of the name of North Carolina without paying for it. Taxes, he declared, are reasonable, considering the great advancement North Carolina is making in every way. He called attention to the fact that much of the taxes about which complaint is made is due to local improvements in schools and roads—taxes voted by the people. People who stand for advancement must stand for taxes.

Mr. Clark is a pleasing and forceful speaker and his address was listened to with intense interest by all present.

Democratic vote for Governor in the last election gives counties of the Sixth district votes as following in the State convention:

New Hanover, 29; Columbus, 22; Robeson, 41; Brunswick, 9; Bladen, 13; Cumberland, 22; Harnett, 26. Total for district, 162.

Fairmont News

Bankrupt Stock of Fairmont Supply Co. Sold to A. E. White of Lumberton—Davis-Grantham Marriage—One Tobacco Warehouse Offered "Co-op" Association—Numerous Candidates—Interest in School Bond Election—Mr. Jobey Topy's Residence Burned—Death of Mr. Artemus McLean.

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, April 15.—At a public auction sale here yesterday the bankrupt stock of Fairmont Supply Co. Inc., was sold to the highest bidder, being Mr. A. E. White of Lumberton. The entire amount of the bid was \$12,227.50, which bought the entire stock of goods, automobiles, trucks, notes, debts, and other assets. It is understood that the bid cannot be raised and that the sale will be confirmed today by the courts. Just what Mr. White intends doing with the business has not been definitely learned, but it is hoped that he will keep the business here. Many prospective buyers were present at the sale, among these being Mr. Blacker of Baltimore, Md., Mr. Dunie of Lumberton, Mr. Blunt of Wilmington, and the stockholders of the company.

Davis-Grantham

A marriage of unusual interest took place this morning in Lumberton, when Miss Virginia Roberta Grantham of this place became the bride of Mr. Charles William Davis of Martinsville, Va. Motoring to Lumberton early this morning, the ceremony was performed in the Lorraine hotel by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. R. Miller. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple returned through Fairmont en route to Charlotte and Asheville, where they will spend their honeymoon, afterward returning to their new home in Martinsville, Va. Mrs. Davis is the eldest daughter of Mrs. W. B. Grantham, and has been prominently connected for the last few years with the Fairmont Supply Co. She has hosts of friends who wish for her a happy married life. Among those from here attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McDaniel, Misses Lela Floyd, and Lucy Stephens and Amie Jones, Rev. J. R. Miller, Mrs. H. L. Price, and Messrs. Guy and Harry Davis and Mr. Goode of Martinsville, Va.

Mrs. DeWitt Johnson of Norfolk, Va., is spending some time here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Benjamin Oliver of Nashville, N. C., arrived here Thursday for a visit to friends and relatives.

One Warehouse Offered for Co-operative Marketing.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in the Jones building last night the co-operative marketing system was discussed and many facts put before the body. Mr. Ernest Jones, of the Fairmont tobacco warehouse, made the meeting a proposition relative to his house being put into the co-operative association's hands, and if this is accepted Fairmont will have one house which will sell the weed in this manner.

Messrs Wright Jones, of university of N. C., Willis Fisher, of Wake Forest college, and Pitman Floyd of N. C. State, are spending Easter here with friends and relatives.

Mr. H. L. Floyd of route 2 is a business visitor here today.

Numerous Candidates

Political gossip and enthusiasm is very evident here now. Numerous candidates have offered for office, the latest being Mr. E. W. Floyd, for recorder, and Mr. A. E. Floyd for re-nomination for recorder. Mr. H. Layton Stephens is again in the race to succeed himself as mayor and indications point to the fact that his excellent services the past year will have much weight in bringing about his re-nomination. Representative N. W. Jenkins, out again for lower house, will most likely be a favorable candidate.

Miss O'Quinn of Wilmington has

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Had Too Much Liquor On Hand

Ollie Johnson, Negro, Sentenced to Roads for Having 19 Bottles Filled With Fire Water.

Ollie Johnson, colored, was sentenced to 90 days on the roads by Recorder David H. Fuller this morning on the charge of having more whiskey in his possession than the law allows. Johnson was arrested Saturday afternoon by Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policeman Vance McGill when the officers found 19 "ale" bottles filled with whiskey in a store which Johnson, operates across the river from town. All the bottles except one were found stored under a counter in the store, while the one was "on ice" in a refrigerator in the store.

Cedar Grove School Closes April 21. The Cedar Grove public school, near Lumberton, will close Friday of this week with a concert by the school at night. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Okey Stephens and Miss Eureka Pitman are the teachers.

Lumber Bridge News Letter

Boy Scouts Helping to Beautify Town—Poultry Association Meets—Social and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, April 14.—On Friday afternoon, April 7, the Lumber Bridge baseball team played with the St. Pauls team on the home diamond. The Lumber Bridge team won the game by a score of 3 to 0.

The Boy Scouts are helping to beautify the town by making a flower garden near our railroad station. The Atlantic Railroad company is helping the boys in their work.

Mr. E. M. Young spent last week in Wilmington on business. Dr. Hardin, county health officer, visited our school on Thursday and examined quite a number of the pupils.

Mrs. David Livingston and Miss Lucile Kennedy visited in our town this week.

On Friday evening the Nonpariel Literary Society will have their annual social.

Mr. E. M. Young spent the week-end in Fayetteville.

On Thursday evening quite a number of friends gave Miss Mary Harper Cobb a surprise party. Many delightful games were played during the evening. Among the guests were Misses Mary Harper Cobb, Estelle Clifton, Elizabeth Sykes, Mayme Monroe, Tascia Tolar, Stanley Strickland; Messrs. Louis Cogleman, Chappell Wilson, Charles Cobb and Dewey Sparks.

On Saturday afternoon the Junior Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church will have a delightful Easter egg hunt in the grove adjacent to the church.

Mrs. Thomas Stamps and Miss Margaret John are attending the Presbyterial at Laurel Hill.

Miss Mary Harper Cobb, student at North Carolina College for Women, and Messrs. Wilburn, John and Sam McGougan, students at North Carolina State college, are at home for the Easter holidays.

The Poultry association held their regular monthly meeting in the Scout hall on Thursday evening. The association were fortunate to have as entertainers Mr. Daniel McNeil, from St. Pauls, Mr. Colin Ammons and Mr. Brant Baker, who entertained the crowd with music from their fiddles and banjo.

Mrs. Rowland Pittman is visiting relatives in our town this week.

Mrs. W. W. Smith has been visiting relatives here this week.

NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL PICTURES TO BE SHOWN HERE

Moving Pictures Covering Earliest English Expedition and Attempted Settlements on Roanoke Island Will be Shown at Pastime Theatre Wednesday, 19th.

Pictorial history of North Carolina, five reels covering the earliest English expedition and attempted settlement of Roanoke Island, will be shown at the Pastime theatre in Lumberton Wednesday, April 19, afternoon and night.

It has only been two months since this picture was completed and placed in circulation, but it has already been seen by 50,000 people and the attendance at the showings is said to be constantly increasing. It is being booked at various places through schools, parent-teachers' associations, woman's clubs and other community organizations. It comes to Lumberton under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

In the schools, teachers have used the pictures very successfully in their classes, having pupils review the period covered by the picture before it is run.

The picture covers the entire fascinating story of Sir Walter Raleigh's attempt to plant a permanent colony in America. Numerous testimonials have been published from superintendents of schools where it has been shown. It no doubt will be seen by large crowds in Lumberton Wednesday afternoon and night.

"BIG NAVY" WON IN HOUSE OF CONGRESS SATURDAY

Washington, April 15.—The "big navy" won in the House today.

By a teller vote of 177 to 129 an amendment was adopted to the naval appropriation bill increasing the personnel from 65,000 enlisted men and 2,000 apprentices to the 80,000 enlisted men and 6,000 apprentices, insisted upon as the minimum by President Harding.

A final vote on the bill itself will be reached early next week. The House adjourned after adopting the big navy amendments, with the understanding that another vote will be had on the 86,000 navy when the measure comes up for final action. Leaders of the big navy fight, however, expressed confidence that the majority for the "big navy" will be increased.

—Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle of the local bar will deliver the commencement address at the closing of the Green Grove Indian school, near Fairmont, Friday of this week at 11 a. m.

COTTON MARKET

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

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—An important baseball meeting will be held tonight in the municipal building at 8 8 o'clock.

—Mr. W. L. Parham, who lives on East Fifth street, had home grown Irish potatoes Saturday.

—Mr. Anderson Britt today purchased a 9-room residence on South Chestnut street from the Mutual Loan & Trust Co.

—A fine milk cow belonging to Mr. M. B. Robbins, who lives on East Fifth street, died Thursday. The cow was sick only a short time.

—Mr. John Collins has opened an automobile "laundry" in the building formerly used by Mr. Jim McNeill for a blacksmith shop, West Fourth street.

—Mr. M. N. Folger left last evening for Rockford, Surry county, in response to a message advising him of the serious illness of his father, Mr. J. G. Folger.

—This is fine weather for setting tobacco plants and no doubt millions of them will be transplanted this week. The rain also came in good time for sprouting cotton seed.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Kathryn Humphrey, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Humphrey of the Philadelphia section, and Mr. James R. McLeod of Lumberton.

—A. A. Waddell installed Friday, in his office on the second floor of the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building, Elm and Second streets, an X-ray machine specially constructed for dental work.

—The Spivey company, of which Mr. A. E. Spivey is manager, moved Friday from the W. W. Carlyle building, Chestnut street, into another building owned by Mr. Carlyle on East Third street.

—Rev. J. R. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church of Fairmont and daughter, Miss Vida, were Lumberton visitors Saturday for the Davis-Grantham marriage, reported elsewhere in this issue.

—Regular meeting of Lumberton lodge I. O. O. F. Thursday evening of this week at 7 o'clock. A degree team from Fayetteville will confer initiation degrees upon 31 new members. All Oddfellows are urged to be on hand.

—All who wish to make the race for any town office must file notice of candidacy with one of the primary managers before Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, April 19. The town Primary will be held Tuesday of next week, April 25.

—Miss Quessie Prevatt of R. 3, Lumberton, was among the shoppers in town Saturday. Miss Prevatt was accompanied to town by her guest Miss Clea Naylor of Dunn. Miss Naylor was one of the speakers at a B. Y. P. U. rally at Center Baptist church Friday evening.

—The Wesley Philathea class of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school realized about \$40 from the sale of cakes and candies Saturday in the vacant store building between the McAllister hardware store and the North State drug store. Proceeds will be used for the support of an orphan the class has adopted.

—Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, one of the ladies whose name has been filed as a candidate for the office of graded school trustee, asks The Robesonian to state that she will not be a candidate for that office. While she appreciates the fact that some of her friends saw fit to file her name, she does not want to enter the race.

—Mr. J. F. Mears, who lives on R. 5 from Lumberton and who was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon, recently received a letter from Mrs. Gertrude Perry West of Waycross, Ga., who is preparing to write a history of the Mears family. She is a great-granddaughter of James Mears and a daughter of the late William Mears.

Mr. J. F. Mears is a descendant of Nash Mears, who came to this country from England in 1740 and was the father of 6 sons and 1 daughter—William, Moses, James, Jonathan, Joab and Elihu, and Tanie. He and the four sons first-named above were soldiers in the Revolutionary war.

Contest for Audit and Finance Board Membership.

It has been many years since there was a contest for the office of board of audit and finance in the town of Lumberton, but such will be the case in the primary next Tuesday. While only three are to be nominated and elected, six names have been filed as candidates. The following names have been filed: Messrs. Frank Gough, H. M. McAllister, W. S. Britt, S. McIntyre, H. E. Stacy, Jno. D. McMillan. The three first-named compose the old board, which has served for a number of years.

Change in Local Train Schedule.

A change in the schedule of two local Seaboard trains went into effect yesterday at 12:02 p. m. Train No. 14, east-bound, now arrives at 10:40 a. m. instead of 10:10 a. m., while train No. 31, west-bound arrives at 10:40 a. m., instead of 10:35 a. m. Under the new-schedules these trains meet here, while under the old they met at Allenton.