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Many Cases Thru Superior Court Mill In 3 Days

A Two-Weeks' Term Cut to 3 Days on Account of Conflict With Hoke Court and No Substitute Available—Much Grist Turned Out in Saw-Off Term.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases closed Friday afternoon after being in session only three days. It was learned after a two-weeks' calendar was arranged that Judge W. M. Bond, who presided was scheduled to hold court in Hoke county this week. An effort was made to get Governor Morrison to send another judge to Hoke, but no one was available. A raft of cases was disposed of during the three days, however. Those disposed of besides that of Frank Summers, a report of which will be found elsewhere in today's paper, are:

Cranford Blackman, forgery; not prosessed with leave.

Joshua Patterson, seduction; not prosessed with leave.

Raymond and Fabley Lowry, carrying concealed weapons; not prosessed.

Ernest S. Smith, seduction; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Ellis Herring, nuisance and assault, plead guilty; fined \$20 and cost and required to pay Walter Bass prosecuting witness, \$25.

Zeke Smith vs. Henrietta Smith; divorce granted.

Ed Lennon, alias Ed Currie, rape, plead guilty of an assault with intent to commit rape; four years on roads.

Lennie Edwards, having liquor in his possession, transporting liquor and carrying concealed weapon; plead guilty; four months on the roads.

Robert Locklear, assault with deadly weapon (two cases); plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost.

Colou Bryant, having liquor in his possession, plead guilty; fined \$25 and cost.

Arthur Shaw, violating auto law, manufacturing whiskey, transporting whiskey and carrying concealed weapons, plead guilty; eight months on roads.

Tom Smith, larceny, four months on roads.

Richard Trammel, manufacturing whiskey, plead guilty of aiding and abetting; fined \$100 and cost.

W. J. Douglas, forgery, plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months.

Luke Britt, violating auto law and nuisance, plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost.

Allen Smith, larceny, plead guilty; four months on roads.

Fred Newton, retailing, plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost.

John Leggett, forgery, plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost.

Austin Evers, by his next friend, Mrs. M. C. Evers, vs. Red Springs Cotton Mill Co.; judgment of \$500 for plaintiff. This was a damage suit for injury received while employed by the defendant company.

E. J. Jackson, assault, plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost, defendant to make bond in the sum of \$100 to appear at the next term of criminal court and show good behavior.

Joe McKae, bigamy, plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost.

Dave and Henry McArthur and Jno. McNeill, larceny; Dave sentenced to 10 months on the roads, Henry 3 months and John 4 months.

David Lee Edwards, possession of and transporting whiskey and larceny; 30 days on the road in each case—50 days.

Henry McArthur and John McNeill, carrying concealed weapons, plead guilty; judgment continued.

Dave Lucas, manufacturing whiskey, plead guilty of aiding and abetting; judgment continued for 12 months, defendant to appear at the next two terms of criminal court and show good behavior.

Wesley Gibbs, murder, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of manslaughter, which was accepted by the State; judgment continued until the next term of criminal court. Gibbs, a deaf and dumb Indian, shot and killed Parker Goin, his brother-in-law, near Rowland about a year ago.

Andrew Sellers, having whiskey in his possession, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued for 12 months, the defendant to appear at the next two terms of criminal court and show that he has not violated the law.

John Steele, larceny, receiving, assault and manufacturing whiskey; six months on roads on the whiskey charge, judgment suspended in the other charges.

Joe Drew, burglary; six months on

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Youngest Candidate Led County Ticket

D. P. McKinnon for House Polled Most Votes in Robeson—Register of Deeds Floyd Polled Highest Vote for County Office Against Only Woman on Ticket—Other Election Results.

As will be noted from a table showing the vote by township published elsewhere in today's paper, L. R. Varner, Democratic candidate for the State Senate, received 3,000 votes, while L. E. Tynes, his Republican opponent, received 831, giving Varner a majority of 2,169. H. L. Lyon, Democratic candidate for Congress from the Sixth district, received 2,729, while W. J. McDonald, his Republican opponent received 566, giving Lyon a majority of 2,163. The vote for the Democratic State ticket totaled 3,847, while the vote for the Republican State ticket totaled 385, a majority for the Democratic ticket of 3,462.

Mrs. J. D. Cobb of Lumber Bridge township, the only woman on county ticket, Register of Deeds Floyd's Republican opponent, went down in defeat with the rest. Mr. Floyd is a gallant man, but in spite of the fact that he was running against a woman, he polled a larger vote than any other county. His vote was 3,000 while the vote of the other county officers ranged from 2,962, the smallest, the vote for Sheriff Lewis, to 3,008, Floyd's and Senator Varner's vote was the same. Mr. D. P. McKinnon, Democratic candidate for the house of the General Assembly and the youngest man on the ticket, led the entire ticket, his vote being 3,018. Congressman Lyon ran slightly behind the county and legislative ticket, his opponent, W. J. McDonald, running ahead of the Republican ticket. The vote of other Republican candidates ranged from 363 to 391.

W. L. Thompson, Democratic candidate for road commissioner, from the first district, received 830 votes, while Lovett, his Republican opponent, received only 98 votes.

Opposition to These

J. Ed Tyson, Democrat, was elected county surveyor without opposition, his vote being 2,997. D. W. Elggs, Democrat, was elected county coroner without opposition, his vote being 3,006. Lucius McKae, Democrat, was re-elected as a member of the county board of education without opposition.

Recorders

The following Democrats were elected for recorder of the various districts without opposition: Lumberton district—W. B. Ivey; Rowland district—D. W. Bullock; Fairmont district—A. E. Floyd; Maxton district—R. M. Williams; Red Springs district—J. N. Bule; St. Pauls district—Marcus Smith. E. Ertel Carlyle, Democrat, was elected solicitor of the Lumberton recorder's court, while Jno. D. Canady, Democrat, was elected solicitor of the St. Pauls recorder's court. Neither had any opposition.

COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

39,041 Bales Ginned Prior to November 1.

Special to The Robesonian

Lumber Bridge, Nov. 11.—The Census Bureau has authorized me to release the following:

There were 39,041 bales of cotton of the crop of 1922 ginned in Robeson county prior to November 1, as compared with 49,917 bales ginned to the same date last year.

JUNIUS J. McLEOD.

SPECIAL ELECTION NOV. 25

Road Supervisor Rafi Swamp Township Yet to be Determined.

As was stated in the last issue of The Robesonian, Mr. Joseph Townsend, Democratic candidate for road supervisor in Rafi Swamp township, and Mr. E. Odum, his Republican opponent, received the same number of votes—83. These will run the race over, the county board of elections having called the election for Saturday, November 25.

Putting in Permanent Pastures

Requests for 1,200 pounds of carpet grass seeds, which Mr. O. C. Dukes, county farm demonstrator has had recently from the farmers of the county, would indicate that many farmers are putting in permanent pastures. A number of permanent pastures already has been started throughout the county. Mr. Dukes is assisting the farmers in this work.

License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Mary Floyd and Wm. L. Ingram; Mary O'Tuel and F. L. Crump.

Mr. J. E. Walters, local aviator, is expected home tomorrow from Greenville. Mr. Walters has been flying at various county fairs in eastern North Carolina during the last month.

Tomorrow will be the last day for paying current light and water bills before being "cut off."

Saturday—Armistice Day—was observed as a holiday in Lumberton. Practically all business houses were closed throughout the day.

Frank Summers Gets Twelve Years in State Prison

Plead Guilty of Second Degree Murder in Killing Manning Ford—Claimed That Ford Attacked Him in His Home—Summers Wife Said Fatal Blow Was Struck as Ford Lay on Bed.

Frank Summers, charged with the murder of Manning Ford, entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree in Superior court here Friday afternoon. This plea was accepted by the State and Summers was sentenced by Judge W. M. Bond to serve 12 years in the State prison.

Summers was arrested in Augusta, Ga., last September after his wife had "turned him up" in Augusta officials. After his arrest he admitted to the Georgia officials that he had killed Ford at his former home, near Marietta, on February 19 last, and agreed to lead Robeson officers to the place in the woods, near by, where he placed Ford's body after he was killed. When the confession was reported to Sheriff R. E. Lewis he made investigation and failed to find out anything that would lead him to believe that Ford had been killed. However, Rural Policeman J. H. Carper went to Augusta and brought Summers to Lumberton. The next day after his arrival here he led a posse of Robeson officers to the place where the skeleton of Ford was found hidden in the woods. He has been in the county jail here since that time. As was stated in The Robesonian at the time of the gruesome find, Ford had gotten into some minor trouble just before he was killed and his parents thought he had joined the navy, and never suspected that he had been killed.

Story of the Killing

Summers went on the stand and told of the killing. Ford went to his home, he said, about 4:30 on the morning of Sunday, February 19, and waked him. He got up and made a fire and Ford went into the house. He appeared to be drinking and offered Summers a drink. He told Ford not to bring any more whiskey to his house, as his wife was in a delicate condition. Ford then attempted to strike him with a piece of lightwood. He made a second attempt to strike him when he picked up an axe and struck Ford on the head. Here the defendant stated that he had warned Ford to stay away from his home and that he had on three occasions caught Ford and his (Summers') wife in a compromising position. Summers told of taking Ford's body in his arms and carrying it into the woods, where he left it. He and his wife lived in the same house for several months after and he didn't tell anybody about killing Ford. He later went to Georgia and about a month after that he sent for his wife, who then went to the home of her mother in Augusta. Soon after she reached Augusta she told the officers there about Summers killing Ford.

On cross examination Summers said that he had known Ford for about a year and that he saw him at Marietta on Saturday night before he killed him. Ford did not have a pistol when he killed him, Summers said.

Policeman Carper told of the story related by Summers to him relative to the killing. This was practically the same as told by the defendant on the stand except that Summers told him that he and Ford got into an argument about a whiskey still.

Hamp Rogers testified that Summers told him a short time before he killed Ford that he would get Ford before the year was out.

Mrs. Summers' Version

Policeman Carper was called back to the stand and told the story of the killing as reported to him by Summers' wife when he saw her in Augusta. She told of Ford going to their home early on the morning of February 19. While she was preparing breakfast her husband and Ford engaged in an argument about a still, both accusing the other of stealing it. The three ate breakfast and went into the front room. Ford pulled off his cap and coat and told Summers that he didn't know anything about the still, adding that whoever got it got a good one. Ford then lay down on a bed in the room and her husband followed her into the kitchen. He told her that he was going to fix Ford so he would not steal another still. She, plead with him not to kill Ford, but to no avail. He advised her that she was not in a condition to see what he was going to do and pushed her out of the room. She had gone only a few steps when she heard her husband strike Ford with the axe. She then went into the room to again plead with her husband and as she

NEGRO IN DRUNKEN STUPOR BURNED TO DEATH MOSS NECK

Rufus Herring Lay Down Before Open Fire and Refused to Go to Bed—Wife and Mother Found Him Dead With Clothes Burned Off.

Rufus Herring, colored, was burned to death in his home near Moss Neck Friday night. Herring's wife and his mother were in the house at the time he was burned. According to their statement to Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Herring went home drunk about 11 o'clock. He lay down before an open fire-place and refused to go to bed. His wife and mother retired and in about an hour were awakened by Herring. When they reached him his clothing had been burned from his body and he was lying in the floor dead. His body was badly burned, it is said.

Sheriff Lewis and Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, went to the Herring home early Saturday morning and viewed the remains. An inquest was not deemed necessary. Herring was said to be between 35 and 40 years old.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS CALLED TO MEET NOVEMBER 20

Washington, Nov. 9.—Congress was called by President Harding to-night to meet in extra session November 20, exactly two weeks in advance of the regular session.

The call, set forth as is usual in the form of a proclamation, declared the extra session was made necessary by public interests.

Although the nature of the President's recommendations to be presented to the extra session when it convenes November 20, have not been definitely outlined, the opinion of Republican leaders has been that the House will proceed directly to consideration of the merchant marine bill.

The President agreed to postponement of action on this measure at the last session upon assurances of party leaders that it would be taken up without delay when Congress reconvened.

Mr. E. L. Norton spent the week-end here at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, where Mrs. Norton and infant daughter have been guests for some time. He returned to his home in Charlotte this morning.

entered she saw him deal Ford a second blow with the axe. Her husband cursed her and told her that if she must see it to come on in and clean up the blood. Summers took Ford up and carried him out of the house. Ford was struggling. He carried the body into the woods and was gone about two and a half hours. When he returned he advised her that he didn't bury the body. About three weeks later, according to Mrs. Summers, her husband came in and told her that he didn't believe that the buzzards were going to eat that body, cursing the dead man. He told her that the body was still lying there, but had turned purple.

Ford's skull was on display in the court room during the hearing.

Grand Jury Again Recommends New County Home

In Brief Report Grand Jury Finds Everything O. K. Except County Home—Thinks Substantial Brick Building Should be Erected.

The grand jury serving Robeson Superior court week finished its work Friday and made a brief report in which it found everything all right except the county home. It thinks that a substantial brick building should be erected, furnished in up-to-date manner and steam-heated.

The report of the jury to Judge Bond, signed by G. T. Fisher, foreman, reads as follows:

"We passed upon 33 bills of indictment, finding 31 true bills and 2 not true bills.

Court House and County Offices

"The court house building appears to be in good shape, and the officers courteous in every way. The building is kept clean and in good shape. We recommend that the plastering in the office of the sheriff be repaired overhead, at once.

Jail

"We visited the jail in a body and found 22 prisoners. The jail building is in a clean and sanitary condition and everything in good shape. We heard no complaint and the prisoners well cared for.

Chain Gang

"We have visited the two chain gangs in clean and good condition. We heard no complaints from any of the prisoners. They appeared to be well cared for and properly fed and clothed.

County Home

"We have visited the county home in a body and found 14 inmates: 8 white, 2 Indian, 4 colored. All seem to be well-treated, and cared for and well satisfied. We found the houses and premises in good condition.

"The matter of a new county home has been presented to the court time after time and nothing in the way of a new building has been done. It appears to this grand jury that a good, substantial brick building should be erected, in keeping with the progress of this great county. This building should be furnished in an up-to-date manner, steam heat and the necessary equipment."

Change in Schedule of Seaboard Trains

A change in the schedule of three local Seaboard trains went into effect yesterday at 12:01 p. m. Train No. 14, east-bound, now arrives at 9:45 a. m. instead of 10:40 a. m. Train No. 13, west-bound, now arrives at 6 p. m., instead of 6:20 p. m. Train No. 20, east bound, now arrives at 9:48 p. m., instead of 10:04 p. m.

The old schedule of the three other Seaboard passenger trains passing Lumberton remains the same. Train No. 19, west-bound, is due at 6:31 a. m.; train No. 31, west-bound is due at 10:45 a. m. Train No. 34, east-bound, is due at 2:50 p. m.

Messrs. N. B. and Hasley Barfield of Barnesville are Lumberton visitors today.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 25 1-2 cents the pound; strict middling 26 cents. Middling went to 26 cents on the local market Thursday.

Items of Local News

Born, Saturday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Britt, at their home, Second and Walnut streets, a daughter.

Pink Britt was found guilty of assault upon a female by Recorder David H. Fuller Wednesday and fined \$25.

Mr. Lee Caldwell of Lumberton has accepted a position with the circulation department of the Charlotte Observer. He will be on the road most of the time.

Special communication of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night at 7:30. All members are urged to be present on time.

The condition of Mr. A. E. Spivey, who has been undergoing treatment at the Baker sanatorium for several days, is reported as improved.

Mr. A. Weinstein & Mr. Oscar M. Israel have returned from New York and other Eastern cities where they scoured the markets for new fall ready to wear.

A special picture will be shown at Smyrna school house Tuesday night, November 14th. Admission of 20 and 25 cents will be charged. Half of proceeds will go to the school.

Depositors in the Bank of Fairmont will be paid a 30 per cent. dividend on November 18, according to Mr. A. R. Bullock, receiver. Mr. Bullock was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

The regular meeting of the Lumberton Home Demonstration club will be held in the domestic science room in the high school building tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. A. P. Mitchell returned Wednesday evening from Greensboro, bringing with her a 4-year-old girl which she and Mr. Mitchell have adopted. The child was placed by the North Carolina Children's Home.

Postmaster L. L. McCall asks The Robesonian to state that owing to a change in the local Seaboard schedule, it will be necessary to take up the mail deposited in the letter boxes on the streets at 4:45 p. m., instead of 5 p. m. as heretofore.

Mr. T. L. Johnson delivered an address at an Armistice Day celebration at St. Pauls Saturday at 11 a. m. Mr. Johnson spoke in a large shout tent on Main street and was heard by a large crowd. Practically all the stores in St. Pauls closed for the address.

A sweet potato, Florida Yam, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces, was brought to The Robesonian office Thursday by Mr. E. Odum of Beie. It was grown by one of Mr. Odum's tenants, Lebbie Ammon, Indian, who raised over 100 bushels on one-quarter of an acre.

As was stated in the last issue of The Robesonian, the town fathers have passed an ordinance prohibiting the leaving of cars standing on either Elm or Chestnut streets for a longer period than 10 minutes. Chief of Police D. M. Barker says he is going to enforce the ordinance rigidly.

Mr. G. Badger McLeod has been a patient since Friday at the Baker sanatorium, where he underwent a slight operation. It is expected that he will be able to return to his home, Chestnut and Fifth streets, this afternoon or tomorrow, but it will be several days yet before he will be able to be out.

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, returned Friday night from Augusta, Ga., where he spent two weeks with his mother, Mrs. A. S. Hardin, who has been ill for several weeks. Mrs. Hardin underwent an operation on November 4 and her condition was favorable when Dr. Hardin left Augusta.

A practically new Ford touring car belonging to Mrs. J. P. McNeill was burned about 7 o'clock Saturday evening on North Pine street. Mrs. McNeill's son, Mr. Vernon McNeill, was driving the car when it caught. According to Mr. McNeill, the car began back-firing and the fire started underneath the hood. The body of the car was demolished by the flames. No insurance.

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis While on Jury

The condition of Mr. C. L. Thagard of Parkton township, who suffered a stroke of paralysis Friday about 11 a. m., while sitting in the jury box at the court house, is reported as more favorable today. Mr. Thagard immediately after he suffered the stroke was carried to the Baker sanatorium. He is about 70 years old.

EXPLANATION OF DELAY.

The Robesonian feels that a public explanation is due why the big special edition of this newspaper has failed to appear by this time.

It is through no fault of this newspaper. We thought we were dealing with a reliable firm when we made the contract with the Howard-Lench Co., Inc., but they left the field without notice and with the project but barely started.

We cast about carefully for a special edition man of reliability and are pleased to announce now that we have such a man on the scene, a man who is a newspaper man of a third of a century of all-around experience and knows the ins and outs of the special edition business.

The big paper will be known as "The Robeson County Development Edition." It will stress the agricultural richness, the raw materials found nearby, the commercial and industrial importance and future possibilities of the county, the educational progress church life, reality opportunities, good roads system, exceptional transportation and shipping facilities, exchanging scenery, all-year climate, historical records of the community, etc.

This edition will have a county wide distribution. It will also be mailed to northern Chambers of Commerce, manufacturers, investors, newspapers and publicity bureaus, to set forth the full scope of Robeson county's richness and its warm-hearted invitation to new people, new dollars and new industries to come here.

There is plenty of money now in the north for investment in manufacturing in new fields where realty values and taxes are less, where labor is contented and where raw materials are closer and not obtained by long, costly freight hauls.

Lumberton and Robeson county should fill the bill in a 100 per cent perfect manner of meeting up with all these requirements. The North has two-thirds of the population of the country, but Dixie has 78 per cent of the nation's raw materials today. Consider then what the next 10 years means to the Southland. Increased population means dividing the taxes, yet increasing local realty values. Let's grow. The big special edition of The Robesonian will carry the message of this section and its opportunities to all America. Boost like you bought Liberty bonds, until it hurts.

Let's get Lumberton and all Robeson county in the limelight and make them nationally talked. It was this plan which built up Los Angeles, Cal., whose population is now 90 per cent of people from all parts of the nation attracted by the advertising Los Angeles has so intelligently and consistently done.