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Young White Man Passes Forged Draft at Fairmont

W. H. Haywood of Mt. Gilead Lands in Jail as Result of Passing Bogus Cashier's Draft for \$1,500—Preliminary Hearing Next Friday—Recently Married and Bride With Him When Arrested.

W. H. Haywood, young white man whose home is at Mt. Gilead, was arrested by Sheriff R. E. Lewis Saturday afternoon on the charge of passing a bogus cashier's draft for \$1,500 at the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Fairmont Saturday about 11 a. m. Haywood was placed in the county jail here and it is expected that he will be given a preliminary hearing Friday of this week.

The draft was drawn on the Independence Trust Co. of Charlotte and bore the name of the cashier of the Bank of Mt. Gilead. Haywood deposited the draft in the Fairmont bank, it being drawn in favor of A. P. Jones. He told Mr. R. H. Cuddington, cashier of the Fairmont bank, that his name was A. P. Jones and that he was district supervisor for the State Highway Commission. Soon after the draft was deposited Haywood returned to the bank and asked for \$500 in cash and a cashier's check for \$500, which were given him. He then left Fairmont. Mr. Cuddington became suspicious and when he wired the Mt. Gilead bank he was advised that the cashier of that bank had issued no such draft. Haywood was arrested about 3 o'clock on the Rowland road, about 3 miles from Lumberton. He was traveling in a new Ford car and told Sheriff Lewis that he was going to his home at Mt. Gilead.

Haywood first said that a man named Jones gave him the draft, but it is said he has admitted that he was the only one connected with the scheme. Mr. Bruton, assistant cashier of the Mt. Gilead bank, spent yesterday here. He stated that Haywood formerly worked for him on the farm and that he slipped the blank draft from the bank some time ago.

The young man was married to a Mt. Gilead girl last week, it is said. His bride was with him when he was arrested. Haywood came from a prominent family, according to a Lumberton citizen who formerly lived at Mt. Gilead. He came to Lumberton several days ago and was preparing to open a Buick sales agency in the McLean garage building, South Elm street. He and his bride had been stopping at the Lorraine hotel.

Both the \$100 in cash and the \$500 cashier's check given Haywood by the Fairmont bank were recovered after his arrest.

Mrs. Haywood's father came to Lumberton yesterday and took her back to his home at Mt. Gilead. He also took the new car which Haywood was driving Saturday, stating that the car belonged to him.

Haywood's brother arrived here early this morning and is trying to arrange bond, but had not succeeded in doing so at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Jail Damaged \$1,500 by Fire

Afternoon Fire at Jail Started in Paper in Attic—Soon Extinguished by Firemen—12 Prisoners Kept Under Guard in Court House One Night—Loss Covered by Insurance.

Fire of unknown origin damaged the Robeson county jail around \$1,500 at 5:30 Thursday afternoon. The fire started among some paper in the attic and had made considerable headway when discovered. The loss is covered by insurance. The fire company had the flames under control soon after the alarm was turned in.

The cells in the jail were flooded with water and the 12 prisoners were kept in the court house Thursday night, special guards keeping watch over them. They were placed back in jail early Friday morning.

It was first reported that the fire was started by a juvenile prisoner, but investigation proved that the suspected prisoner could not have gotten to the place where the fire originated.

Ford Car Turns Over

A Ford touring car owned by Mr. H. J. Leggett of R. 2, Fairmont, turned completely over on the Wilcat highway, one mile south of Lumberton, Saturday about 11 o'clock. The car was driven by Mr. Fitz Lewis and carried 5 passengers at the time. None of the passengers was seriously hurt, though Mr. Leggett suffered a slight cut in the back of his head. Mrs. Lake Lewis was also slightly hurt. The car was badly damaged. Mr. Leggett stated to a Robesonian reporter that he thought the accident was a result of something going wrong with the steering gears.

4-Year-Old Boy Loses Eye: "Unloaded" Gun

Arwood Wilkins Received a Shot in His Right Eye When His Brother Hughey Snapped Gun at Him—Eye-Ball Had to be Removed.

Arwood Wilkins, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins of Howellsville township, is minus his right eye as a result of being shot by his brother, Hughey Wilkins, 14-years-old, Thursday about noon. The unfortunate boy was struck by seven shot in the right shoulder, two entered his neck, two his chin and one pierced his right eye ball. He was rushed to the Thompson hospital here, and the right eye ball had to be removed. His condition is reported as favorable, however. The shot were No. four.

The shooting was accidental, according to Mrs. Wilkins, mother of the two boys. The elder boy had been bird hunting and returned to the house with the gun. He thought the gun was unloaded and pointed it at his young brother, snapping it. The gun proved to be loaded and the child struck by the shot was fortunate to escape with his life.

Governor Will Deliver Message Tues.

Second Week of 67th Session of General Assembly Begins—Bill to Regulate Wearing Masks one of Most Important.

Many of the solons went home from Raleigh Saturday for the week-end and the second week of the 67th session of the General Assembly will begin tonight at 8 o'clock.

Governor Morrison will deliver his biennial message tomorrow.

Among the bills introduced are the following:

By Senator Mendenhall of Guilford, to provide investigation of the slow movement of inter-State freight and to expedite movement of such freight.

By Senator Woodson of Rowan, to place all Superior court solicitors on salary. This bill is a part of the legislative program of the North Carolina Bar association, of which Senator L. R. Varner of Robeson is president. Advocates of the bill contend that investigations throughout the State show that incomes of solicitors range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 under the fee system. A straight salary of \$4,000 is proposed, with present fees to go to the school funds of the various counties. Traveling expenses of solicitors would be paid by the counties at each term of Superior court.

To provide that all vehicles shall carry lights at night.

By Representative Owen of Sampson, to abolish capital punishment in North Carolina. Its defeat is predicted.

To provide for the conviction of a man accused of seduction on the unsupported testimony of the woman plaintiff.

By Burgwyn of Northampton, to provide for lowering of tax exemption throughout the State.

After Ku Klux Klan

The first gun in the expected legislative war against the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, states an Associated Press dispatch, was fired in the Senate Friday when Baggett, 12th district, introduced a bill making it a felony for a person to appear off his premises disguised so as to destroy identity, and at the same time announced he had received a number of abusive letters since it became known he would attack the organization. "I also have received many letters commending the fight I am making," said the Senator, "and numbers of people are giving me their support." The House joined the Senate in anti-mask legislation through a bill offered by Milliken of Union which would provide punishment for any person appearing in public places wearing a mask.

A bill offered in the House would create a division in the State department of labor and printing for the deaf, with a deaf person at its head. Another would ask Congress to support Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals project.

A bill offered in the House by Lawrence of Hertford would require all banks, in making their annual reports, to submit an itemized statement setting forth all amounts loaned to their officials and employes during the year.

Miss Pearl Prevatt and Mrs. Annie Lee Holder and the latter's father and brother, Mr. J. J. Humphrey, and Master Russell Humphrey of R. 2, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Norman of Lakeview, S. C., were Lumberton visitors this morning.

Mr. J. M. Pittman of R. 1, Fairmont, is a Lumberton visitor today.

Fairmont News

J. E. Mason Jailed on Charge of Check Flashing—Says He is Not the Man—Building & Loan Plans Greater Things and Elects Officers—Personal and Other Items.

By H. V. Brown
Fairmont, Jan. 6.—E. A. Mitchell returned Thursday from Morristown, Tenn., where he purchased a large number of mules for his sales stables. Mr. Mitchell has opened his business in the A. S. Thompson building on Center street. Prior to the death of the late E. Fisher, Mr. Mitchell was manager of the firm of E. A. Mitchell & Co., Mr. Fisher being a partner in the business. The affairs of this firm are now being handled by P. R. Floyd, administrator of the E. Fisher estate.

Among those in town who are suffering with influenza and pneumonia are Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Floyd, Miss Lucy Stephens, Mr. A. B. Floyd, and the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis.

Mr. J. E. Mason, shipping clerk for the Jackson Brothers Lumber Co., was arrested by Chief of Police Lawson here last Friday on the charge of check flashing. The arrest was made at the request of Richmond, Va., authorities. The defendant is being held in the Robeson county jail at Lumberton awaiting the arrival of the Virginia officers. He denies the charges and states that he is not the man wanted, that there is or was another man in Richmond by the same name and initials. During his stay here he has made a good many friends, who were astonished to learn of the accusation. The accused is married and has two children who are here at the Commercial hotel.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Alford, January 3rd, a girl.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis K. Kirtrell, January 5th, a girl.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thad Smith, January 6th, a girl and a boy.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Britt, January 3rd, a girl.

The annual meeting of the Fairmont Building & Loan association was held in the directors room of the Farmers and Merchants Bank last Friday night. The association has had much success since its organization a few years ago and business relative to better work and greater possibilities was carried out at this meeting. The following officers and directors were elected: President, A. J. Floyd; vice president, C. H. Cole; secretary and treasurer, H. A. Thompson; directors—A. J. Floyd, G. H. Cole, J. R. Bracey, G. W. Thompson, C. W. McCormick.

Growing Cotton Spite'n Boll Weevil Discussed.

The best known methods of growing cotton under boll weevil conditions were discussed by Mr. J. A. Taylor, formerly connected with the U. S. Government laboratory located at Tallulah, La., at a meeting held at the court house here today. Several hundred farmers and business men, representing all parts of the county were present and listened with interest to the speaker. Mr. O. O. Dukas, county farm demonstrator, presided at the meeting and the speaker was introduced by Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton.

A fuller report of the meeting and address will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

ATTENTION: EX-SERVICE MEN:

On next Thursday night, Jan. 11th, at 7:30, the Lumberton Post American Legion, will hold its first regular meeting for the year 1923 at the American Legion hall, in the town of Lumberton. This, in many respects, is the most important meeting of the year and I hope that each and every member of this post will arrange to be on hand without fail and bring at least one other ex-service man with you and see that he becomes a member before he leaves.

Are you interested in having a better State, a better county, a better town, a better American Legion? If so, give us a helping hand. We stand for the betterment of our town, our county, our State, our government.

All ex-service men of the county are especially invited to attend this meeting, but unless you pay your dues on or before the date of same you will not take part in the business part of the meeting.

No one will be allowed to vote until he has paid his dues for the year 1923. The dues for the men living in the corporate limits of the town of Lumberton are \$3.50 and those living out of town are \$2.00. Mail your check to L. L. McGill and he will mail your card and key to the hall.

There will be refreshments served at this meeting.

W. B. IVEY,
Post Commander.

Parkton Letter

School Gets Down to Work for Spring Term—Marriage of Miss Pauline Sikes and Mr. Jas. A. Ferguson a Surprise to Their Friends—Lancaster Store Goes Under—Much Moving—Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, Jan. 5.—Mr. Collier Cobb left Tuesday night for Raleigh to be present at the opening of the General Assembly, being a member of the lower house. Our town is indeed proud of the fact that it furnishes one of the county's representatives and a man who we believe will fill the place with distinction and will be on time at roll call. We shall expect to hear from him, and on all moral issues we trust in his integrity. He is young politically but a man of sound judgment.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins is in town tonight. He will preach at Lumber Bridge on the second Sunday night, with the probability of continuing a couple of weeks, only at night.

Holidays are over, another New Year has dawned, and I give below New Year's greetings received from a special friend and which I think very appropriate for all readers of The Robesonian:

Another year is on its way—
May every week and every day
Hold such wealth of joy and cheer
For you, 'twill be a golden year.

The Christmas just passed was one long to be remembered by the writer, who was the recipient of many gifts, some of them substantial, and also received many beautiful Christmas cards and greetings for the New Year. In mention of our Christmas reunion in our last letter one name was overlooked; that of W. E. McMillan of Lumberton.

School opened Tuesday and is down to strict business with all the teachers on the job except Miss Williams, who has been sick but will be back, we trust. Prof. Carter deserves much credit for his faithful services as he spent the major part of the holidays working on the school building and grounds, which work was needed very much.

The basketball teams, both girls and boys, expect to line up for some good games after this week. The boys claim they will accept a challenge from any team in the "state of Robeson."

Most all the college students have returned to their institutions and all the teachers have returned for duty. It would occupy too much space to mention all by name. Only one of the number has married, so far, thus we report a surprise marriage.

On our return from Lumberton New Year's eve the first news of interest was: Mr. Jas. A. Ferguson and Miss Pauline Sikes were married Sunday evening. It was quite a surprise to most everybody, not even the parents of the bride having any knowledge of what had happened until several hours afterward.

The ceremony took place at St. Pauls, Rev. Dr. Murray officiating. The groom is a well-known mechanic and holds a position with the Hughes-Powell Garage Co. of our town, and has a host of friends. The bride is the oldest daughter of Capt. and Mrs. D. A. Sikes of Parkton and is highly accomplished. She was teaching at Kenley up until Christmas but resigned a few weeks ago. She has numerous friends who extend congratulations to the happy couple.

They are rooming with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Powell on West Market street.

Rev. R. F. Munns returned Tuesday from the Pittman hospital, where he spent a few days undergoing treatment, and his condition is somewhat improved.

Mrs. A. B. Williamson and small son, Lewis, are on the sick list.

We are sorry to report the closing of the store of Mr. J. C. Lancaster, one of the leading merchants of our town. The trouble was failure to collect accounts. We have not learned the particulars.

Rural Policeman J. T. McRainey made a raid on a number of citizens Tuesday night. Some say it was poker, some say setback. At least they were "setting back" on Recorder Smith at St. Pauls Wednesday. Their names are withheld for reasons untold.

The union prayer-meeting will meet at the Methodist church all during this month every Wednesday night at 7. While the attendance was small this week, Rev. C. R. Sorrell delivered a most helpful and interesting talk, and quite appropriate. His subject was, "Forgetting the things of the past, I press forward."

J. D. Gillis & Son are enlarging their garage as business necessitates more room.

Much moving in and near town. A large number of colored farmers has moved from this immediate neighbor-

Jim Hayes' Body Cut in Two by Train at Rowland

Drunken Man Crawled Under Freight Train Standing Across Main Street of Town and Was Caught by Wheels—Leaves Widow and Several Children Near Raemon.

The body of Jim Hayes, white man about 55 years old was cut completely in two by a local freight train in Rowland about 5:30 Saturday afternoon. Hayes, who had been drinking, attempted to crawl under a car of the freight train while it was standing across the main street of the town. The train started before he made the trip and the wheels cut his body in two, death resulting instantly. An Indian pulled Hayes back twice when he attempted to crawl under the car, it is said.

Hayes lived near Raemon and is survived by his widow and several children.

ST PAULS NEWS LETTER

Movements of the People—A Variety of Items of Personal Nature.

By Beas G. Johnson
St. Pauls, Jan. 5.—Another beautiful day greets us.

Mrs. R. L. Rivers was called to Clio, S. C., several days ago in response to a message advising her of the very serious condition of her sister Mrs. Covington, who was not expected to live. A son of Mrs. Rivers, Mr. H. L. Rivers of Glens Falls, New York, arrived here Tuesday, 2nd, for a few days' visit in the Rivers home. His people were delighted to see him and especially the 4 little sons, who always look forward to "daddy's" visit with pleasure.

Mrs. Chas. D. Pierce and little Miss Elizabeth of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived in St. Pauls Tuesday night for a few weeks' visit to relatives and friends. Both look as if they have been faring fine in the "land of flowers."

Mr. W. B. Duncan of Chesterfield, S. C., has been a guest of Mr. S. L. Parker the past few days.

Messrs. Chas. Terry and Tom L. Britt are moving to Wendell, where the two will go in the grocery business. We regret very much to lose these good families from our town, but wish for them much success in their new place of abode.

We are indebted to Mrs. J. D. McCormac for a lovely card posted in Moultrie, Ga., where she and her little daughter, Myrtle, have been visiting her father since Christmas.

Write like they are having a good time and surrounded by beautiful scenery. Another card from Salisbury, complimenting our Robesonian letters, was appreciated, altho' has left us "guessing," from whence it came.

The many friends of Mr. Archie McInnis and family will be interested to know they have moved back among us again.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Butler, on December 26th, a fine son, Boyd Jr. Miss Addie Blue, sister-in-law of Mr. Butler, who has been ill the past few weeks, is somewhat improved, we are glad to note. Mr. Butler and family are certainly appreciative of the kindness of friends during their illness. They say Mrs. Opie Odom was especially kind. There aren't any better neighbors than Mr. Odom's family.

Maccabees Have a Big Feed and High Time.

The Maccabee hall was the scene of a "big feed" Friday evening. Oysters were served in abundance, with accessories, and after the more than 35 Maccabees present had feasted to a finish there were plenty of oysters left over. The affair was one of the "biggest and best" of its kind ever held in Lumberton and all those present had a most enjoyable evening.

Lumbee tent No. 18 is more than 10 years old and is today stronger than at any time in its history. A number of new members recently has been added to the tent and others are coming in every week. Weekly reviews are held on Friday evening at 7:30.

hood, several of them good tenants who will be greatly missed. Unless more come in flocks like there will be several farms idle this year.

If I were to give the full details of the recent fox races space would not permit. Wednesday's race was a great one, as reported, up on Rockfish creek, and while the fox was not seen swimming the creek, still the dogs did swim over and caught the fox on the other side. Out of about a dozen races, 11 foxes were caught. Believe me, it is some sport.

We would say to Rev. J. M. Fleming, we enjoy your letters in The Robesonian, especially the last one, which contained some good thoughts and timely suggestions.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 26 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Born, Friday night, to Mr. and Mrs. Wright J. Prevatt, a daughter.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Alf H. McLeod, Wednesday afternoon, January 10th, at 3:30.

—The quarterly meeting of the directors of the National Cotton Mill company was held Thursday of last week. The usual quarterly dividend was declared.

—Mr. J. P. Watson, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, moved last week from a farm in Howellsville township belonging to Mr. Dockery Kinlaw, to a farm of Mr. Julian Powers' in the same township.

—Mr. R. H. Crichton of Lumberton has been advised that a representative of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative association will be at the co-operative warehouse here Wednesday and Thursday of this week for the purpose of settling with contract-breakers. It has not been learned who the Robeson county contract-breakers are.

—Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, who was sworn in as Superior court judge on the 1st, was a Lumberton visitor Friday afternoon, on his way to Rowland. Judge Sinclair's first official act was to appoint a receiver for the Bank of Proctorville, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian. He will hold his first court at Southport this week.

—Mr. Paul C. Lindley of the Van Lindley nursery of Greensboro will be in Lumberton tomorrow (Tuesday) and will address the Lumberton Home Demonstration club at 2:30 in the town hall. Mr. Lindley will take up valuable points on landscape gardening and will bring out ways of beautifying the ground space between sidewalks and the streets, which will be of interest to all housekeepers. All interested parties are urged to attend.

—Lucy J. Sampson, Indian, who lives in the Deep Branch section, near Pembroke, when in town Saturday told a Robesonian reporter about a curiosity growing in her garden, a collard plant having departed from the way of its kind and putting out its leaves in a manner totally different from the way all self-respecting collard plants have been doing since the memory of man—or woman either—runs not to the contrary. The reporter failed to understand just how this plant was acting up different, but did grasp the fact that it was most unusual and most extraordinary.

Dr. Daniel Blocker Becomes President of Shorter College.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 4.—Dr. Daniel J. Blocker, formerly a member of the faculty at William and Mary college, Virginia, was installed today as president of Shorter college, a woman's school, located here, succeeding the late Dr. A. W. VanHoose. Gov.-Elect Clifford Walker, chancellor Barrow, of the University of Georgia, Dr. E. W. Weaver, president of Mercer, Dr. M. L. Brittain, president of Georgia Tech, and other southern educational leaders, took part in the ceremonies.

The above dispatch will be of interest to many Robesonian readers. Dr. Blocker married a former Lumberton girl, Miss Florence Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson. She is a sister of Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart of Lumberton. Dr. Blocker has preached at the First Baptist church here several times when visiting here.

Mother, Baby and Nurse Perish in Flames in Raleigh.

Mrs. I. W. Simpkins, her 4-year-old son and a negro nurse, Carolina Hill, were burned to death in Raleigh early Saturday morning in a fire that destroyed the Simpkins garage, over which the family lived, about 67 automobiles, badly burned the feet of Mr. Simpkins and caused the breaking of Fireman J. C. Beck's arm in two places in trying to rescue the family.

Kisler Succeeds McBee as Highway Commissioner.

Governor Morrison Friday accepted the resignation of Jno. C. McBee of Mitchell county as a member of the State Highway Commission and appointed Andrew M. Kisler, a Morganton manufacturer, to succeed him. There has been considerable dissatisfaction in the 8th district over road work.

Mrs. E. Lamb and daughter, little Miss Christine, left Saturday morning for their home in Radin after spending some time here visiting at the home of Mrs. Lamb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roberts.

Mr. W. J. Wilkerson of R. 3, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Thursday.