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## Murder Trial Set For Saturday

Jesse and Dock Oxendine Will be Tried on Charge of Murdering Vick Ballard—Joe Kemp Trial Probably Will Begin Next Tuesday—Another Case set for February 2—"Pig Iron Pete" Davis Case May Come Up Today—Haywood to Plead Mercy of Court—Other Cases.

The trial of Jesse and Dock Oxendine for the murder of Vick Ballard has been set for Saturday of this week, the first murder case to be tried at this term of Robeson Superior court, which convened Monday, Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding. The trial of Joe B. Kemp, charged with killing Daniel McNeill nearly 42 years ago, will most likely be called Tuesday of next week. Walter and Clarence Oxendine, Proctor Locklear and Dock Wilkins, charged with the killing of Robert Wilkins last Christmas night, will be tried Thursday, February 8th.

The trial of "Pig Iron Pete" Davis, charged with a most dastardly crime of baiting steel traps for little children, will in all probability begin this afternoon.

**Haywood Submits**  
While no disposition has been made in the case against W. H. Haywood, it is understood that he will enter a submission to a charge of attempted forgery and plead the mercy of the court. It will be remembered by Robesonian readers that young Haywood came very near succeeding in fleeing the Farmer's and Merchants Bank of Fairmont out of \$100 in cash and a \$500 cashier's check, on a draft to which he had forged the name of the cashier of the Bank of Mt. Gilead. The officials of the two banks are reported as being unwilling to press the charges against the unfortunate man on account of his youth and his family connections.

Peter Dial, retailing, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost, defendant to make bond in sum of \$200 for his appearance at each term of criminal court for two years and show that he has not violated any of the prohibition laws.

F. N. Fisher, removing crop; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Charlie Jones, store-breaking and larceny, plead guilty; six months on the roads.

Hector Brown, cruelty to animals; 60 days on roads.

Jim Lester, larceny, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

James Horne, removing crop, plead guilty; judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Eugene Smith, larceny; six months on roads.

Jess Gibson, larceny, plead guilty; judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Jno. W. McLaughlin, larceny; plead guilty; six months on roads.

Conday and Clarence Hardin, Indians, assault with deadly weapon; prayer for judgment continued as to Conday upon payment of cost, defendant to make bond in the sum of \$100 to appear at each January term of criminal court for two years and show good behavior. Nol pressed as to Clarence.

Bud Singletary, violating auto laws, plead guilty; judgment continued for two years, defendant being recognized for his appearance at each term of criminal court for two years and show that he has not violated any law.

Dan Campbell, forgery; 12 months on the roads.

## Sacred Concert at L. Bridge Feb. 4

By Beas G. Johnson  
St. Paul, Jan. 31.—A musical will be given in the school auditorium at Lumber Bridge next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4th, at 8:30 o'clock, by the sacred concert orchestra composed of musicians from Parkton, Fayetteville, Lumberton and St. Paul. The orchestra will give a concert here in the Methodist church on the 3rd Sunday afternoon in February. The public is cordially invited to attend these concerts.

\$65,330 Paid to Sheriff in Taxes Yesterday.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis yesterday collected a total of \$65,330, State and county taxes. Yesterday was the last day for paying taxes without having to pay 1 per cent extra, as required by law. A total of \$390,000 of 1922 State and county taxes had been collected up to last night, while \$135,000 of last year's taxes remain unpaid.

## Mrs. J. P. Brown Dies at Home at Fairmont

Well-Known and Beloved Woman Passes After Long Illness—She Was Active in Good Works for Many Years—Funeral Yesterday Attended by Large Crowd.

By Herman F. Jennings  
Fairmont, Feb. 1.—The death of Mrs. J. P. Brown, which occurred here at her home at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, took from Fairmont one of its best known women. She had been in ill health for a long time. A few days ago influenza and complications brought the end nearer, than was expected.

Deceased was the wife of Dr. J. P. Brown, prominent physician of Fairmont, whom she married February 26, 1890. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Jonathan Sanford and was born March 17, 1868, being one of the organizers of the Methodist church here and one of its most faithful workers. She was a graduate of the Greensboro College for Women.

Her pastor, Rev. W. F. Trawick, was confined to his room a few days prior to her death and was unable to conduct the funeral services, but her good friend Presiding Elder J. H. Shore, of Rockingham, conducted the services in the Methodist church at 2 p. m. yesterday and spoke to an over-packed house of eager gatherers, who were paying their last respects to a devoted friend. Touching on her devotion to home, church and God, Elder Shore made a talk that will be remembered. He stated that he would close that part of the service by giving to those present a sentence which he had read on a tombstone placed at the grave of a Revolutionary soldier, which he considered better than any college president, professor or any other human could possibly conceive of. This sentence was, "Think What a Man Should Be in this World. He Was All of That."

The remains were then carried to the family burying plot of the Fairmont cemetery, where interment was made among a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. Flowers of unusual beauty and design, in a tremendous quantity completely covered the grave, the ladies of the Missionary society of the Methodist church acting as flower-bearers, giving the scene a very pretty and touching effect. The active pall-bearers were from young men of the town who were at one time members of her Sunday school class and in whom she took so much interest and pride. These were A. L. McDaniel, W. R. Taylor, J. A. Galloway, J. B. Ashley, C. A. Thompson, and E. G. Jones.

Deceased is survived by her husband, Dr. J. P. Brown, a prominent Fairmont physician, and one son, H. V. Brown, a member of The Robesonian staff, Lumberton; and two nieces, Mrs. Y. E. Smith of Durham, and Mrs. E. M. Snipes of Oxford.

As the minister said, "She has departed in body alone, her influence for good and betterment is still with us and will remain."

## 3 Men Escape From County Chain Gang

Elsie Hill Makes Third Escape—He and Two Other Long-Term Men Served Iron Bars of Cage—Sheriff Lewis Thinks They Have Gone Far Off.

Three men serving long terms on the Robeson county chain gang made good their escape Tuesday night when they sawed the iron bars of the cage in which they were imprisoned. All of the men were white and include the notorious Elsie Hill, who twice before had escaped. The other two were Arthur Shaw and J. C. Willard, the latter a prisoner from Hoke county who once before escaped from the chain gang. He was last captured by officers a few weeks ago, tried before Recorder Floyd of Fairmont and given an additional 30 days to his already many months' sentence. After Elsie Hill's second escape he begged mercy through the columns of this paper and otherwise and was given the privilege of going about his work minus the chains.

Up to the time of going to press nothing has been heard of the escaped convicts and the officers are at a loss as to their whereabouts. Sheriff Lewis thinks this is the last time they will escape from the Robeson county chain gang, as he firmly believes they will make good their escape and never be seen in this part of the country again.

The gang is located near White Pond church in the southern extremity of the county. The cage was so badly damaged by the sawing that it was necessary to have it repaired before putting it in use again.

## Parkton Letter

Revival Meeting at Lumber Bridge—Parkton Cafe Changes Hands—A Great Fox Hunt.

By C. D. Williamson  
Parkton, Jan. 30.—Today was Robesonian day and they showed up a little late, but the size of the paper speaks for the delay. And it shows something doing in Robeson county. We are glad to see our little town on the map.

Very little doing up our way this week. The revival meeting at Lumber Bridge, where Rev. J. L. Jenkins is doing the preaching, is taking large numbers of folks most every night, and they report quite interesting services. Mr. Jenkins is one of the best known evangelists of North Carolina, and his singer, Prof. Lemch of Dayton, Va., is one of the best performers and vocalists we ever heard, and his services are quite a treat. The congregations are large. The preaching this week is being done in the Presbyterian church. Next Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3 o'clock, the Fayetteville-Parkton sacred orchestra will play at the school auditorium, providing the weather will permit.

Mr. Norman Perry and mother and the writer, and Messrs. L. M. Powell and E. N. Gainey, were Fayetteville shoppers yesterday afternoon. C. A. Bodenhammer and small son, Frederick, spent today in Fayetteville.

Representative Collier Cobb, member of the House of the General Assembly, spent the week-end at his home here. He was suffering with a severe cold.

Mr. J. J. Odom purchased today from H. J. Furdmaged the Parkton cafe on Main street.

Last night will long be remembered by Parkton fox-hunters. Four cars and three on horses went for a chase down on the marsh. Old Reynard was on the go by 8 o'clock. We have enjoyed scores of races, but we never heard a finer race. The pack chased in and around Campbell's siding, and not far from that place one of the dogs was caught in a steel trap, and the poor dog cried most pitifully until Capt. J. B. Malloy and several others of our company made their way down the marsh through briars and mud and much water and finally succeeding in reaching the poor dog and releasing him, and in a short time he was heard in his place with the pack of 25. At 9:50 o'clock the fox was rushed up a large hickory tree near Oakland farm, and the hunters were puzzled for some time to know what had become of the fox. Pemberton McCormick was the first sport to view the fox up the tree. The fox had rested for near half an hour and he was allowed to strike the earth once more—and then the fun. For one hour he was in high gear. The last hour's heat was within hearing of Mr. J. D. McRainey's residence. The fox was caught in the marsh swamp half a mile south of the late Walter Currie's farm at 11:10.

The Parkton pack has averaged one fox for every jump this season. They are one hundred proof.

## Strolling Around Rim of United States

Young Men on a Two-Years' Hike Around the United States Reach Lumberton—Started from Philadelphia January 1.

Taking a stroll around the rim of the United States, Joseph Kemple and "Chick" Fields, of Philadelphia arrived in Lumberton Monday afternoon. These young men started from the Quaker city January 1st with the firm intention of traveling on foot the entire boundary line of this country. They expect to make the trip in two years. They refuse all offers of rides.

These hikers make expenses by distributing photographs of themselves in hiking costume, and they will write a story of their experiences for publication.

Messrs. Kemple and Field got Mayor Johnson's autograph while in Lumberton. They spent the night here and Tuesday morning resumed their unique walk, making for Florence, S. C. They will go to Florida, thence to California, to Washington State, to Maine, and back to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Hugh Monroe of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. J. C. Raybon, who lives in Bladen county, near the Robeson line on R. 4 from St. Paul, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. He is a son of Mr. J. F. Raybon of Lumberton.

Messrs. C. A. Floyd, C. A. Ashley and A. J. Floyd were Lumberton visitors today.

**BUDDIE'S SERVICE STATION,  
ELM AND NINETEENTH STREETS.  
NEVER CLOSED.**

## Not Ready Yet to Abolish Capital Punishment in N. C.

Judge Devin Thinks Time Not Ripe—In Charge to Grand Jury Urges Importance of Enforcement of Prohibition and Other Laws.

"I do not believe the time has yet come when we can safely abolish capital punishment in North Carolina," declared Judge W. A. Devin in his charge to the grand jury in Superior court here Monday. The judge expressed a belief that the time would come when this form of punishment will be abolished in this State.

Judge Devin urged the importance of the enforcement of the prohibition laws. "If we had only good people and good whiskey we could get along, but as we have both bad people and bad whiskey, it is necessary to enforce the prohibition laws," continued the judge. He took occasion to condemn the "higher-ups" who aid in the liquor traffic.

In discussing the subject of immorality, the judge said he believed the time will come when we will be as sensitive of the virtue of men as we are of the virtue of women.

**Misplaced Authority**  
The authority of the home as having been transferred from the parents to the children. There is too much lack of respect for authority and law, he continued.

**Speed Laws**  
Strict enforcement of the laws governing motor vehicles was urged by the judge, who said that 99 out of every 100 of the many automobile accidents result from violation of the law. The law provides that the speed of automobiles shall not exceed 30 miles per hour on any public highway, 20 miles in the residential districts and 10 miles in the business districts of an incorporated town; and this law should be strictly enforced.

A grand jury has the power to indict any public official, especially county commissioners, who neglect the duty of office or refuse to remedy conditions repeatedly called to their attention, declared the judge.

In closing his charge, Judge Devin appealed to the members of the grand jury to set a high standard of citizenship in handling the problems assigned to them.

## Highway Bond Issue Bill Passes Senate Second Reading

All Amendments to \$15,000,000 Additional Bond Issue Measure Voted Down.

The Senate of the General Assembly yesterday passed on its second reading in the form in which it came from the House the highway bill increasing road bonds from \$50,000,000 to \$65,000,000 and increasing the tax on gasoline from 1 to 3 cents a gallon. Senator Varner of Robeson offered a bill to provide a sinking fund to retire the bonds, according to recommendations made in the Governor's message at the first of the session.

Committee action on the Turlington bill which would make the State prohibition laws conform with the Volstead act failed of favorable report in the General Assembly Tuesday and a sub-committee was appointed to redraft the measure because of what were characterized as its confusing phases and conflicting clauses. Several speakers appeared in behalf of the legislation and urged the abolishment of the "quart law" which provides that a person may possess a quart of liquor without violating the law.

The House Tuesday passed the Ervin-Gaston bill to allow juries to recommend mercy in capital cases with the exception of first-degree murder and rape.

**Recorder's Court.**

The following cases have been "aired" before Recorder W. B. Ivey this week:

Furman Barnes and Lee G. Stone, entering into an affray, both defendants plead guilty and were fined \$5 each and cost. This was for the fight mentioned in Monday's Robesonian.

L. S. Revels, disposing of mortgaged property; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Walter Merrick, abandonment; judgment continued upon condition that defendant pay his wife \$5 per week.

G. B. Ward, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Henry Ussery, drunk; fined \$10; carrying concealed weapons; fined \$90—a total of \$100.

## St. Paul News

Plan to Move a Residence and Erect an Office—Movements of the People.

By Beas G. Johnson.  
St. Paul, Jan. 30.—Cool and cloudy today, with now and then a sprinkle of rain, the pretty blue sky being entirely hidden by clouds.

In our mention of those of our town attending the funeral of Mr. D. Z. McGoogan, who was buried near Lumber Bridge last Wednesday, we inadvertently omitted Messrs. J. M. Butler, A. R. McEachern and A. H. Tyson, from here who were pall-bearers.

Mrs. Edwin McDonald and Misses Ruth and Margaret McDonald spent last Saturday in Fayetteville.

After a very pleasant few weeks visit among relatives in Moultrie, Ga., Mrs. J. D. McCormac and daughter, Myrtle, have returned to St. Paul again, to the delight of their many friends.

Mr. Carl R. Peele went over to Gibson Sunday, spending the day with his people.

Mr. S. L. Parker and family have recently moved into the dwelling vacated by Mr. L. T. Britt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McEachern and infant son came over from their home, near Maxton, for a brief visit to her father, Mr. J. F. Lockety, recently. The little son arrived on the 23rd of Dec., in time for Christmas. Mrs. Lockety is very pleasantly remembered here as Miss Grace Lockety.

Among those from here to attend the play in Red Springs on last evening we note Supt. and Mrs. T. S. Teague, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler, with Misses Felton, Farmer and Irene Thomas of the high school faculty.

Mr. Bunnie Martin and family moved Tuesday to a farm a few miles from town, where Mr. Newton's family resided before they moved to the Fayetteville community some time ago. Mr. Boyd Butler moved today to a farm near here, owned by Mrs. J. D. Johnson, which he has rented for the year. Mr. Blue and daughter, Miss Addie, who resided with Mr. Butler and family, will continue in the home where they now reside.

Mrs. C. D. Pierce is in Fayetteville today. For the past few weeks Mr. Pierce, her husband, has been on an extended business trip, stopping over in Fayetteville today enroute to Northern cities, where he will be several days, Mrs. Pierce continuing her visit among us until his return.

Messrs. Neill McEachern and Bill McDonald are in Charlotte this week, taking in an auto show.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Wiggins and little daughter arrived in town Friday night from Coats, their home before coming to St. Paul. While away the past 2 weeks, Dr. Wiggins visited at Vass, while Mrs. Wiggins and daughter spent part of the time at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. N. A. McEachern returned Saturday from Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, where she was a patient. Mrs. W. A. Nutting, who was in Cumberland General hospital last week—also returned home Saturday, Mr. Nutting and Mrs. Pierce going over for her Saturday afternoon.

Miss Bettie McNeill's friends are glad to have her in town this week, stopping in the home of her brother Joe.

We hear plans are being made to move the residence now occupied by Mr. J. F. Lockety's family back to the next lot. Drs. Nash and Moore to erect an office on the lot where this dwelling now stands.

Mr. A. R. McEachern left last evening for New York, where he will spend this week on business.

Mr. Douglas Johnson and family, near town, recently visited relatives in Bladen. Mr. and Mrs. Walton Fisher spent Sunday, the 21st, with his people here.

We are anxious to see the special edition of The Robesonian which we hear comes out today.

Miss Majorie Russell, member of the high school faculty, spent the week-end in Lumberton.

Mr. F. H. Blackwell of Lumberton R. 7 was a visitor here today.

Mr. Everett Davis of Saddle Tree township was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Messrs. J. C. Prevatt and L. J. Smith, of R. 2, and R. 1, respectively, from Lumberton, were in town this afternoon.

Mr. J. T. King of St. Paul was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

**A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE** like Christmas and New Year, Valentine's Day gives you an opportunity to remember your friends with appropriate cards or motto. We also have a line of invitations, tally cards and salad cups for the occasion. Call today and see them.—Freeman Printing Company.

## Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington  
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at \$26.75 per hundred pounds.

## Items of Local News

—Members of the Woman's club belonging to the class in "Parliamentary Usage" will meet with Mrs. D. L. Whiting Friday afternoon at 3:30.

—Messdames R. E. Lewis, Daisy W. Jenkins, Ira B. Townsend and K. M. Barnes attended the funeral of Mrs. J. P. Brown in Fairmont yesterday.

—The condition of the infant twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Webster, who have been sick with bad cases of croup for the last week, is very much improved.

—Mrs. A. H. West, widow of the late Dr. G. H. West, and children moved Tuesday from Fairmont to Fayetteville. Two of Mrs. West's sons, Messrs. Lawrence and Merrill, were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

—Mr. H. L. Guthrie, district State income tax collector, will be at the court house in Lumberton Friday and Saturday of this week, February 2 and 3, for the purpose of assisting Robeson citizens in filing their returns.

—Mr. J. L. Humphrey of the Saddletree section is attending court here this week, being on the jury. Mr. Humphrey expects to leave Tuesday of next week for Vidalia, Ga. to visit a brother, Mr. W. E. Humphrey, whom he has seen only once in thirty years.

—Former Sheriff E. C. McNeill, of Rowland, and his son Mr. J. D. McNeill of Central, Tex., were Lumberton visitors Monday. Mrs. McNeill has been very sick for some time and Mr. J. D. McNeill and Mr. Austin McNeill, the latter of Houston, Texas, came last week to be with their mother for several days.

—Little Miss Margert McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, will give a dinner party this evening at 6 o'clock at the home of her parents, Chestnut street, in honor of little Miss Mary Catharine Proctor's eighth birthday. Miss Proctor is a charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Proctor.

—Chief of Police D. M. Barker asks The Robesonian to warn chicken-owners living in town that it is time to keep them confined. He is receiving numerous complaints about chickens destroying gardens. It is a violation of the town laws to allow one's fowls to run at large and Chief Barker says he is going to enforce this law. Be a good citizen and keep your chickens out of your neighbor's garden.

—The Brogan Duo company, a number of the Redpath Lyceum course being given under the auspices of the Lumberton Woman's club, will give a concert in the high school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock. Single admissions are 25 and 50 cents. Several attractions of this course have been given and all have been good. The last, the Troubadour Male quartet, which was given January 18th, was especially pleasing.

—Mr. F. Grover Britt left this morning for Dunn, where he goes to become editor of the Dunn Dispatch and secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce. As stated in Monday's Robesonian in connection with mention of Mr. Britt leaving this paper, on which he has labored faithfully for the past ten years as local editor and business manager, Mr. Hal V. Brown of Fairmont succeeds him on The Robesonian. Mr. Brown began work this morning.

—A pop-corn machine owned by Mr. Fred Scott, photographer, who will open a studio here on the 3rd, was practically destroyed by fire about 6 o'clock Monday evening. The machine was being operated at the corner of Elm and Fourth streets. Mr. Therin Pate, young white man, was operating the machine and when he attempted to light it the flames spread as the result of an accumulation of gasoline. His hands were slightly burned. The fire company was called out to extinguish the flames. Mr. Scott estimates his loss at \$100.

**Fayetteville Higs Will Play Locals Here Tomorrow.**

A basket ball game will be played on the school court tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock between the locals and the Fayetteville Higs. Fayetteville has a fine team with men who are exceptionally good on long-distance shooting and it is expected that the game will be the best of the season. The defeat handed the Fort Bragg soldiers by the locals gives good inspiration to the quintet and a severe workout is being made this afternoon, in order to meet stiff competition tomorrow afternoon.

—Mr. Parks of Raynham is a business visitor here today.