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## Trial of Murder Cases Will Engage Court This Week

**Joe Kemp Trial for Crime Committed 42 Years Ago Set for Tomorrow—Saturday's Murder Trial Continued—Robt. Wilkins' Alleged Slayers Will Face Trial Thursday.**

The second week of Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases began this morning, Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding. Several murder trials will be heard this week, beginning Tuesday with the trial of Joe B. Kemp for killing Daniel McNeill at Red Springs 42 years ago.

The trial of Jesse and Dock Oxendine, Indians, on the charge of murdering Vick Bullard, also Indian, which was set for Saturday of last week, was continued to the next term on account of the fact that Senator L. R. Varsar, one of the attorneys for the defense, could not leave his duties in Raleigh. On account of postponement of this trial, court adjourned Friday afternoon until this morning.

The trial of Walter and Clarence Oxendine, Proctor Locklear and Dock Wilkins, all Indians, on the charge of killing Robt. Wilkins, is set for Thursday.

Since the report in Thursday's Robesonian was written the following cases have been disposed of:

John Faulkner pleaded guilty to charge of manufacturing liquor, judgment being continued upon the payment of costs and making bond in the sum of \$200 for appearance at July court to show good behavior.

In disposing of the case against "Pig Iron Pete" Welton Davis, Judge Devin sentenced him to 12 months on the roads on the charge of attempt to poison children. Capias in this case to be issued after twenty days in Robeson county only. The other charges of attempt to injure children were disposed of by prayer for judgment being continued upon payment of costs on both cases. It will be remembered throughout the state that this man is charged with setting steel traps, baited with candy and bright-colored pencils for his neighbors' children, who he claimed had annoyed him, also that he placed poison on the candy so that in case the trap failed to spring and catch them, they would die when they ate the candy.

Gilmore Locklear was found guilty of manufacturing liquor and was sentenced to 12 months on roads.

Peter McCallum was found not guilty of larceny.

In the case of State vs. J. D. Wilkins, charged with attempt at rape, motion was made by defense to quash the bill and the motion was allowed. The defendant was required to give a \$200 bond for his appearance at the court throughout this year to show good behavior.

Frank Morris pleaded guilty to an affray and carrying concealed weapons and was fined \$50 and costs for carrying concealed weapons and one half of the costs in the affray charge, the prosecuting witness being taxed with the other half of costs. Morris also was charged with being a nuisance on the public highway. This charge not prosed. He was also required to give a \$200 bond for his appearance at July term of criminal court and show good behavior.

M. L. Manning was found guilty of larceny and was sentenced to 12 months on the roads.

George Wilkerson pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs, being required to make a \$200 bond for his good behavior.

In the case charging C. R. Tolar with violating the election laws, no pros with leave was taken.

Alex Thames, charged with larceny; no pros with leave.

Tom Brown, charged with larceny; guilty; 12 months on roads.

## PEMBROKE DRUG STORE ROBBED

**Thieves Broke in and Robbed on First Night Town Was Without a Policeman—The Robbers Are Prepared to Take Pictures.**

Thieves Friday night took advantage of the night policeman's absence from duty in Pembroke and robbed the Pembroke Drug Co., gaining entrance to the store through the rear window in Dr. Hall's office.

The night policeman employed by the merchants and business men of Pembroke had discontinued his services in that respect and Friday night was the first night that he had not been on duty for some time. The guilty ones will possibly take a picture of the store they robbed, as it is reported that they took in their haul a very expensive kodak. Other things missing from the burglarized store include jewelry, fountain pens and many other articles of less value.

## Great Crisis Confronts N. Carolina

**Vicious and Persistent Fight on Morrison's Progressive Program—"Kill Morrison" at Any Cost Seems to be Slogan of Reactionaries.**

Brock Barkley in Wilmington Star Raleigh, Feb. 4.—North Carolina may be facing just now the greatest crisis in its history. The progressive spirit that was aroused through the bold program of the Morrison administration in the 1921 General Assembly is being assailed with all viciousness and persistency that is alarming.

Through the smoke-screen the cries of a treasury deficit has created, the attention of the legislature is being diverted from the opportunities presented for carrying the state onward and among the progressive states of the union placing it in line with the greatest in the union.

If ever the emergency existed when the people of a state should speak, that emergency, developing during the past few days, has now blossomed forth. Unless concerted action from the "people back home" is brought to bear upon the General assembly strangulation of the progressive movement within the state will certainly be accomplished.

Back of the whole scheme unmistakably lies the determination to "kill Morrison." He is growing too powerful and too influential in his hold on the people as the result of the state's realization of his dominating desire to serve the state. Politics is fighting statesmanship with all its might and unless there comes an uprising of demand for the continuation of the work that has begun and the furthering of a recognized program of progress the cause for which Morrison has been fighting will be lost.

"Kill Morrison; sacrifice the state if necessary, but kill Morrison." That might well be accepted as the slogan among the reactionary forces that are spreading their propaganda with a willfulness and a pointedness that threatens to virtually nullify the progressive work that has been inaugurated.

There really isn't so much more to be done, when compared with what already has been accomplished, but if that proposed for the next two years should go through the success of the Morrison administration would be too great for the comfort of many political antagonists.

Morrison wants the educational and charitable institutions' extension program of the 1921 General Assembly duplicated. That would require some \$6,700,000 in appropriations. Fortunately, the road extension accommodation got through before the present propaganda got a hold. He wants the natural possibilities in the fish and oyster beds and in inland streams developed. That would cost a half million and yield millions in return, and the initial cost would be borne by those directly reaping the benefits. He wants the state-owned ship line project to have a fair trial. His other recommendations would require expenditures that are insignificant.

While advocating these further steps by the state, Morrison has planned for the safe-guarding of the state's credit.

Two bills introduced in the General Assembly at his special bidding will prove effective safety valves. Through constitutional amendments, on which the people will vote, the amount of bonded indebtedness the state may contract will be limited to five per cent of assessed property valuation and a sinking fund will be created to provide for the redemption of existing indebtedness as the bonds mature. The Morrison measures are safe and sound and look to the further betterment of the state, the broadening of opportunities for its citizens and the rounding out of a program that will put North Carolina in the very forefront of the great states of the union.

—Regular communication St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Of special importance, work in third degree.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I recently returned from Chicago, where I took advanced studies in medical and surgical treatments of the eye. For the benefit of my patients, I also took a special operative course on the ear, nose and throat and will be pleased to advise any who may have trouble with either of these organs. Yours for better service,  
**DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER,**  
Eye Specialist.  
Lumberton, N. C.

## Pembroke Drug Store Robbers Arrested in Georgia

**Two White Boys Held in Augusta Confess Robbery at Pembroke—Supposed to Have Left a School at Florence—Will be Brought Here for Trial.**

Mr. D. M. McNeill, manager of the Pembroke Drug Co., Pembroke, who is a business visitor here today, is in receipt of two telegrams from Augusta, Ga., authorities stating that they are holding two young white men who entered the drug store in Pembroke last Friday night. According to the message, the stolen articles were found on the persons of the young men arrested and they have confessed to entering the store. The names as given in the telegram are Frank Dobson and Elliott Botto. Mr. McNeill states that two strangers were ordered to leave the town of Pembroke during the day Friday by the police. It has also been learned that two white boys have escaped from a school in Florence, S. C., and that the authorities of that school believe the Georgia officers are holding the boys who escaped from their school.

A late dispatch from the Georgia town states that the accused men state they will return to North Carolina without requisition papers. The necessary warrants will go forward at once from the officials here and the young white men will be returned for immediate trial.

## WOMAN-DRIVEN FORD KNOCKS MAN AND MULE GALLEY-WEST

**A Gash Was Cut in Mr. Stone's Head and the Mule's Side was Snagged—Woman Drove Speedily on but Car Number is Known.**

Mr. Joe Stone while driving in a cart drawn by a mule on the hard-surfaced road leading west from the iron bridge Sunday afternoon was the victim of alleged reckless and careless driving of a Ford touring car driven by a white woman. The Ford struck the cart in which Mr. Stone was riding with such force that he was thrown clear of the road and his mule was thrown several feet. An ugly gash was cut in Mr. Stone's head and his mule suffered an awful snag in his side. The Ford driver did not stop to see if Mr. Stone was dead or alive and kept going at a terrific speed. Mr. Will Edwards, who was soon on the scene, assisted Mr. Stone to his home.

Neither driver of the car nor the other woman occupant could be recognized, but it is thought that the number of their car was taken correctly by a party further up the road from where the accident occurred. The officers are working on this clue and will no doubt have the guilty parties under arrest within a short time.

—Miss Sadie Ray Pope has accepted a position in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd.

—In recorder's court this morning Clyde Love was taxed with the costs on the charge of being drunk and disorderly in the town of Lumberton.

## CHILDREN OF LUMBERTON SCHOOL TO BE TESTED FOR DIPHTHERIA IMMUNITY.

Correspondence of The Robesonian On Tuesday, February 6th, the health officer will give the Schick test for diphtheria immunity to the children of the Lumberton graded and East Lumberton schools. Some of the children in the Lumberton graded school were tested in November, 1921, and most of those found susceptible were immunized with toxin-antitoxin. None of the children found to be immune by the Schick test or those given toxin-antitoxin have developed diphtheria since that time.

The Schick test is very simple and practical, it causes no more discomfort than a mosquito bite, and the child has no symptoms or discomfort after the test. The test has proven practical in all the city schools, all over the United States, where all school children are tested. It is the only method to determine whether a child is susceptible or immune to diphtheria.

A record will be made of all the children tested and when found to be susceptible the parents will be notified and advised to have them immunized with toxin-antitoxin for prevention.

This is probably the last time the children in these schools will be given this test in several years. The toxin for this work has been secured from the New York city health department.

The absolute cooperation of all parents and teachers is expected, and will be necessary for the complete success of this work.  
E. R. Hardin, Health Officer.

## Grand Jury Vigorously Urges Need of New County Home

**Suggests That People Demand Home for Poor in Keeping With Progress of County and That Legislature Pass Bill Compelling Action—Other Recommendations Made.**

Suggesting that the people of Robeson county demand that a new county home be erected if the county commissioners still refuse to take any action, and that the present General Assembly pass a law compelling such action, the grand jury serving at the present term of court, in its report submitted to Judge W. A. Devin Thursday, Mr. Angus Olmstead, foreman, deal with the county home matter in the following vigorous manner:

**County Home**

"The grand jury for many years has been continuously recommending the erection of a county home in place of the shacks we now have. To say that the county home is a disgrace to Robeson county is expressing it mildly. Forty years ago Robeson county had for a county home a poor house, as it was then called. The home then consisted of three or four houses and was located about six miles from Lumberton. The jail at that time consisted of one log building. The court house at that time was a small two-story brick building with no conveniences. Twenty years ago the present so-called county home was built, with the exception of three small buildings which were erected since that time. Twenty years ago our jail was a two-story brick building which was in line with the progress of our county at that time. Our court house at that time was also a credit to our county. As the county progressed the old public buildings were discarded and new ones erected. Today our jail and court house are a credit to our county while our county home is a disgrace to a civilized community. If the board of commissioners still refuse to act in this matter, which has been before them from time to time, we suggest that the people of Robeson county demand that a new home be erected.

"The keeper of the county home is doing everything that can be done under existing conditions for the comfort of the inmates.

"We further recommend that a copy of this report be served personally on each member of the board of commissioners and that a copy be furnished each member of the General Assembly which is now in session to the end that a proper bill may be drawn and passed compelling the commissioners to erect a new county home and provide the funds for this purpose."

Other items were covered in the report as follows:

"We passed on 18 bills of indictment, finding 18 true bills.

**Court House and County Officers**

"We have inspected the court house in a body and by committee. We find that it is impossible for one man to keep the court house in sanitary condition while court is in session, and we recommend that additional help be secured at each term of court. We find that some of the toilets are not kept in as sanitary conditions as they should be.

**Jail**

"We visited the jail in a body and found five prisoners. The prisoners are well cared for and the jail is in a sanitary condition. All necessary repairs are being made and will be completed at an early date.

**Chain Gang**

"We visited the chain gang by committee and found fifty prisoners. The prisoners are well cared for with these exceptions. We recommend that the county doctor be more diligent in his duties toward the chain gang. We further recommend that sufficient bedding be supplied chain gang in Gaddy township."

**Thinks Lumberton is Entitled to Federal Building.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian: Mr. Hamacher, assistant secretary of the fourth Civil Service district, office located in Washington, D. C., was in Lumberton Friday, February 2nd, to confer with members of the local board of Civil Service examiners. He was very much impressed with the size and appearance of Lumberton and expressed the opinion that the city is entitled to a Federal building and ought to have it.

C. C. BLAKE,  
Sec'y., Local Board Civil Service Examiners.  
Lumberton.

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

## St. Paul News

**The Flu Has Flown—Mr. Manley Prevatt Suffers Painful Injury—Death of Mrs. Sarah McGeachy—Personal and Other Items.**

By Bess G. Johnson  
St. Paul, Feb. 2.—The month of February is with us again. Let us quote with Emily Huntington Miller, "Will the winter never be over, will the dark days never go? Must the buttercup and clover be always hid under snow? Ah! Lend me your little ear! Hark, 'Tis a wonderful thing; The weariest month of the year, love, is shortest and nearest the spring."

Mrs. Will Regan of Elizabethtown came over last Sunday and is a guest this week in the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. I. Grantham. Mrs. Regan is pleasantly remembered by friends here as Miss Annie McBryde, sister of Mrs. Grantham.

Master Grover Martin is improving nicely now, we are glad to note. The flu epidemic seems to have left us almost as suddenly as it came, as we hear of no new cases just now. Last Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Opie Odom had for their guests Miss Mertie Prevatt, editor of the Scottish chief at Maxton, and sisters, Misses Hassie and Mildred Prevatt, with Messrs. Berry Tyner, Harvey Townsend and Franklin Stone, the latter from Pembroke.

Messrs. Hallie M. Johnson and Will Willis spent a few hours in our neighbor town, Lumberton, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. B. McFayden of Raeford has been a guest of relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Johnson spent Thursday in Laurinburg.

While attempting to unchoke a corn elevator a few days ago, Mr. Manley Prevatt of St. Paul district suffered a crushed hand, his friends will regret to note.

Mrs. Douglas Smith of Lumber Bridge spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Jas. A. Dawson.

Mr. Dawson Northrup is expected to return home today from Davidson college, where he has been a student, having had to discontinue his studies for a while on account of asthma. While we shall be glad to have him in our midst again we regret very much his inability to finish the term out.

Mr. J. H. Johnson and family of R. F. D. 1, spent last Sunday at Long Branch.

Dr. E. C. Murray, pastor of the Presbyterian church of St. Paul, exchanged pulpits with Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church at Lumberton. Dr. Moorehouse's many friends in St. Paul were glad to have him in their midst for the day, being a guest in the home of Mrs. T. L. Northrup.

It was with deep regret her girlhood friends here learned of the death of Mrs. Sarah McGeachy, widow of the late Neil R. McGeachy, who died at her home town, Laurinburg, on Saturday, the 27th, at the ripe old age of 85 years. Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church at Big Rockfish, where she united in early life, her maiden name being Sarah McFayden. Her husband was a cousin of the late John David and Jno. McGeachy, part of her life being spent in the neighborhood of St. Paul, where she was a resident, in days of "Auld-Lang-Syne". One son Rev. A. A. McGeachy, pastor of a Presbyterian church in Charlotte, and a daughter, Mrs. Buchannan at Laurinburg, survive.

**COTTON BOLL WEEVIL IS SUBJECT FOR CLASSES THIS WEEK**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, Feb. 5.—The cotton boll weevil will be studied, with ways of control, at the Wednesday extension classes this week at the Normal at Pembroke and at Laurel institute. O. O. Dukes will have charge of the program and will secure experts if possible.

Modern honey extracting was the topic discussed by A. F. Corbin at the classes last week.

**Play at Barker-Ten Mile February 9.**

A play will be given by the pupils of the Barker-Ten Mile high school in their building next Friday, February 9th, and a small admission of 35 and 25 cents will be charged. The play is given for the benefit of the school's athletic fund.

Mr. N. B. McArthur of R. 2, Red Springs, is among the visitors in town today.

**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 fine 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 \$27.25 per hundred pounds.

## Items of Local News

—Mr. H. R. Smith and family moved Thursday into their new home, recently completed, on 15th street.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Wesley M'White and Miss Stella Bozeman, both of St. Paul.

—Miss Josephine Breese left Saturday night for Baltimore and New York to purchase spring stock for her millinery store.

—The condition of Jailer A. H. Prevatt, who has been confined to his room for several weeks, is reported as much improved.

—Mrs. Henry A. Stals and little son, of Gainsville, Fla., who spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jones, 901 Pine street left yesterday for Greensboro, her husband having accepted a position with the Greensboro Daily News. The family will make their home in Greensboro.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McMillan left Saturday night for Baltimore, where Mrs. McMillan will enter a hospital for treatment. She expects to be away three months. Mr. McMillan will return in a day or so.

—Mr. Norman E. Drum of Newton has succeeded Mr. J. P. Cashwell as clerk in Mr. L. C. Townsend's gent's furnishing store. He began work on the 1st. Mr. Cashwell has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the American Tobacco Co., and Wilmington will be his headquarters.

—Nothing has been heard of the three men who escaped from the chain gang camp near White Pond last week. Some of the officials are of the opinion that these men were implicated in the robbery of the Pembroke drug store last Friday night.

—Second street has been paved to Cedar, as far as the present paving program goes on that street, and has been opened for traffic. That relieves the difficulty in getting into and out of town in that direction. Fifth street, which was among the first streets for which petition was filed, remains blocked beyond Pine, though concrete base has been laid to Willow on that street.

—Dr. J. A. Martin returned Saturday night from New York, where he spent several weeks taking a special course in diseases of children at the New York postgraduate medical school and hospital. Mrs. Martin and children, who are in Richmond at the home of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jones, are expected home the latter part of this month.

—Mr. H. M. Beasley, local contractor, spent Thursday in Raleigh and submitted a bid for road and bridge work from Red Springs, as mentioned elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Beasley says that while his bid was 5 cents a cubic foot higher than his bid on similar work at Boardman some months ago and 9 cents higher than the low bid on that job, he was the low bidder on the Red Springs job and thinks he will get the contract.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. Grover Britt and children will move tomorrow to Dunn, where, as has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Britt has accepted the position of editor of the Dunn Dispatch and secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Britt left Lumberton last Thursday to enter upon his new duties and returned Saturday night, intending to move to Dunn today, but he will defer moving until tomorrow on account of the weather.

—The Brogan Duo company of young ladies, one a harpist, soloist and pianist, the other impersonator, soloist and pianist, gave a delightful concert at the school auditorium Thursday evening. This was one of the numbers of the Redpath Lyceum course engaged by the local Woman's club. All the attractions have been delightful, but none more so than the one Thursday evening. Both young ladies are accomplished artists.

—McEachern Implement Co. opened last Friday for business in the building on Elm street formerly occupied by Stanley, sign painter. The nature of this business will be to give special attention to all repair work on farm implements, and this concern will handle exclusively the International Harvester Co. line of farming implements and parts, including gasoline and crude oil engines, trucks, tractors, etc. The management of the business will be under the direction of Mr. N. A. McEachern of St. Pauls.

**A Credit to the Paper and the County**  
We have received the great special edition of The Robesonian, which is a distinct credit to the paper and to the great county of Robeson.—Sampson Democrat.