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Shepherd Inquest Will be Resumed Tuesday Afternoon

Coroner Unwilling to Release Any Evidence for Publication Until All Witnesses Have Been Examined—Punctured Letter Indicates That Two Shots at Least Were Fired—Remains Shipped Home.

After examining nineteen witnesses, Coroner D. W. Biggs adjourned Friday the inquest over the remains of E. R. Shepherd, found near Parkton last Monday, until tomorrow afternoon. Coroner Biggs is still unwilling to have any of the evidence published until the inquest is concluded, which no doubt will be in time for Thursday's Robesonian.

As the remains of Shepherd were being prepared for shipment Saturday a letter, with a hole through it, resembling that made by a 32 bullet, written by the wife of the murdered man, was found. It is presumed that this letter was carried in the inside coat pocket. It adds to the evidence that two shots, if not more, were fired, the other bullet entering the man's head just below the left eye.

Mrs. H. M. Broach, Mr. J. B. Shepherd, sister and brother of E. R. Shepherd, and Sheriff Davis brother-in-law, left Saturday for their homes in Putney, Doerun, and Thomasville, Ga., accompanying the remains to Putney, where interment was made upon arrival.

A pistol belonging to Sheriff Davis was stolen from a handbag while he was a guest at a local hotel. One arrest was made but on account of lack of evidence the suspect was released.

No Superior Court Here This Week

Jurors for This Week Need Not Report—Judge Devin Sick—Court Will Convene Monday Morning of Next Week at 9:30.

Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases will not convene until Monday of next week at 9:30 a. m. Jurors summoned to serve this week need not report at all. The calendar will be taken up at the beginning next Monday.

This was decided this morning by the members of the bar. Sheriff R. E. Lewis received a telegram yesterday advising him that Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford, who was to preside, could not be here today or tomorrow on account of sickness but that unless otherwise notified court would open Wednesday morning. As this left the matter in uncertain shape with the possibility of further postponement, the action stated above was decided upon by members of the bar, all cases upon the calendar for this week being continued until next week.

SITE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Senator Varner Introduces Bill to Authorize Lumberton to Convey Site to Local Library Association.

Senator L. R. Varner introduced a bill in the senate last week to authorize the town of Lumberton to convey certain property to a library association upon which the association will erect a library building.

Working through the Woman's club, a committee has been successful in getting subscribed about \$6000, for the library fund, provided the town will deed to the association one quarter of an acre of land suitable for a library. It is understood that the site proposed is where the old town hall stands at the foot of West Fourth street.

Income Tax Returns.

Mr. W. V. Brown, a United States deputy collector of internal revenue, spent Friday and Saturday in Lumberton assisting individuals in making out federal income tax returns. Mr. Guthrie of the State revenue department, who was in Lumberton a week or so ago, also spent Friday and Saturday in Lumberton. Mr. Brown will be in Maxton today and tomorrow, 26th and 27th. The first notice sent to The Robesonian in regard to this gave Mr. Brown's dates in Maxton as 25th and 26th, and they were inadvertently printed that way without thinking of the fact that the 25th comes on Sunday.

Other appointments for Robeson are given elsewhere in this issue.

—Thursday Afternoon Book club will meet with Mrs. N. A. McLean Thursday afternoon, March 1st, at 4 o'clock.

Mr. L. L. M'White, who lives on E. 7 from Lumberton was in town Friday.

Ku Klux Methods Wrong and Harm- ful Says Durham

There is no Sanction in the Bible or in the Constitution for Masked Regulators.

THOSE WHO PATRONIZE
BOOTLEGGERS ARE TRAITORS

In Sermon on "American Foundations" at First Baptist Church Pastor Durham Speaks Boldly Against Ku Klux Methods, Too Lenient Courts, Liquor Selling and Drunkenness, and Declares Safety of Country Depends Upon Teaching Respect for Law.

"There is no provision in the Bible or in the Constitution for masked men to undertake to enforce the law," said Dr. C. H. Durham at the morning service at the First Baptist church yesterday in a sermon that was a clear, courageous and earnest call for brave men, brave newspapers, brave parents and brave teachers to inculcate respect for law, disrespect for which is pounding at the very foundations of government. His subject was "American Foundations."

"That is not the way to teach respect for law," said Dr. Durham, referring to masked men undertaking to regulate the conduct of people, mentioning the Ku Klux Klan. "It encourages violation of law."

Dr. Durham read passages of Scripture from the 30th chapter of Deuteronomy and 13th chapter of Romans.

Disrespect for Authority

"Disrespect for authority is pounded away at the very foundations of government," said the preacher. "No respect for authority means anarchy, no regard for God, no disposition to say 'I'll abide by the law no matter how distasteful it may be to me.' There is a terrible disposition to sneer at constituted authority. There are parents who pay no attention to God, parents from whom their children have never gotten the impression of respect for the right and for law. Right here in Lumberton there are people who are snapping their fingers in the face of sacred things. Go to some of the rotten haunts in this county and speak of respect for law and they will sneer at you."

Unpatriotic Citizens

"No man is a patriotic citizen," Dr. Durham declared, "who violates the constitution. The man who patronizes those who sell liquor is a traitor to his country. Those who deal in whiskey kill more people than Germany killed. Two-thirds of the murders in this county may be traced to violation of the liquor laws."

Courts Too Lenient

"Proper punishment is not given violators of the law. Men are fined ten or fifteen dollars who ought to be sent to the chain gang for twelve months. If people would rise in indignation and demand proper punishment for violations of law we'd have a better country."

Hell Broth and Scum

"When hell-broth is boiling the scum comes forth. If there was proper respect for law the awful things that have happened in this county would not have happened, when men have gone from places where liquor is served to an awful death. Such places are the very gates of hell and they should not be tolerated. If the people say they must go they will go."

"Our fair county is smirched and damned because men are too cowardly or too indifferent."

Ku Klux Methods Encourage Lawlessness.

"We should emphasize obedience to law and punishment by the properly constituted authorities. There is no authority or excuse for masked men to attempt to enforce the law. That is not the right way to make people have respect for law. It encourages violation of the law."

"Suppose some people in a foreign country were being told about North Carolina," said the preacher. "They would be told that it is a great State, prosperous and rich. 'But how about the laws?' would be asked. 'Oh, the principal government is by masked and robed men who whip people who do not do as they think they should do.'"

"I am not so pessimistic as to think that we are on the ragged edge of ruin," said Dr. Durham, "but I am convinced that some conditions must be remedied before we can have the county, the State and the nation we ought to have. Rome was as great the hour before she fell as she ever was. Germany reached the highest notch of her greatness in 1914—and look at her now!"

"If this country is saved it will be through respect for law and properly constituted authority."

"In the spring," said Dr. Durham in

Two Men Killed at Rennert And Car Smashed by Train

Bun Tolar of Rennert and James Ray of Fayetteville Were Instantly Killed Saturday When Train Struck Auto—Car Stalled on Track in Front of Fast Train—Mr. Charlie Tolar Missed Death by Being Late.

A horrible accident occurred in the town of Rennert early Saturday morning. Mr. Bun Tolar of Rennert and Mr. James Ray of Fayetteville, being instantly killed when southbound A. C. L. passenger train No. 83 struck the Ford touring car in which they were riding. Death was instantaneous to both men. Mr. Ray's body was thrown into a ditch several feet away, while the body of Mr. Tolar was carried a half mile down the track on the front of the engine.

Messrs. Ray and Tolar were leaving Rennert on their way to Shannon when the train hit the car. Mr. Charlie Tolar, son of Mr. Bun Tolar, narrowly missed being in the fatality. He was supposed to go with the men, but was late reaching the place from where the men started, leaving him just a few minutes.

Prof. J. P. Croft of Rennert came to Lumberton Saturday morning accompanied by Mrs. Charlie Tolar, leaving Rennert before the accident. It was while he was in the courthouse that he heard of it. Mrs. Tolar, believing her husband to have been in the car, knowing that he was to have gone, was greatly affected by the news. Prof. Croft stated that after he returned to Rennert he learned that Mr. Ray had been advised by Mr. Luther McIntyre that the fast train was coming, as he was leaving, and that Mr. Ray drove right on the track where the car stopped as if the motor had stalled. In an instant the two were killed and the car was completely demolished.

No blame can be attached to the train engineer, as his train is a through fast train and had blown for the crossing and the town. Sheriff Lewis and Coroner Biggs went to the scene of the wreck immediately upon being notified.

Mr. Ray was in the employ of the railroad company at the time of the accident, being on relief duty at Rennert on account of the illness of Mr. Perry, who is taking treatment at the railroad hospital in Rocky Mount.

The remains of Mr. Tolar, who was 60 years old, were interred yesterday at the Tolar graveyard near the home. The remains of Mr. Ray, who was about 35 years old and formerly was telegraph operator at Buie, were interred at Philadelphia.

FASHION REVUE DOWN PETTICOAT LANE A GREAT SUCCESS

Local Talent Play Greeted by Full House at School Auditorium Thursday Night—They Were All There Except the Groom from Old Black Mammy to Petite Bride.

A full house greeted local talent in the "Fashion Revue Down Petticoat Lane" at the high school auditorium Thursday evening. It was given under the auspices of the Business and Professional Woman's club. Around eighty people took part and a most enjoyable program was rendered. The program was a success throughout, those taking part doing so in a most pleasing manner. They were all there from the old black mammy to the petite bride, with her attendants, but no groom was present for it was "Fashion Revue Down Petticoat Lane."

Admission of 25c and 50c was charged and the neat sum of \$164.20 was realized above expenses.

The program was delightfully supplemented by vocal solos by Mrs. J. A. Martin and Miss Lula Norment, readings by Mrs. J. B. Poole and little Miss Christine Johnson, and several violin selections by Mr. Mac Shubert of St. Paul.

High Point, Feb. 22.—At the final session this afternoon of the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Tri-State Medical association which convened here yesterday, Dr. Chas. O. H. Laughinghouse, of Greenville, N. C., was elected to succeed Dr. S. S. Gale of Roanoke, Va., as president, and Greenville, S. C. was chosen as the meeting place for next year's convention.

conclusion, "the earth passes into the summer solstice because she turns toward the sun; and even so this country, State and nation may reach the summer solstice of righteous government when we turn ourselves to the sun of righteousness and call on all to stand true, be law-abiding and have reverence for the great Lawgiver."

Only One Record- er's Court for Robeson County?

McKinnon and Cobb Want Expression from People as to One Recorder Holding Court One Day Each Week in Towns That Now Have Court.

The Robesonian received this morning the following telegram from Representatives D. P. McKinnon and Collier Cobb:

"We are thinking of introducing a bill providing for only one recorder's court for Robeson county, the recorder to hold court one day each week in towns now having recorder. This to go into effect December 1st, 1924. Give this publicity. Wish expression from people."

The time is short and those who wish to express an opinion about this proposed legislation should wire or write either Mr. McKinnon or Mr. Cobb at once.

Legislative Mill

Mothers' Aid Bill Has Been Passed by Both Houses—Varner Bill Would Empower County Commissioners to Levy 20 Cents Ad Valorem Tax.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Passage of the general revenue bill through the house on third reading was obtained by a vote of 73 to 20 without a word of debate or discussion.

The lower body also passed the mothers' aid bill through third reading, which upon ratification will become a law, to aid needy children without taking them from their mothers.

Senate action on the Giles farm loan bill, set for action this morning, failed again today and for the third time this week the legislation was forced over.

The introduction of numerous local bills to give county boards of commissioners the "special approval" essential to enable them to levy more than 15 cents per \$100 ad valorem tax for "necessary expenses" was forestalled today by the introduction of a general bill by Senator Varner to empower any county board to make its levy as high as 20 cents.

The senate judiciary committee before which has come the house bill to place state solicitors on a salary of \$4,000 each with expenses to \$750 failed to get a quorum present for the hearing schedule for this afternoon to hear the objections of some of the officers affected by the bill. The committee set Tuesday morning 9:30 o'clock as the time for the necessarily postponed hearing.

Victim of Cutting Affray Still in Sanatorium.

The trial of Henry Herring, who cut and seriously wounded his brother Ab. Herring some time ago at the latter's home, near Marietta, will begin as soon as Ab. Herring is able to attend court.

A party was being held at the home of Ab. Herring when an argument was entered into by the two brothers, which resulted in a serious cutting affray. The wounded man was brought to Baker's sanatorium, where his condition is reported as improved. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Henry Herring and served by Rural Policeman D. C. Ratley, placing Mr. Herring under a \$500 bond for his appearance at court as soon as the wounded man is able to attend.

Pembroke School Building Completed

The handsome new school building for the white race at Pembroke has been completed and the Pembroke school is now using it. On account of the torn-up condition of the roads while the Lumberton to Pembroke road is being paved, pupils of the Glennwood school, consolidated with Pembroke, have not yet begun to use the new building and probably will not use it until next session.

Luke Britt Not Twenty Years Old.

Mr. D. B. Britt of Laurinburg advises The Robesonian that his brother Luke Britt, who is in jail on the charge of being implicated in the murder of E. R. Shepherd, will not be 20 years old until the 3rd of next August. It was stated in Thursday's Robesonian that Luke Britt was about 25 years old.

—Mr. Ira B. Townsend returned Saturday night from Black Mountain, where he and Mrs. Townsend went Thursday to see the latter's brother, Mr. John F. French, who has been a patient at the Cragmont sanatorium for some time. Mr. French's condition is improving. Mrs. Townsend will remain with him for some time.

Fastime Theatre, Lumberton, N. C. March 22 and 23. "When Knighthood was in Flower" with Marion Davies. —Adv.

MRS. CYNTHIA BRITT DIES AS RESULT OF INJURIES

Remains Will Arrive Here This Evening on V. & C. S.—Funeral Tomorrow at 2:30 P. M.

Mrs. Cynthia Britt died at 8 a. m. today at Smithfield of injuries received in the wreck.

The remains will arrive here this evening on the V. & C. S. and will be taken to the home of her step-son Mr. E. J. Britt, where funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. Interment will be made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters—Mesdames Johnnie Lewis and G. Baldwin of Wilmington—one son—Rev. Fred T. Collins, of Smithfield—two step-daughters—Mrs. Fannie Britt of Lumberton, and Mrs. Memthey Britt of Lumberton R. F. D.—and three step-sons—Messrs. E. J. Britt of Lumberton, W. C. Britt and Eli Britt of Lumberton R. F. D.

INFANT CHILD OF REV. FRED COLLINS INJURED IN WRECK

Child's Leg Was Amputated When Sedan Driven By Mr. Collins Was Demolished by Engine at Smithfield.

The infant child of Rev. Fred T. Collins, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church, was seriously injured at Smithfield Friday afternoon, states a dispatch from that place, when the sedan driven by Mr. Collins and occupied by his wife, mother and two children, was demolished by a shifting engine at the A. C. L. crossing near the depot at Smithfield. Mr. Collins is a native of Robeson and is well known in this county. Quoting further from the dispatch:

The child's leg was severed at a point just above the ankle, but was so badly crushed that amputation below the knee was necessary. Mrs. Collins was bruised and suffered from the shock as did Mrs. Britt Collins, the minister's mother, and Mr. Collins, who with his other child, about two years old, escaped practically without injury.

It is thought that the accident occurred when Mr. Collins, seeing the shifter, which was approaching slowly, stopped his car on one track to allow the train to pass on the other. The engineer saw the car, and thought it safe to proceed. Just as the engine was upon the crossing the car leaped forward directly in the path of the locomotive, rendering the crash, unavoidable.

Mr. Collins was carried about fifty feet on the cowcatcher before the engine could be stopped. The two women were thrown aside by the force of the impact, and his two-year-old child escaped injury, being able to get up itself.

The injured were carried to the Smithfield hospital where the infant's condition was tonight pronounced as very serious.

MEETINGS FOR BENEFIT FARM AND AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

Prof. H. W. Bullard is Directing Work of This Nature Held in Connection With Orrum High School.

In connection with the work at the Orrum high school meetings are being held on as many nights as can be conveniently arranged for the benefit of the farmer and agricultural student.

Prof. H. W. Bullard is directing this work and it is a part-time work throughout the entire state. During the recent meetings Dr. R. Y. Winters, of the Experimental Station, Raleigh, filling the capacity of plant breeder, spoke two nights on "Cotton Improvement" and "Soy Beans". Mr. W. D. Barker, of the Seaboard high school, has been present at two of these meetings and discussed "Swine Improvement" and "Feeding and Marketing of Swine". Mr. D. S. Coletrane, a lime specialist, was one of the later visitors who spoke on "Lime and Its Uses."

Several seniors of the State college vocational training department have visited the school and gotten a better idea of the agriculture department as it is handled in the rural high schools.

Miss Pearl McDowell has returned to her home in Lumberton from White Oak, where she visited Miss Margaret Melvin.

Mr. Simeon McLean, who lives on R. 5 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

Chief of Police B. M. Lawson and Messrs. F. C. Ashley, and F. F. Purvis of Fairmont are business visitors here today.

You Haven't Seen Love in Its Ideal Setting until You've Seen, When Knighthood was in Flower. Watch for Date.—(Adv.)

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 29 1-4 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

—Mr. L. C. Townsend is installing four new clothing counters today in his gent's furnishing store on Elm street.

—Mrs. L. H. Whitcraft was called to her former home at Elton, Md., last Saturday on account of the death of her father.

—Robeson chapter, U. D. C. will meet Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock at the tea room on Fifth street.

—A regular meeting of the I. O. O. F. will be held in the hall in the McLean building Thursday night. Refreshments will be served.

—Madam Marie, fortune teller, whose tent has been located on South Elm street across from the city hall for the past few months, has moved to a place near the fair grounds.

—Mr. O. M. Powers, who represents the Fisheries Products Co. in Robeson, returned yesterday from Durham. He will be in Robeson for the next two weeks.

—A representative of the Swiss government has arrived here and is spending some time inspecting the hard-surfaced roads of Robeson county. He was directed here from the State Highway Commission's office at Raleigh.

—Dr. E. R. Hardin returned last night from Augusta, Ga., where he went Monday of last week to be with his mother, Mrs. A. S. Hardin, who is ill. Mrs. Hardin's condition was still unimproved when Dr. Hardin left Augusta.

—"Morris, the Radio Man" will give a performance in the school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. School children will be admitted free. This is the last number of the Lyceum course which has been given under the auspices of the Woman's club.

—Thursday of last week, being the 22nd day of February, George Washington came into this office and subscribed for The Robesonian. It wasn't the same one that banks and post-offices are closed for on that day, but a citizen of Robeson county.

—Mr. Lee G. Stone, who has won much fame in western baseball, will leave this week for Okmulgee, Okla., where he will enter training with the Okmulgee team. Mr. Stone has severed his connection with the City Electric Co., with whom he has been since his arrival here last fall.

—Mrs. Fannie N. Britt left Saturday for Smithfield where she will spend some time with friends and relatives. Mrs. Britt is related to the Rev. Fred T. Collins, whose infant child was injured in an auto accident at Smithfield Friday, an account of which is published elsewhere in this issue.

—Mr. H. M. Beasley, local contractor, began work this morning with a force of hands grading the State highway from the Red Springs town line to the Hoke county line. Mr. Beasley has the contract for grading and building concrete bridges on this stretch of highway. It will be a gravel and clay road. Contract also has been let for hard-surface highway through Red Springs.

Two Fire Alarms But Not Much Damage.

The local fire department answered 2 alarms Saturday night. Neither fire resulted in much damage.

The first alarm was 'phoned in at 7 o'clock and when the firemen arrived the roof of the house occupied by Lizzie Kelly, "in the bottom," and owned by Mr. W. L. Linkhaw, was burning slightly. Chemicals were used and the fire was extinguished before any material damage had been done.

The second alarm was 'phoned in from the residence of Mr. F. J. Pait on E. 5th street, about 8 o'clock. A burning chimney was found there and it was soon out by chemicals, with no damage.

Funeral of J. H. Felts Conducted Thursday.

The funeral service for John Harvey Felts was conducted Thursday afternoon at the residence, 627 East Fifth street, by Dr. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, whose choir rendered selections. Burial was at Elmwood cemetery.

Mr. Felts died Wednesday at the Presbyterian hospital after an illness of several weeks. He was connected with the Boyd-Gardner company. Mr. Felts was 73 years old and is survived by his widow, three daughters and three sons.—Charlotte Observer, 23rd.

Deceased was the father of Mr. J. H. Felts of Lumberton.

Mr. F. L. Parnell of Buie, R. 1, was a business visitor here today.