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## Trial of Alleged Members of Masked Mob in Progress

**Prosecution Asks That Defendants be Bound to Higher Court on Charge of First-Degree Burglary—Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Watson Only Witnesses Examined at Morning Session—Defendants Claim to be Able to Prove Alibi.**

Preliminary hearing before Recorder W. B. Ivey of the case of B. M. Lawson, chief of police of Fairmont, John Hedgpath and Jule Brogden of Proctorville, on the charge of entering with a band of masked and white-robed men, the home of H. F. Purvis and Mrs. Watson at Proctorville on the night of April 14, last, taking therefrom Mrs. H. F. Purvis and Mrs. Watson and beating them with a strap upon their naked flesh, is in progress at the court house as the Robesonian goes to press. The hearing began this morning at 10 o'clock. The court house was packed this morning to the last inch of standing room, and many failed to get inside.

The prosecution is seeking to prove that the defendants should be bound over to Superior court on the charge of first-degree burglary, which is a capital offense. Solicitor Ertel Carlye is being assisted in the prosecution by Superior Court Solicitor T. A. McNeill and the law firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor. The defendants are represented by the firms of McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy, Britt & Britt, E. J. & L. J. Britt and Johnson & Johnson.

Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Watson were the only witnesses examined up to 1 o'clock this afternoon, when court adjourned until 2:30. Their testimony was substantially the same as given in Monday's Robesonian. The defense claims to be able to prove an alibi for each of the defendants.

## TOWN OFFICERS NOMINATED. No Opposition to Any Candidate and Light Vote is Cast—Election May 7.

A very light vote was cast in the primary Tuesday for nomination of town officers as there was no opposition to any of the candidates. Only 59 votes were cast. Mayor E. M. Johnson, who has served one term of one year, was nominated for a 2-year term, the term of office for mayor having been extended to two years by the last Legislature. Other officers were nominated as follows, all being re-nominated: commissioners: S. McIntyre, ward . . . 1, J. L. Stephens, ward No. 2; school trustees: K. M. Barnes, G. L. Thompson, L. E. Whaley; members of board of audit and finance: Frank Gough, H. M. McAllister, J. D. McMillan.

## ROWLAND WILL SPECIALIZE AT CURB MARKET SATURDAY

Correspondence of The Robesonian. On Saturday, April 28th, the Rowland home demonstration club will put on a special cake sale at the curb market. These ladies are wonderfully skilled in the art of cake making and they expect to have a large lot of delicious cakes along with a number of other attractive and tasty eats. We will also specialize on spring chickens and we have the promise of a large lot for this week. Come at nine o'clock and see what a splendid market we have.

## MARTHA FLAX ANDREWS Home Demonstration Agent

Where to Meet List-Taker for Lumberton Township.

Mr. J. H. Barrington, list-taker for taxes for Lumberton township, will be at the following places on the dates mentioned: Lumberton Cotton Mill store May 2nd from 8:30 a. m. to noon; National Cotton Mill store May 2nd from 1:30 p. m. to 4:30; Jennings Cotton Mill store May 3rd from 8:30 a. m. to noon; office of county auditor at court house from May 4th to May 31st.

## Migration of 5000 Negro Laborers Hurts Road Work.

Raleigh News and Observer, 25th: Migration of 5,000 unskilled negro laborers from the State during the past five days has paralyzed construction work in many localities, seriously threatened the ability of many farmers to cultivate a crop this year, and set the State Revenue Department hard after unlicensed agents who are directing the movement.

Mr. A. T. McCallum of Red Spring was a Lumberton visitor Monday.

## COLORED TENANT OPERATED WHISKEY STILL IN HIS ROOM

**Bad Odor Emanating from Room Led to Location of Lard-Can Still on Farm Near Lumberton.**

Deputy Sheriffs A. H. Prevatt and A. E. Pittman captured a whiskey still Monday afternoon of the lard-stand variety, in a house on Mr. K. M. Biggs' farm about two miles from town on the Fairmont highway.

A colored family, tenants of Mr. Biggs, lived in one end of the house and the other end, in which the still was found, had been occupied by a negro man who had been working on the farm, but not recently, leaving Monday morning and returning the following Saturday.

The family knew nothing of the affair, but notified officers to come and see just what was in the locked room as there was a very bad odor escaping from it, which they knew to be out of the ordinary.

The operator of the still has not yet been apprehended but the officers are confident they will have him lodged in jail within the next few days.

The apparatus was found in the fireplace of the room and hung so that the fire could be placed under it and the smoke go out the chimney in the ordinary way.

## Flora McDonald College Finals

**Program Announced for 27th Annual Commencement—Largest Graduating Class in History of the College.**

Red Springs, April 24.—Flora MacDonald college has announced the following program for the twenty-seventh annual commencement:

Saturday, May 19th, 5 p. m., Senior Class Day exercises, Woodland theatre.

Sunday, May 20th, 11:15 a. m., baccalaureate sermon, college auditorium, by Rev. J. E. Purcell, Jr., pastor St. Andrews' Presbyterian church, Wilmington; 6:30 p. m., vesper service, Woodland theatre, College campus, Dr. C. G. Vardell; 8:00 p. m., sermon before the Y. W. C. A., Presbyterian church, Rev. J. E. Purcell, Jr.

Monday, May 21st, 8:00 p. m., concert by the Conservatory of Music, college auditorium.

Tuesday, May 22nd, 9 a. m., meeting of board of trustees; meeting of advisory boards; 10:30 a. m. business meeting of General Alumnae association; 4 p. m., reception and exhibits departments of fine and household arts; 8 p. m., Senior class play, "Midsummer Night's Dream", college auditorium; 10 p. m., alumnae banquet, college dining hall.

Wednesday, May 23rd, 10 a. m., graduating exercises, college auditorium, address by Rev. D. N. McLaughlin, pastor Second Presbyterian church, Norfolk, Va.

Flora MacDonald college will graduate on May 23rd the largest class in her history with twenty-eight seniors receiving degrees. Twenty members of the class are from North Carolina; four from South Carolina; two from Georgia; one from Florida; and one from Japan. Seventy-five per cent of the class will teach and take up advance work along the following lines: medicine, journalism, physical education, cafeteria management, banking, community work, nursing, law, foreign missionary.

## Names of the graduates are:

Misses Ellen Erwin Black, Davidson; Mildred McAulay, Mount Gilead; Eliza MacKay Whitted, Wilmington; Margaret Hall, Wallace; Anna Mae Caddell, Carthage; Phoebe E. Wakefield, Banner Elk; Annie Lee Funk, Florence, S. C.; Lucy Hunsucker, Gibson; Julia Ramsey, Banner Elk; Janie Belle Buchanan, Japan; Miriam Harrison, Leesburg, Fla.; Ada MacRacken, Whiteville; Mamie Baker, Latta, S. C.; Ruth Nowell, Fayetteville; Bonnie Bessie Bulla, Fayetteville; Lillian Street, Glendon; Mary Alice Boyd, Townsville; Willie Mae Whiteside, Charlotte; Alma M. Burgess, Summerton, S. C.; Sarah Louise Mandeville, Sylvester, Ga.; Onie Ruth Erwin, Clarksville, Ga.; Vera Coe, Richland, S. C.; Hannah Nash McNeill, Bules; Margaret McGirt, Maxton; Martha Miller Jones, Red Springs; Mary Rice McCulloch, Burlington; Margaret Reid Morton, Oxford; Margaret McLeod, Red Springs.

## LUMBERTON DEFEATS FAIRMONT NINETEEN TO SIX

In a game of baseball Tuesday afternoon, which was filled with loose playing and errors, especially on the part of the visitors, the Lumberton high school team defeated the Fairmont school team 19-6.

Stubbs started the twirling for the visitors, and was hit hard, being relieved by Ashley, who did somewhat better but who had to be relieved in the 6th by Jennings.

Andrews and Prevatt of the locals did stellar work with the stick, banging out 2 3-base hits each.

Batteries: Fairmont—Stubbs, Ashley, Jennings and Mitchell; Lumberton—Jones and Huggins.

## CONDITION OF WOUNDED NEGRO IS STILL CRITICAL

**Hamilton Negro Who Used Brick With Such Force as to Fracture J. C. McCoy's Skull is Still at Large.**

The condition of J. C. McCoy, negro, whose skull was seriously fractured by a brick thrown by W. J. Hamilton, also colored, Monday morning, still remains critical.

Eight pieces of bone were taken from the wounded man's head during the operation, which was performed by Dr. R. S. Beam at the Thompson hospital soon after the accident.

The officers have been unable to locate the Hamilton negro, who made a quick get-away as soon as he had wounded McCoy. Hamilton's home is in Lake View, S. C., an dit is thought that he caught a car on the W. C. A. highway just beyond the river bridge which gave him a good start on the officers.

## Maxton News Letter

Woman's Auxiliary Meets With Mrs. J. P. Wiggins—Miss Marguerite Townsend Hostess to Student Club—Wholesale Baptizing.

By Grace McCurdy.

Maxton, April 25.—The home of Mrs. J. P. Wiggins was beautifully decorated yesterday, April 24th, with flowers from gardens, from fences and from the woods, the occasion being a gathering of the members of the Women's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church of Maxton. Mrs. S. A. Reid, president of the Synodical Home Mission department, made a talk which was very interesting and inspiring, on the spiritual side of the auxiliary's work. The officers of the Center and Midway auxiliaries were also present. Music was furnished by Mrs. Maude Croom, who sang, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Williams on the piano, and Miss Louise McCallum also sang a couple of solos.

Several of the ladies took part in a pageant in connection with the "Missionary Survey" in which it developed that anything in the way of information for getting up papers or programs might be found in that publication. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake.

Messrs. E. G. Chamberlin, Porter and Carpenter from New York spent Wednesday in Maxton on business.

The student club was entertained by Miss Marguerite Townsend Friday night. Considerable discussion was had as to the subject for next year's study, some of the members desiring to take up the study of "Modern Drama," others wishing to study the different operas and another subject some were partial to being "Short Stories." As no agreement was reached, a meeting was arranged to be held at the home of Mrs. Lacy Williams on Friday to discuss the matter further. Miss Bessie McNair read a paper on "World Superstitions;" Miss Clarkie McLean told about the ghosts in Shakespeare and "The Fall of the House of Usher;" Mrs. Lacy McLean's subject was "The Rainbow Bridge and the Milky Way," and Mrs. Henry A. McKinnon had much interesting material on Easter, and also folk-music. At the end of the program refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, and then a lively discussion was had as to the conflict in the dates of the commencements of the graded school, Carolina college and the Chautauque, as it seems all of these will be going on in town at the same time.

A sort of a wholesale baptizing was held at the home of Mr. Mack McKinnon last Sunday, when the four youngest members of that branch of the McKinnon family were baptized by Dr. H. G. Hill. These babies were the sons of Messrs. McKay McKinnon, Sam McKinnon, Will McKinnon and Ben McKinnon.

Mrs. E. L. Siler is visiting at her old home in Cheraw.

## Lumber Bridge School Finals

**Commencement Exercises Will be Held April 29 and 30 and May 1 and 2.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, April 24.—Commencement exercises of Lumber Bridge high school will be held April 29th, 30th and May 1st, 2nd. The exercises will be opened on Sunday, April 29th, at 11 a. m., when Rev. E. L. Siler of Maxton will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium. Monday, April 30th, at 8 p. m., the Senior class will present their Class Day exercises, followed by a recital presented by the pupils of Miss Ruth Siler and the choral clubs. The grammar school will deliver a varied program on Tuesday evening, May 1st, at 8 o'clock. At 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 2nd, Prof. P. S. Kennett will deliver the literary address, after which the graduating class will receive their diplomas. The exercises will be closed on Wednesday evening, May 2nd 8 o'clock, when the high school presents the annual play, "Am I Intruding?" Admission 25 and 35 cents.

Lumber Bridge high school extends a hearty invitation to the public to attend their exercises.

## SMALL CHICKS PERISH IN FLAMES

**Mr. M. F. Caldwell Suffers Loss in Fire Which Damages Brooding and Other Small Houses.**

Fire yesterday morning at 6:20 completely destroyed a chicken brooding house and seriously damaged other small houses which were used for raising chicks, the property of Mr. M. F. Caldwell, at his home on Water street.

Six hundred and eighty-one little Leghorn chicks, 500 of them one month old the day of the fire, perished in the flames, and a large number of hams, shoulders, lard and a barrel of syrup was lost, the amount of the loss being several hundred dollars, with no insurance.

The fire is attributed to lamps which were burning in the brooder. A little time was lost in fighting the fire by the department on account of a hose bursting.

## St. Paul News

Evangelist Ham Conducts Service in Methodist Church—Mr. T. L. Johnson Addresses Parents-Teachers Association—Work on New High School Building Under Way—Work Begins on New Office Building—Personal.

By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Paul, April 24.—Friends of Dr. Robert H. Spiro of West Asheville were glad to have him in town several days last week.

Mrs. D. Shaw McEachern had for her guests one afternoon last week her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blue, and an aunt, Mrs. Angus Keith, who motored over from Raeford for a brief visit.

Dr. Willie Evans from Rowland was in town Monday to see Mrs. Joseph Evans, who has been sick for several days. Mrs. Evans, altho' better, is still somewhat under the weather.

Miss Alice Shaw, who has not been well for some time, went up to Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, Thursday of last week, where she was to consult a specialist, remaining over for several days' treatment.

Miss Pearle Howard is home again to the delight of her many friends, having spent several weeks in a Charlotte sanatorium.

Mr. Ham of the Ham-Ramsay evangelistic campaign which is in progress in Fayetteville, is to be in St. Paul this afternoon, where a service is to be held in the Methodist church at 3 o'clock.

An interesting meeting of the Parent-Teacher's association was held in the school auditorium yesterday afternoon. "Parent night," you might term it, is to be held here this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. T. L. Johnson of Lumberton is to be present and give an address. Punch, etc., to be served and a good time anticipated.

Work is progressing nicely on the new high school building and some of these days St. Paul will have a building of which its citizens may be proud.

Work begins this week on the office on Main street, we mentioned previously that Drs. J. F. Nash and L. J. Moore were to have erected. Miss Macy Guiton has returned to Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, after spending a few days among relatives here.

Mr. Paul N. Montague, who was in town for the week-end, has been real sick since Sunday, but is improving and is now hoping to be able for him and Mrs. Montague, who has been here, to return home this week. Mrs. Montague to come back later to finish her visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam M. Davis.

A number from here attended the revival in Fayetteville last Sunday afternoon, taking in both afternoon and evening services, some making it convenient to run in to see Miss Alice Shaw, which is always a rare treat to greet old friends while in a hospital.

Mr. Robert Seasons is home again, his school near Monroe, of which he was principal, having recently closed.

Mrs. J. L. Underwood and little daughter, from Roseboro, have been guests of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Sykes, the past 2 weeks. Miss Lena Sykes has also been a visitor in the Sykes home.

Mr. J. C. Lindsay and family left last Saturday afternoon for Ruby, S. C., where Mrs. Lindsay and the children are to spend several weeks, guests of her people, the McGregors, and other South Carolina relatives.

Mrs. W. R. McKenzie of Sampson has been visiting her sister Mrs. Roxie McMillan.

Miss Ophelia Gilmore, who has been in Pittman hospital for several days, remains in a very critical wandering condition, with very little hope for her recovery.

Misses Helen Oliver and Elsie Wilcox of the school faculty spent last Sunday with Miss Oliver's people at Marietta.

Mrs. Neill A. McEachern returned last week from Sanford, where she visited her mother, Mrs. J. M. Wick.

Rev. Daniel Patt McGeachy, D. D., of Decatur, Ga., who is an old St. Paul boy, was to begin a series of meetings at Raeford this week, his friends will be glad to note. Mrs. D. S. McEachern was planning

## COMMITTEE WILL CANVASS FOR CAROLINA COLLEGE DORMITORY.

**Meeting Called for This Evening in Ladies' Parlor at Chestnut Street Church.**

At a meeting of the official board of Chestnut Street Methodist church Monday evening the following were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the dormitory which is needed at Carolina college, Maxton: W. H. Humphrey, chairman; Messrs. J. R. Poole, F. P. Gray, A. E. White, I. B. Townsend, Rufus Goodyear, J. A. Sharpe. This committee will meet in the ladies' parlor at the church this evening at 8 o'clock.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, during a recent drive the people of Maxton pledged \$25,000 for the proposed dormitory and other towns in the county have been asked to help. At the well-attended meeting of the Chestnut church official board Monday evening the pastor, Dr. R. C. Beaman, explained the needs of Carolina and it was decided to appoint a committee that will make an effort to secure a substantial fund in Lumberton for this worthy institution. It is understood that 100 girls already have applied for admission next fall, and it is necessary to build a dormitory in order to accommodate these and others who are expected. It is proposed to build a dormitory costing \$50,000.

## Parkton Letter

**Mr. E. B. Daniel's Father Passes—Shad Supper in Honor of Teachers—Result of Town Primary—Coming to Lumberton in Force May 10th—Store Robbed.**

By C. D. Williamson. Parkton, April 23.—Mr. E. B. Daniel was advised early Sunday morning by wire that his father, Mr. J. J. Daniel, aged 81, died at one o'clock at his home at Flemington, Va. Mr. Daniel, accompanied by his oldest daughter, Mildred, left Sunday evening for Flemington to attend the funeral.

A delightful social event of the week was the shad supper tendered on Tuesday evening, April 17th, at Elizabethtown, by the young men of the town, honoring the lady members of the Parkton faculty. Those present were Misses Edith Sullivan, Rhoda Holden, Pretta Brown, Sara Drew, Ruby Council, Sara Lamar, Sara Dixon and Ruby Williams; Messrs. N. A. McMillan, J. D. McCormick, W. A. China, Eugene Gayney, H. Singletary and Leslie Everett.

The town primary election Friday night resulted in the nomination of the following aldermen for the coming year: J. G. Hughes, W. W. Gainey Collier Cobb, J. F. Blue, C. A. Bodinhammer, J. Q. Farnell, for mayor, had no opposition.

The Ham-Ramsay revival at the tabernacle in Fayetteville draws large crowds of people from our town and report a great revival. Sunday was a record-breaking day for them. The meeting only lasts one more week.

Prof. Carter of the school advises us that he expects to attend the county commencement May 10th and that the occasion would be a part of the Parkton school commencement. Also the military company is anticipating a full turn-out and looking forward to a great occasion. The writer hopes to be there by a big majority.

News has just reached us that Parkton grocery store was broken into and robbed last night, near \$100 worth of goods stolen—high-grade shoes and socks, pants and shirts, cigars, and numerous other articles. No clue to the guilty party.

## Michigan House Opposes Masks.

Lansing, Mich., April 24.—Wearing of masks in public by organizations is prohibited in a bill passed by the Michigan house of representatives today by a vote of 76 to 22.

The measure was introduced by Representative James A. Burns, of Detroit, and was said by its sponsors to be aimed at the Ku Klux Klan and similar organizations. It now goes to the senate.

Miss Susan G. Brown returned to her home in Wilmington Monday night after having spent the week-end with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Davis, Fifth street.

Miss Ruth Landel of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mrs. E. M. Barker in Lumberton and Mrs. Brewer in Boardman. She was met here yesterday afternoon by Dr. T. C. Britt, who accompanied her to Boardman.

to spend the week at home, but an attack of croup which the baby suffered Sunday has so far prevented her from fulfilling her desires.

Mrs. Carl Howard returned last week from Hertford, where she visited her daughter.

**GASOLINE 25 CENTS. CARS WASHED, POLISHED, GREASED. WE WANT YOU FOR A CUSTOMER. JNO. C. FULLER.**

## NOTICE.

The Robesonian is handicapped in getting out today by the absence of its principal linotype operator, Mr. W. E. Bell, who was called to Apex this morning on account of the serious illness of his mother and other members of the family. For that reason some matter that otherwise would have appeared in today's paper must be held over for the next issue.

## Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 27 cents the pound.

## Items of Local News

—Callie Buie and Dennis Harrington, colored, were married yesterday afternoon in the court house by Justice Ben G. Floyd.

—Mr. A. Weinstein has just returned from New York city, bringing back with him an assortment of ladies ready-to-wear.

—Messrs. S. C. Holder and B. K. Bradshaw have leased the Lorraine hotel barber shop, where they previously were employed by the hotel management, and will continue to conduct it.

—English peas, the first of the season, were sold on the local market today by Robt. Brewington, who lives on the Joe Prevatt place 4 miles from Lumberton on the Carthage road. He has two acres of them.

—Mrs. W. L. Daugherty is expected home tomorrow from Henderson, where she went Tuesday to attend the Woman's Missionary conference in session there Tuesday and yesterday. She went as a delegate from Chestnut Street Methodist church.

—Mrs. M. H. Markham and daughter, little Miss Doris Lee, left this morning for Jackson Springs to attend the wedding of Mrs. Markham's sister-in-law, Miss Ruth Markham of Jackson Springs, and Mr. John Gibson of Laurel Hill, which takes place this evening at 8 o'clock.

—Mr. J. B. Hoyt and daughter, Miss Beatrice of Michigan, are motoring through from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Lansing Michigan, and stopped over for several days with Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Moorehouse. They by way of Washington, D. C. On leave today for their Northern home Monday Dr. and Mrs. Moorehouse, with their guests, motored over to Rock Hill, S. C., to spend a day with Miss Christabel Moorehouse, who is teaching at Winthrop college.

## HARDING COMMITS SELF TO INTERNATIONAL COURT

**Sets Forth Reasons Which Impelled Him to Recommend U. S. Membership in Child of League of Nations.**

New York, April 24.—President Harding today committed himself and his administration without equivocation to American membership in the permanent court of international justice.

Speaking at the annual luncheon of members of the Associated Press, Mr. Harding set forth the reasons which impelled him to recommend to the senate shortly before the adjournment of Congress the adherence of the United States to the world court protocol as drafted under the league of nations, outlined the advantages he believes would accrue from adoption of the recommendation and presented for the first time answers to the arguments of opponents of the administration plan.

In doing so, the chief executive asserted his conviction that American membership in the court would be "in harmony with party platform pledges, candidatorial promises and American aspirations." It would not be and could never be construed as being an indirect entrance into the league of nations, he declared with emphasis.

The address made before a thousand of the nation's leading newspaper editors and publishers was generally considered as the beginning of the presentation which the President plans to make during the spring and summer of the principal policies to be pursued during the next year.

Political leaders throughout the country admittedly in disagreement as to the wisdom of the world-court recommendation, awaited with intense interest the address and tonight were watching for the country's reaction. Whatever reception it might be accorded by the American people, the president indicated clearly that he stood firm behind his recommendation.

Mrs. C. B. Skipp returned after noon for Garden Long Island, N. Y., where she will spend some time with friends.

Mrs. W. G. returned Monday from Salem, where she spent 3 weeks visiting relatives. Mr. John Williams of the Barnesville section was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon.

**EVERYBODY WILL BE IN LUMBERTON MAY 10th.** Our late-string hangs on the outside to all. Inspect Our Plant. **FREEMAN PRINTING CO. LUMBERTON, N. C.**