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Marion Gibson Shoots Soldier

His Home Near St. Paul Scene of Shooting—Had Warned Married Private Williams From Fort Bragg to Keep Away from His Home—Williams' Wounds Not Serious—Hearing Set for Friday A. M.

St. Paul, May 3.—At his home one mile from here Tuesday about 3:30 p. m., Mr. Marion Gibson shot and wounded in the neck and shoulder one Jas. H. Williams, a private attached to the medical department station at Fort Bragg, who is said to be married and who had been warned by Mr. Gibson to keep away from his home and cease his attentions to his 16-year-old daughter, Miss Elizabeth Gibson. The soldier was not seriously wounded, according to latest reports. Mr. Gibson immediately after the shooting came to town and surrendered and was released on \$200 bond. Hearing before Recorder Marcus Smith is set for tomorrow at 10 a. m. but it is not thought that Williams will appear at the trial. Mr. Jno. S. Butler represents Mr. Gibson.

Williams, who was on a 30-day furlough and who is said to have a wife in Benton, Ark., came here 3 weeks ago. He has been paying marked attention to Miss Gibson, whose mother is dead, in spite of repeated warnings from the girl's father to keep away from his home. Tuesday Mr. John Gibson came to town to where the girl's father was at work on a house, and told him that he had seen Williams going toward his home. Mr. Gibson at once got into his car and left for home. Arrived there, he found Williams with his daughter and when Williams put his hand into his hip pocket Gibson opened fire with a revolver, two balls taking effect. Mr. Gibson immediately came to town with his two daughters and gave himself up to Chief of Police Rivers, bond in the sum of \$200 being arranged immediately for his release. Williams was removed to Fort Bragg in an army ambulance. His wounds are understood not to be serious. It has been announced that army officers are investigating the shooting.

The following is taken from St. Paul correspondence of the Fayetteville Observer: "There has been a story in circulation here for several weeks that a woman resident of St. Paul's stated several weeks ago that if soldiers kept coming to their village some of them were going to be carried away in a hearse. Shortly after this the military police were obliged to go to St. Paul to arrest a soldier. A few days later another soldier required ambulance treatment."

Reports of Cruelty Unfounded

Wife of Man About Whom Damaging Reports Were Circulated Tells Officers Her Husband Has Done Nothing Wrong—She Says Whipping Was Justified and Not Too Severe.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. R. Pittman went Tuesday to the home of George Allen, Wishart township, to investigate reports which had been made here relative to a terrible whipping that Mr. Allen is said to have given his young daughter. Mr. Allen was not at home at the time, but the officers were advised by his wife that the report was untrue, admitting, however, that her husband did whip their daughter and that he was justified in doing so because she had been keeping company with a young man whom they deemed undesirable, and to whom they objected.

When asked if she wanted Mr. Allen arrested and prosecuted, Mrs. Allen stated that she did not, because he had done nothing to warrant it. It was first reported in Lumberton that Mr. Allen had beaten his daughter with a shotgun and that she was at the point of death, with many other fearful details. All of this was denied by Mrs. Allen, who said that the daughter had been at work in a store and had not lost any time on account of the whipping.

Released Under Bond. Minnie Johnson Green, who had been in the county jail since last week on a warrant charging violation of marriage laws, gave bond in the sum of \$300 and was released yesterday to await hearing which will be given Monday.

Her husband Bob Green, who is wanted on several charges, will be given a trial at the same time. He is still in jail. It is alleged that Bob Green, a white man, is the husband of Minnie Johnson Green, who is reputed to be an Indian.

Trial Postponed Indefinitely. The trial of Jessie Sellers, who shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Wincle Bass several weeks ago, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the condition of the prosecuting witness not being physically able to attend the hearing.

—Dr. C. H. Durham will return to Lumberton to-night and desires to meet a full attendance of his congregation at the regular services Sunday.

Much Grist Thru Recorder's Mill

Violation of Tick Law Brings Jail Sentence—Convict Camp Keepers Must Not Give Prisoners a Holiday—Other Cases.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder W. B. Ivey in the past few days:

Charlie Houston, colored, was awarded a contract to improve the county roads for the next six months when found guilty of an assault with deadly weapon, but wasn't satisfied with the leniency of Recorder Ivey and gave notice of appeal to July term of Superior court. Bond in the sum of \$300 was fixed.

Prentice Floyd, colored, was automatically released from the possibility of receiving a like sentence when Solicitor Carlyle agreed to try Houston for a misdemeanor instead of a felony, which caused a nol pros to be taken in the case of Floyd, aiding and abetting the eluding of officers.

The case grew out of an affair which occurred on the night of April 16th, the result of which showed Ed. Miles' face to be the recipient of the caresses of a sharp-edged instrument in the hands of Charlie, all on account of a woman.

R. Stephens, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, entered a plea of nolo contendere and was ordered by the court to pay \$5 a month to Tom Tolar for 12 months and to pay the costs in the case.

Beatrice Royal, colored, charged with curbing and raising a disturbance on public highway, had a lucky day by getting judgment continued for 6 months upon payment of costs.

Zeemer Pope, colored, was before the court on a charge of larceny, but it was found that a kind providence had not allowed him to live as long on this earth as the law requires one to have lived before being privileged to face the recorder. His case was remanded to the juvenile court of Robeson county.

Furman Freeman lost a little time by appearing before the court on a charge of operating a motor vehicle on the streets of the town of Lumberton without having first supplied himself with the necessary piece of card board and without having deposited with the town clerk and treasurer a \$1 bill, which entitles a person to drive on the "nice paved streets for a period of 52 weeks. However, he did not lose his case and was found not guilty.

E. S. Walters was found guilty of violating the tick law, and was given a complimentary ticket entitling him to spend 30 days in the county's brick building which has iron bars at the doors and windows, commonly called the jail. An additional 30 days was handed him on a continued judgment for the same offense. Notice of appeal, and bond in the sum of \$100 was given.

It was found that E. W. Kinlaw did not steal a mule and he was acquitted of the charge of larceny. But it was found that he was guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and was fined \$10 and costs. Appeal was made and bond in the sum of \$50 was made.

An additional thirty days was given Gilmore Locklear, Indian, who on or about the 8th day of April was given liberty from the convict camp where he was serving a sentence, and who was found during the day transporting "Turlington's Tonic" by Rural Policeman W. W. Smith. Recorder Ivey instructed the solicitor to swear out a warrant for the keeper of any gang who allowed a prisoner a day off who committed any crime whatever.

Joe Beattie, colored, had the pleasure of hearing "not guilty" in the case of larceny against him.

Jesse Oxendine, Indian, paid the costs in the case charging him with using profane and indecent language on the public highway.

James Warwick, Indian, was fined \$50 and costs for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of very intoxicating liquor, and was taxed with the costs in a second charge of being drunk and disorderly on the public highway.

Dock Rozier, colored, will have to get the necessary license before he operates a motor vehicle for hire any more and pay the costs in the case charging him with operating a car for hire without license.

Orrum School Founded by M. Shepherd—Rev. A. E. Paul Dug the Stumps.

It is interesting to note in connection with the closing of the splendid consolidated school at Orrum, an account of which was given in Monday's Robesonian; that this well-known school was established back in 1891 by Mr. M. Shepherd, who is still an honored citizen of Orrum. At that time most of the present school grounds and the site of the magnificent new high school building were thick woods, and Rev. A. E. Paul, a well-known Baptist preacher of East Lumberton, working his way through school, helped to clear the land and dug up many a stump at ten cents a piece while other boys were playing.

—The Robesonian acknowledges with thanks receipt of an invitation, sent by Miss Augusta Britt, to the commencement exercises of Wingate school from May 4 to 7. Several students from Robeson county are at this well-known school.

MAKE MAY 10TH GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY LUMBERTON

Mayor Johnson Appeals to All Citizens and Suggests Things to Do.

To the Citizens of the Town of Lumberton: Every citizen of the town should be interested in making May 10th the greatest day in the history of the town. It is not only our duty to do this, but it should be a pleasure. Permit me to make the following suggestions as a means of making May 10th a great day for every visitor who comes to our town.

First: Begin now to cleaning up everything about your house and premises that does not present a good appearance. Place it at a convenient place for the trash wagon, BUT NOT ON THE PAVED STREETS, and the street force will see that it is removed. Do not place any trash out for wagons after Tuesday of next week, so that all may be removed by the 10th.

Second: Decorate your homes and make it fitting for the occasion.

The American Legion boys are doing their very best to make this a great day, and we shall fall far short of our duty if we fail to render the best assistance possible in helping them. Let's all do our best.

E. M. JOHNSON, Mayor.

McLean Regrets Action School Board

Wires Bailey That He Hopes He Will Yet Speak at Parkton and Later in Lumberton and Be His Guest.

Lilesville, N. C., May 2.—A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, generally recognized as a candidate for Governor in the Democratic primary next year, who delivered a school address here today, wired J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, regarded as the probable chief opponent of Mr. McLean in the next gubernatorial race, expressing his regret for the action of the school authorities at Parkton in canceling the appointment of Mr. Bailey to deliver an address there.

Mr. McLean wired Mr. Bailey that had he known of the contemplated action he would have done everything in his power to have prevented it and further expresses the hope that the Raleigh man will yet fill his appointment at Parkton which is in Mr. McLean's county of Robeson.

Mr. McLean's telegram follows: "Hon. J. W. Bailey, Raleigh, N. C.

"Regret exceedingly cancellation of your appointment at Parkton as reported in the press. It is needless to say that if I had known of the contemplated action by the school board, I would have done everything in my power to have prevented it. I will be glad for you to speak often in Robeson and hope you can yet fill the appointment at Parkton, and also speak at Lumberton later, where I will be glad to welcome you.

(Signed) "A. W. McLEAN."

OUT ROZIER WAY

Quarterly Meeting—Movements of the People.

By Mamie Harrell. Rozier (St. Paul R. 2), April 30.—We were glad to see so many out Sunday to the quarterly meeting although the inclemency of the weather prevented lots from coming. Several of the churches were not represented in the singing contest but those that were sure had some nice music, and there were just plenty of "eats."

Mrs. Prevatt of Raft Swamp spent the week-end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brison and baby of Parkton were guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Brison's mother, Mrs. Annie Holder, of this vicinity.

Miss Pauline Willis of St. Paul was a visitor in here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Powers and baby of the Saddle Tree section were guests at the home of Mr. J. C. Carlyle Sunday.

Messrs. John McNeil, Wesley Watts and Stamps Hall of St. Paul were callers in here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Willis returned home Saturday night from Greensboro after visiting friends a week. Miss Donnie Belle Britt and Mr. Kleg accompanied her home and returned to Greensboro Sunday.

Messrs. James Bennett and H. Odum of St. Paul were visitors in here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Odum and baby, Tessie, of Parkton, were week-end visitors in here.

—Rev. G. B. Mines, who has accepted the call as pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle church, is expected to arrive with his family this week and will preach Sunday morning and night. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Mr. J. Z. Stone of Orrum was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Mr. Richard Humphrey of Saddle Tree was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Fairmont Letter

Important Meeting of U. D. C. on 9th—Social and Personal.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman. Fairmont, May 1.—The U. D. C. will hold its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. T. C. McIlhenny and Mrs. H. L. Price entertaining on May 9th. Very important business will come up at this meeting and it is hoped that every member will be present.

On account of May 10th celebration in Lumberton, our exercises were postponed until the Gus Floyd annual picnic, which will probably be held the latter part of May. At this time our decorating Confederate graves and placing markers to same will be observed.

One of the most enjoyable meetings of the Sidney Lanier Book club was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. C. Lassiter on North Main street, Mrs. Lassiter and Mrs. C. D. Baker entertaining. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with spring flowers and potted plants, signifying the approach of spring.

The topic for study being Sidney Lanier, several interesting papers were read on the life of the Southern poet, as a sailor, soldier, novelist and musician.

Several readings of poems and sketches of the poet were given by Mesdames G. L. Grantham, O. I. Floyd, A. H. Hayes and H. L. Price, and gave the club members a much better understanding of the South's most loved poet and his works.

After business adjourned the club opened for the social hour and several invited guests were entertained.

Mrs. Price rendered a delightful solo accompanied by Mrs. Hayes at the piano, after which cream and cake were served.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. H. H. Benson, Mesdames Benson and A. Byron Holmes being hostesses.

Mrs. W. W. Lewis has returned from Wilmington, where she went Thursday to attend a meeting of county boards of education. She was accompanied by Miss Katie McI. Buie of Philadelphia, who is also a member of the board of Robeson.

Misses Ruby Ward and Christine Floyd are at home for the summer months, their school at Centenary having closed.

Mr. Perry Riff, freshman at A. & M., is just as interested in basketball here as he was during his high school career here. From report of a recent game between the State college freshmen and Trinity freshmen we clip the following:

"State started the merry-go-round in the second when Gilbert singled, Wade got on first and Gilbert went to second when the Methodist short stop failed to handle a chance cleanly. Manney singled, advancing Gilbert and Wade, and both scored when Riff singled. Manney and Riff pulled a pretty bit of double-barreled larceny and neither were caught. However the side was retired when Ehus and C. Shuford fanned and Manney was trapped between third and home."

The State freshmen won over Trinity 9-2.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Taylor of Stedman spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parson Thompson.

Mr. J. Pender Mitchell spent last week in Georgia visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Mitchell is erecting a bungalow on South Main street and it was pretty generally understood that he would take unto himself a wife while away.

But alas, alas, fate doth decree That he should live by himself, and always agree That life is too short, be it an hundred years.

Miss Carrie Jenkins, who taught a very successful school at Newport, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Newton and children of Tatum, S. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Floyd.

PRISONER OPERATED ON

Luke Britt Removed from County Jail to Hospital—Operation Ordered on Recommendation of Physicians.

Luke Britt, who has been confined to the county jail since the finding of the remains of E. R. Shepherd several months ago, charged with the murder of Shepherd, underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock for hernia.

Medical attention was given Britt in jail following a complaint of his trouble and it was deemed advisable to operate. He readily submitted to the operation, which was ordered by Mr. Jno. W. Ward, chairman of the board of county commissioners, after the recommendations of the physicians.

The operation was a success and according to late reports the patient is doing nicely.

Guards have been placed at the hospital and as soon as recommended by the hospital authorities, Britt will be returned to the jail to await the July term of Superior court.

Mesdames W. T. Sledge, C. C. Michael, C. S. Bounds, E. B. Hayes and H. G. Mitchell of Fairmont were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

St. Paul News

Recital by Music Pupils—Work on New High School Building is Moving Along Swiftly—Tots Enjoy Birthday Party—Personal.

By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Paul May 1.—Friends of Miss Sarah McDuffie are glad to have her return home for the summer, her school at Bladenboro, where she was a member of the faculty, having recently closed. Miss Emma Crump, who taught at Buck Horn this season, is also home, arriving Sunday.

The music pupils here will give their recital on Thursday evening of this week. The high school department will continue thro' the 9 months, while the lower grades will close with 8. Next season they hope to have 9 months school. The new high school building is moving swiftly along and they now hope the commencement exercises may be held in it, Mr. G. T. Fisher has been on a visit to relatives in Sanford, Daytona and Jacksonville, Fla., for several days. He is expected to return this week, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. D. A. McQueen and 2 little sons, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McBryde, who will visit in the Fisher home.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Holt of Cherryville and Mrs. T. H. Olive of Mt. Gilead arrived in town Saturday night for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lancaster. Dr. Holt and Mrs. Olive left Sunday afternoon for Pinehurst, where Dr. Holt was to attend a dental meeting while Mrs. Olive is visiting relatives. Mrs. Holt will be a guest of her parents here several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Inman and Mr. P. J. Caudell expected to leave today for Mocksville, where they will visit among the Caudell relatives.

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Poole, Thursday morning, 26th, a daughter. Congratulations.

A bunch of the school kids motored over to Prospect Hall on last evening, where a picnic supper was enjoyed.

Little Miss Mable Esther Johnson entertained a number of her little friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson, last Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 6, the occasion being her sixth birthday anniversary. About 18 little guests were present and a number of games enjoyed, after which they went in couples to the dining room, which was a scene of beauty in its color scheme of pink and white. The table with its pretty decorations of pink and white centerpiece was arranged with a frosted birthday cake surmounted by a miniature doll in the center, around which 6 lighted candles gleamed, the white cloth with its corresponding napkins bearing a lovely design of "bubble blowing" children, portraying a vivid picture to life. Pink and white ribbon streamers were attractively arranged at the corner with each plate marked by dainty little baskets of pink mints, cream and cake being served, while crepe paper caps of various colors were presented each guest as favors. Mrs. Johnson was assisted in serving by her sister, Mrs. Norman Drum, Mrs. D. S. Currie, Mrs. L. I. Grantham, Mrs. Stuart McGoogan and Miss Elizabeth Hartman. Those present among the young guests were little Misses Sarah Grantham, Mary Stuart McGoogan, Ann Nash, Ruth Cox, Margaret and Janet McInnis, Margaret Wiggins, Susan Evans, Beatrice Sugar, Edna Lou Moore, Frances McGoogan, Frances Howie, Mable Esther and Baxter Johnson, with Sarah and Dan Currie and Alva Hughes of Parkton, little cousins of the wee hostess, as out-of-town guests.

The dainty little lady was the recipient of a number of gifts during the afternoon.

Messrs. A. R. McEachern and W. D. Johnson are in New York this week on business.

A number from here will attend May Day exercises at Flora MacDonald this afternoon.

Miss Lessie Martin returned last week from Fayetteville where she spent a few days with her sister Mrs. Eugene Holingsworth.

Give Farm Census Facts When Listing.

According to tax lister J. H. Barrington, the law requires every farmer to give in at the same time he gives in his taxes a list of the number of acres in cotton, tobacco, corn, etc.

The month of May is the month for listing taxes and the listtakers are urging that the people come prepared to give a list for the farm census, which is a very great benefit to them if given accurately.

—A series of meetings will begin at the First Baptist Church Sunday. The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening. Dr. J. R. Jester, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N. C., will arrive Monday and continue the meeting through the following Sunday. All are invited to hear him.

Mr. K. S. Monroe of Maxton, R. 3, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

BLUNDERING BILLY

Comedy by Junior Class High School Auditorium

FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 4, 8:00

Cotton Market

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

Items of Local News

—Mrs. D. A. Oliver of Fairmont yesterday entered the Thompson hospital, where she will receive special treatment. She was accompanied to Lumberton by her husband and Dr. A. H. Hayes.

—A movement is on foot by some of the local organizations for a half holiday on Thursday of each week during the summer months, as is the custom in a large number of towns and cities throughout the state.

—Mrs. M. J. Boucher, who had been a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, East Fifth street, where Mrs. Sharpe and her mother, Mrs. Anna P. Courtney, has been confined to her bed for many months, left Tuesday night for her home in Washington.

—"Blundering Billy", a comedy, will be given in the high school auditorium tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The characters in this comical play are members of the Junior class and they are prepared to give something that will cause old gloom to leave you. An admission price of 25 and 50 cents will be charged.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Abbott received a telegram yesterday advising that their son Mr. W. C. Abbott was seriously ill in a hospital in High Point. Mrs. Abbott left last evening to be with her son, expecting to reach High Point early this morning. Mr. Abbott was apparently in good health a few days ago. The nature of his illness was not stated.

—"The Third Alarm", a motion picture which has recently been shown in the larger cities of the state, will be shown at the Pastime theatre next Monday and Tuesday under the auspices of the local fire department, which will receive a benefit from the tickets sold by the firemen. The department will not receive any benefit from the tickets sold at the theatre.

—Prof. R. L. Pittman, principal of the Orrum school, Mrs. Pittman and their two sons, Masters Ray and Hal, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shepherd and two children, Miss Myrtle Rose and Master Bickett, and Misses Revah Newton, Elizabeth Stone, Ellen McQueen and Stella Morehead, the four last-named members of the Orrum school faculty were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

—Senator J. I. Baggett and brother, Mr. H. Baggett of Lillington, spent a day or two in Lumberton at the home of their sister Mrs. O. M. Powers on Seventh street. Senator Baggett delivered the commencement address at the Tabor High school, Columbus county, Wednesday morning and will be remembered here by many on account of his efforts in the past Legislature to unmask the Ku Klux Klan.

R. OSCAR PITTMAN

Former Sheriff and Well-Known Citizen of Robeson Died at His Home in Fairmont Tuesday—Funeral Yesterday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, May 1.—Mr. R. Oscar Pittman quietly passed away at his home on Iona street at 3:30 this morning, at the age of 72 years. He had been in declining health since Christmas, although able to be out. The funeral services will be conducted at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning by his pastor, Rev. W. F. Trawick, at the Methodist church, of which he was a consecrated member. The pall-bearers will be members of his Sunday school class. Interment will be in the new cemetery.

R. Oscar Pittman was born in Robeson county. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Pittman. Besides himself, there were another son, Mr. J. H. Pittman of this place, and five daughters, Mrs. F. C. Jones, and Mrs. J. W. Floyd of this place, Mrs. J. L. Townsend of Richmond, Va., and Mesdames Florence and Lilly Oliver of Marietta born to his parents who have made for themselves places of usefulness and honor. He was never married.

Deceased was one of Robeson's best-loved citizens, serving one term as sheriff of the county.

He was a successful farmer and business man and accumulated quite an estate as the results of his industrious and frugal habits.

Few men who have lived in Robeson county in the past have succeeded in impressing their influence for good more indelibly upon the lives of this section than did R. Oscar Pittman.

Mrs. W. C. Dodson passed through Lumberton yesterday afternoon en route to her home in Charlotte from Fayetteville. She was accompanied from Fayetteville here by her mother, Mrs. Billy Bowen, and Miss Annie Whiteman.

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