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Negro Boy Caught With Stolen Mail

Norwood Blount Has Been Making a Specialty of Special Delivery Letters—Walked into Trap—Matter Referred to Judge of Juvenile Court

Norwood Blount, colored, who says he is about 14 years old, was arrested early yesterday morning by officer Ed Glover charged with the larceny of a special delivery letter from the local postoffice.

Several special delivery letters have been missed recently from the postoffice. A trap was set for the thief and the young man walked right in and got caught. A letter containing a 20-cent piece was mailed at the office Tuesday night to be delivered early yesterday morning. The money had been marked so that it would be easily detected. Norwood, who has been employed at the office as assistant to his father, Ben Blount, who carries the mail to and from the office to the trains, thought that all special delivery letters contained money. He slipped this letter out of the office as he was gathering up the sacks for the early morning train. As soon as he left the office Policeman Glover was notified that the letter was missing. Glover went to the station and saw Norwood in the Raleigh & Charleston engine, which was standing on the track opposite the station, acting as if he was reading something. As soon as Norwood saw the officer looking at him he began tearing up the paper he had in his hand. Before he had succeeded in tearing it completely up Glover grabbed his hand and took it from him. It was the remains of the missing letter. The little negro denied the charge, but later told the postoffice officials that he did take the letter and money. One of the letters, partly torn, found up stairs over the postoffice, was to a woman from her husband and stated that he was sending \$4. The money was not found and it is believed that the boy used it for his personal benefit.

After the arrest the boy was given his freedom upon the promise of his father that he would be before U. S. Commissioner E. M. Johnson this morning for trial. The matter has been referred to Clerk of Court C. B. Skipper for disposal, as Judge Connor of Wilmington has advised that he could do no more with the youth if he was sent to him and the action of Juvenile Judge Skipper will be final.

SPECIAL STRAWBERRY MEETING AT COURT HOUSE SATURDAY

Mr. J. T. Lazar, County Farm Demonstrator of Columbus County to Speak. Mr. J. T. Lazar, county farm demonstrator of Columbus county will be the principal speaker at a special strawberry meeting to be held in the court house Saturday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

For more than five years Mr. Lazar has been in close touch with the strawberry work in Columbus, especially near Chadbourn, and he has some very valuable information for those who anticipate the raising of strawberries in this county. Mr. O. O. Dukas, Robeson county farm demonstrator will have charge of the meeting and states that every farmer and business man in the county is urged to attend.

FOR VICTIMS OF CAMDEN SCHOOL HOUSE FIRE

A check for \$10 has been received by The Robesonian to be forwarded to the Red Cross at Camden, S. C., for relief of the victims of the recent school house fire. The donor asks that his name be withheld. This, with contributions previously acknowledged, brings the total to \$16.25. The Robesonian will be glad to forward any contributions.

Will Invite Baraca Convention to Lumberton.

At a meeting of the Baraca class of the First Baptist church last Sunday it was decided that the class would be well represented at the annual Baraca Class convention, which is to be held in Kinston, June 14th. The delegates that go from Lumberton will make a desperate fight for the convention to meet in Lumberton next year and have been instructed to do every thing in their power to see that the convention is scheduled to meet in Lumberton in 1924.

Lumberton has one of the strongest Baraca classes in the state, and the First Baptist church here is a leader of the churches of this denomination in North Carolina.

The Dixie Minstrel Co. will stage its first performance tonight in the big tent opposite the town hall, at which time the negro minstrel lovers of the town will be entertained by 25 people who understand the business of making one laugh. There is a part of the program that is more or less unusual with minstrel shows; as the advance man stated there is a play given in connection with the minstrel show.

What Broke Windshield on Mr. Geo. L. Thompson's Car?

Did Somebody Shoot at Mr. Geo. L. as He Was Driving Peacefully to Rowland Yesterday?—It is a Mysterious What Broke the Windshield of His Auto.

Did somebody shoot at Mr. Geo. L. Thompson yesterday morning as he was driving his Ford coupe on the road to Rowland? He does not like to entertain the idea that some body willfully and maliciously shot at him and he does not believe any one did, but there is a hole in the windshield of his car and a small laceration on his finger where flying glass cut him. Possibly someone threw a rock or a piece of wood.

According to Mr. Thompson, he was riding along just as nice as you please, when all at once he heard a slight noise which was peculiar and observed that his windshield was broken, and looking down saw his finger bleeding, with broken glass scattered about over the car. This happened just as he met a car driven by a lady who had some children with her. He heard no noise similar to that caused by the firing of a pistol, still the hole made in the windshield looks as if a pistol ball had gone through. After proceeding on a few hundred yards Mr. Thompson stopped at Mr. Toon Pate's where he told Mr. Pate what had happened. They immediately phoned Rural Policeman J. H. Carper at Rowland who came to the scene and helped in trying to solve the shooting mystery. A small piece of wood was found on the fender of the car lying against the hood, but they could not see how this would make the hole in the windshield. Mr. Thompson admits that he was very much puzzled over the happening, but still he doesn't think it alarming.

County Home Committee Named

To Look Into Advisability of Erecting New Home—\$1,800 Appropriated for Farm Demonstration Work in County.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners Monday Commissioners W. J. Council and Rory McNair and County Attorney E. J. Britt were appointed a committee to look into the advisability of building a county home. Wilson & Berryman were selected as architects.

An appropriation of \$1,800 was made for farm demonstration work in the county for the year beginning July 1, 1923 of the amount being for colored people's farm demonstration work. Mr. C. B. Townsend, a member of the board, was appointed a committee to assist the county board of education in preparing the school budget for the ensuing year. Commissioner C. B. Townsend and Auditor A. V. G. Wishart were appointed a committee to purchase a milk cow for the county home. Board of the First National Bank of Lumberton as treasurer and financial agent of the county, in the penal sum of \$150,000, with the Maryland Casualty Co. of Baltimore as surety, was approved.

WRECK ON V. & C. S. NEAR ROSLIN DOES LITTLE DAMAGE

Car Loaded With Lumber Jumped Track Tuesday Afternoon.

A wreck on the Virginia & Carolina Southern Tuesday afternoon caused traffic to be tied up between Roslin and Hope Mills for several hours, passengers and mail being transferred until yesterday morning. A box car loaded with lumber jumped the track about 5 o'clock as the freight train, of which it was a part, was proceeding at a slow rate of speed. The accident occurred about half way between Roslin and Hope Mills while the train was proceeding toward the latter station.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN NEW ZION HILL CHURCH SUNDAY

There will be special services at Zion Hill church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. This being the initial service held in the new church building, special music has been arranged and several short addresses by former pastors will be made. The sermon will be preached by Rev. S. N. Watson of Bladenboro. A hearty welcome is extended to everyone to attend this service and especially those who are and have been members of the church.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Goat club tonight at 8 o'clock at which time the matter of making improvements at the club will be acted upon and a full attendance of the membership is requested.

First Snag In Paving Program

Condemnation Proceedings Were Started Tuesday Against C. B. Townsend Property on Eighth Street—Work Will Not Be Delayed

The first condemnation proceedings since the beginning of the extensive paving program were started Tuesday against the property on Eighth street known as the C. B. Townsend property. The owners of the property protested the laying of the sidewalk when it was found that several feet of their land would be taken.

Appraisers were appointed and met on the property yesterday to determine the value of land taken, but will not make their decision until after the work has been completed. The appraisers appointed by the town are Messrs. D. W. Biggs, Ira Barker and W. A. Roach. The land-owners refused to appoint two appraisers, as is allowed in the statute. The work will not be held up, but will continue and after the completion if there is any amount in favor of the property-owners, this will be made known to the town officials.

Every property owner on Carthage road and Water street has given a foot for the purpose of widening the street, with a single exception, which has been adjusted satisfactorily.

JUVENILE CHAUTAUGA

Barnes and Jennings Boys Are Putting on Shows for 6 Nights on Chestnut Street.

The Barnes and Jennings Brothers' Chautauqua opened this week with good crowds and pleasing entertainments. The show is being conducted by several small boys, the sons of Messrs. H. B. Jennings and K. M. Barnes and others of that section of town. Singing, dancing, and lectures, with a special concert by the East Lumberton band made up the first night's entertainment, the feature of which was a lecture by Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church.

The young actors have shown a good bit of talent and do not appear to suffer from stage fright. The entrance to the show is on Chestnut street next to Mr. K. M. Barnes' residence, at which you will find the ticket office, in charge of either the actors or managers. While no programs have been broadcasted, it is understood that they have a variety of pleasing shows that will continue for 6 nights. Last night's show was postponed until tonight on account of a conflict with prayer meeting.

Misses Margaret French, Lily Snead Varsar, Sue Blount, Roberta Nash, Mary Cobb and Courtney Sharpe, members of the Blue Bird society of young girls, with their chaperones, Mrs. M. F. Cobb and Miss Winifred Rowland, and two young men for safety, Masters Neal Archie Thompson and John Coble McNeill, are spending the week at a cottage at Lake Waccamaw. All of them went to Lake Waccamaw Monday except Miss Courtney Sharpe. On account of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Anna P. Courtney, she did not go until Tuesday, when she was accompanied by Miss Josephine Breece and Master Jack Sharpe, who returned Tuesday evening.

A slight accident occurred at the intersection of Elm and Fourth streets yesterday afternoon when a Ford runabout driven by Miss Bessie Mercer ran across the sidewalk and struck the large post in front of Mr. J. B. Bruton's place of business. Just why the lady drove the car in that direction couldn't be learned. However, she stated that she intended turning east on Fourth street from Elm, on which she was going north, and seeing another car coming south on Elm turned to get out of the way of approaching car and the brakes failed to work. A bent fender, battery box jarred loose and a shake-up is all the damage done.

Sidewalk paving work on Pine street, between Fourth and Third, was held up a little while yesterday when Mr. Lee Caldwell forbade workmen to proceed on his property, according to Chief of Police Barker, who says the work proceeded without hindrance when he mounted guard.

Miss Mary Epps went Tuesday to Maxton to attend summer school at Carolina college.

Among the local girls and boys that have arrived and are arriving home from the different colleges for the summer are: Miss Lillie Epps, Coker college, Hartsville, S. C.; Misses Marion Allen, Annie Grace Williams, Margaret Durham and Mary Biggs, Meredith, Raleigh; Misses Janie K. Wishart and Elizabeth Shaw, Salem, Winston-Salem; Messrs. Israel Weinstein and Regan Floyd, university of N. C., Chapel Hill; Messrs. Hubert Thompson, Stephen McIntyre, William Caldwell and Erwin Williams, Wake Forest; Mr. Knox Thompson, C. M. & N. A., Hendersonville.

CARS WASHED, POLISHED AND GREASED. TIRES, TUBES, ACCESSORIES

GASOLINE 25 CENTS

JNO. C. FULLER

Exciting Gun Battle With Negro

Officer W. W. Smith and Geo. Willard Had Narrow Escape from Death Yesterday at Hands of Otto Monroe—Negro Opened Fire as Men Drove Up to His House to Serve Warrant—He is Now in Jail.

Rural Policeman Walter W. Smith of Maxton had a close call yesterday afternoon when a gun battle was staged in which he and Mr. George Willard narrowly escaped death at the hands of Otto Monroe, negro, at the home of the negro's brother between York's store and John's Station.

Officer Smith went to the house with a warrant for Monroe, which had been sworn out by another negro for assault. As soon as he had stopped his machine in front of the house he and Mr. Willard jumped out just in time to miss a load of shot fired from a shot-gun in the hands of Monroe. The shot bent the body of the Buick touring car so badly that the door will not shut and is of the shot went over the door, making plain marks on the upholstery on the other side. Had the officer and Mr. Willard remained in the car a few seconds longer both would have been hit. The negro was in the house when he began firing and went from one window to another still firing. The men outside returned the fire. A pistol was also used by the negro in the effort to kill the officer, and he was almost successful at one time, the bill missing the officer's head by just a few inches. After a few minutes of firing the negro obeyed the command of the officer and came out with his hands up. He was searched and the pistol and shotgun taken from him. He was then carried to Maxton, where his trial was heard by Recorder R. Williams, and found guilty, receiving a 2-year sentence on the roads. Appeal was made to higher court and the negro is now in the jail here awaiting July term of Superior court.

Big Whiskey Raid Made This A. M.

30 Gallons of Whiskey and 125 Gallons Beer Found in Wishart Township Near Home of Simpson Pittman, Who is in Jail Awaiting Trial—Still Had Been Moved.

One of the biggest whiskey raids in this part of the county was made this morning about 11 o'clock when Sheriff R. E. Lewis and 3 deputies seized 30 gallons of whiskey and destroyed more than 125 gallons of beer near the home of Sampson Pittman, who lives in Wishart's township about 10 miles from Lumberton. The operator of the still had evidently been warned of the raid as he had moved the still and part of the equipment, but the officers found the following property: 5 cords of wood (used as fuel for the operation of the still); a pump, with 20 feet of piping and strainer, which gave the water supply; a shelter over the outfit to keep off rain and sun. There was no one at the place, but Sampson Pittman was found at his house a few hundred yards away and placed under arrest. He is now in the county jail awaiting a hearing.

The liquor found was in a barrel, no bottles or jugs being found. The still had been in operation about 2 months, according to Sheriff Lewis, who was advised by those who thought the still was there. Assisting Sheriff Lewis in the raid were Rural Policemen A. H. Prevatt, A. R. Pittman, W. W. Smith, J. T. McRaney, J. H. Carper, D. C. Ratley, Kramer Miller and Lacy McNair.

Two Escaped Convicts Captured

Two escaped convicts were captured by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputies A. H. Prevatt and A. R. Pittman Tuesday night, one of whom was Mike Herring, who escaped nearly two years ago and who was serving a 12 months sentence for manufacturing whiskey. This capture took place at the home of Will Parker in the lower section of the county. The other was an Indian who escaped several weeks ago from Harnett county chain gang and who was serving a 2-year sentence. This capture was made in Howellsville township. Officers from Harnett came for their prisoner yesterday. Herring was returned to the road camp, where the matter was turned over to the authorities.

STRAWBERRY MEETING

Correspondence of The Robesonian. If you are interested in planting strawberries, we ask that you meet at the court house Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. We have a man invited to explain getting plants, planting, cultivating and shipping of strawberries. It is our plan to get enough planted to make carload shipments. Meet with us and hear the matter discussed.

K. M. BIGGS, J. Q. BECKWITH.

The top coating of the pavement on Eighth street is being applied from Elm to Walnut and has been completed from Water to Elm.

E. J. Green Again Elected Head of Carolina College

A New Dormitory Will Be Built—Spirit of Progress Evident at Finals Held Last Week—Faculty and Students Entertain—Baccalaureate Sermon by Dr. J. E. Abernathy of Charlotte.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Maxton, June 6.—To one who entered the Carolina College grounds last week for the year's finals, it was very evident that the spirit of progress was there guiding and furthering some worthwhile operations. On every hand vast improvements were noted. Ormond Hall showed half of its rambling porch converted into a cosy sun parlor, the work of the teachers themselves. The interior furnished anew, and finished in old ivory, made an ideal home atmosphere. It is certain that many delightful evenings have been enjoyed there by the college family. Rustic benches, attractive flower beds, and a hedge of roses and evergreens made the campus intensely inviting—a sight pleasing to look upon.

New Dormitory

Mr. E. J. Green, the new president, who with exceptional zeal and faith entered last fall into the task of building a "Bigger, Better Carolina", is making a fine headway towards this goal. Under his inspiration, and with his aid, the Maxton people went into a campaign in April to raise funds for a new dormitory. In two days \$25,000 was pledged, and with this as a beginning the other half will be forthcoming from North Carolina Methodists, so a new dormitory will be a reality.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 30th, the students entered into the college finals with their characteristic vim, and entertained a large number of visitors on the campus with a Spring Fantastic. This was especially well rendered and enjoyed.

Art Exhibit

The art exhibit was open at 5 P. m. as was also the work of the Home Economics Department. The work of these departments was even more appreciated that night when an informal reception at the college brought most of the towns people together in a most delightful way. The faculty and students entertained, and the degree of pleasure experienced by their guests was in a way estimated by the large number who availed themselves of this privilege. Delicious cream and cake and punch were served. One of the triumphs of the Art Department was the beautiful collection of hand painted china. Many ladies in town enrolled for this course, and a dinner set painted in forget-me-nots was the center of attraction; the work of Mrs. W. G. Green. There were many other sets as dainty as flowers in spring, though not so striking in appearance.

Baccalaureate Sermon. Taking as his text Philippians, 4th chapter, 8th verse, Dr. J. E. Abernathy, pastor of Trinity Church, Charlotte, N. C. preached the Baccalaureate sermon at Carolina College Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Abernathy delivered one of the most eloquent and spiritual sermons ever heard in Maxton. After the text "Think on these things" the speaker told of the wonderful power of thought, God's greatest gift to man. With this as a beginning, Dr. Abernathy preached a wonderful sermon on the five laws of character: First, as we think, we are. Second, as we are we see. Third, as we see, we enjoy. Fourth, as we enjoy, we live. Fifth, as we live, so shall we live hereafter. Previous to the sermon, Miss Eva J. Lawrence, head of the voice department, sang most beautifully "O Divine Redeemer", by Gounod.

On Thursday evening the Music Department of Carolina College gave its annual recital, showing the work and progress of the students during the year. Students of both the piano and Voice Departments made a splendid showing, and were an eloquent tribute to the teachers under whose training they had developed.

America Suffers

On Friday morning Dr. W. B. McIlwain, so well known as a former Maxton pastor, delivered the closing address. Mr. McIlwain's central thought was "Building on the Ages". If one would build wisely, one must build on the laws of God. Character must be the outcome of our constructive efforts. Too truly, he said, America suffers two curses today, a disrespect of law, and individualism—thought for self alone. We are too much a nation of bargain hunters, he said, and character is not built on the bargain plan. As the ocean isles grow from the skeletons of tiny animals, so we grow, and so our nation grows fine and strong from the deeds we do, or else we are dragged down to disgrace by our indifference and self-seeking.

Awarding of Diplomas

After the awarding of the diplomas to the following young ladies, Misses Gladys Phillips, Gladys Wright and Ilicia Brock in the College Department, Misses Pearl Jackson, Zella Brooks and Myrtle Galloway in the Preparatory Department; Misses Alida Sasser, Marie Karney and Georgia Bethea from the Home Economics Department; Miss Alice McNair from the Art Department, the American Le-

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 25 1-2 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Born, Monday night to Mr. and Mrs. V. Claudious Britt of Lumberton R. 6, a 6-lb girl.

—Alfred Rowland chapter, U. D. C., will hold its regular meeting tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock at the tea room on Fifth street.

—Mr. Jno. D. Purvis, who has for the past few weeks been conducting a tailoring business in the Bullard building on Third and Chestnut streets, moved Tuesday into the vacant office of the National Bank building on Third street.

—Mr. John Kinlaw and daughter, Miss Mary, passed through town Tuesday afternoon en route to their home on R. 7, Lumberton, from Maxton, where they went Tuesday morning to take Mr. Kinlaw's daughter, Miss Ray, to summer school at Carolina college.

—Mrs. E. Clay Hodgkin and children, Clay Jr. and Dorothy Jane, left yesterday for Greensboro where they will make their home in the future. Dr. Hodgkin who accompanied them will return to Lumberton tomorrow and will join them in Greensboro later.

—Mr. E. W. Rosenthal of Savannah, Ga., and Mr. C. S. Britt of Wilmington, spent a few hours in Lumberton yesterday after having given demonstrations of Hill Mixture for killing boll weevils near Rowland and Purvis. The demonstrations were given on the lands of Messrs. G. L. Robertson and Lacy Price.

—Dr. J. F. Highsmith of Fayetteville passed through Lumberton Tuesday en-route to Myrtle Beach, S. C. He was accompanied by Mr. Jno. E. Tolar of Fayetteville who has been a patient at the Highsmith hospital for several months and who will join his wife at the beach where Mrs. Tolar has opened the Tolar cottage, "Driftwood".

—At the regular monthly meeting of the county board of commissioners Monday, Solicitor T. A. McNeill appeared and asked the advisability of calling a special term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that it was not necessary and that it would work an awful hardship on the farmers of the county who are now busily engaged in their work.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe returned this morning from Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Sharpe and he went Tuesday afternoon from Baltimore following the interment in that city of the remains of Mrs. Sharpe's mother, Mrs. Anna P. Courtney. Mrs. Sharpe, who is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Boucher, in Washington, will return home Saturday.

—On account of weather conditions, work has been so retarded on the McLeod building, in which Mr. J. V. Williamson will conduct a garage and filling station, that it has been necessary for him to postpone his opening date from Saturday of this week until Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. A page advertisement will appear in Monday's issue of The Robesonian announcing the opening with specials.

—Rev. and Mrs. I. E. Wishart and 5 children passed through town this morning en route from R. 4, Lumberton, to Charleston, Oklahoma, where they will make their home. Mr. Wishart lived in Oklahoma for about ten years before returning to Robeson county, his native home, last October, since which time both he and Mrs. Wishart have been teaching in the Long Branch public school. Mr. Wishart also has had the pastorate of White Pond and Pembroke Baptist churches since returning to Robeson. He is a son of Mr. A. S. Wishart, who lives on R. 3 from Lumberton. Mr. Wishart and family are traveling in their car and expects to reach Oklahoma in about two weeks, stopping over in Kentucky to visit Mrs. Wishart's relatives for a few days.

—On account of the resignation of Mayor J. E. Carpenter, invited the audience to the campus at the close of the morning exercises, and there in very graceful style a fine American flag was raised. This flag was a gift to the college from the Legion.

Meeting of Trustees

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Friday afternoon and many interesting issues came up for discussion. Mr. Green gave in his report of the past year's work, and this was received with much approbation by the board. Mr. Green was unanimously re-elected, and Rev. R. B. John's resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees read and accepted. Mr. M. E. Newsome of Durham was chosen to fill Mr. John's vacancy. Mr. McKay McKinnon, as Chairman of the Central Committee on raising dormitory funds, gave in his report from the Maxton campaign. This was received with applause, and a vote of thanks was given to him for marshaling the forces which made the raising of \$25,000 possible. All were anxious that the work on the dormitory should proceed steadily, and the Executive Committee was authorized by the Board of Trustees to begin operations immediately.