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BRAXTON PURDIE TRIAL.

Purdie Claims Self-Defense

Purdie went on the stand in his own behalf Friday morning and told a story of self-defense, claiming that the fatal shot was fired when Metco Horn was advancing on him with an axe.

He told of arriving at the Horn home early on the morning of February 13th, and telling Mr. Horn that he was going to move and that Horn told him he would have to pay him what he owed him before he moved. After a few words, argument about the 40 cents which he said Horn claimed he owed him, Horn went into the house and upon returning began cursing and reached up in the tree nearby and took down a trace chain, with which he struck him several times on the head and elsewhere. These blows knocked him to his knees, after which Horn grabbed him by one foot and started dragging him toward the wood pile to get the axe, threatening him. His severe kicking freed him from Horn's hold on his foot. Then Horn got the axe and started on him, when he shot twice. Purdie said that he had heard of Mr. Horn's reputation as a bad and violent man and that he was terribly frightened.

After he had shot Horn he said that he waited a few minutes to see if he had hurt him badly, that he didn't think he had. He stated that he had placed his pistol in his pocket the night before when he was preparing to move. He returned to his home, told his wife that he and Mr. Horn had been fighting and that he had shot him. From home he went to his aunt's and his father's. From his father's he went through the woods to where his grandfather was cutting wood and was going to his grandfather's for dinner when he had to retreat on account of a posse firing at him. Part of that night was spent in the woods hiding. He stated that he told his grandfather that he wanted to give up to the officers. About 1 o'clock he went to the home of Heman Floyd and told him of his trouble and told him that he wanted to surrender to the sheriff. This was corroborated by Floyd, who gave him a place to stay that night, gave him breakfast the next morning and who walked to Lumberton for Sheriff Lewis.

The cross examination began at the point where Horn struck Purdie with the trace chain. He was asked why he did not run away from Horn instead of shooting him, to which he replied that he had been hurt so badly and that he was so frightened he was nearly senseless and did not know what else to do. The next evidence showed that Purdie had his pistol in his coat pocket when he left his house early that morning, he stating that he had placed in his coat pocket the night before when he had to get up to see what was

wrong that made his dog bark so. On his way to Horne's house he took the pistol from his inside coat pocket and placed it in his right hand hip pocket. According to his testimony, Horn was about 15 feet away when he fired the shot. He could not explain why one of the shot took effect in Horn's hip, the underclothes worn by Horn at the time of the shooting being exhibited.

After he returned to his home following the shooting he testified that he left the pistol there, and said, "I hope I never will see another one", when he answered in the negative, a question as to where the pistol is now. When asked why he fired the second shot he replied that Horn had not stopped advancing on him.

In Heman Floyd's testimony it was shown that Purdie saw Sheriff Lewis three-fourths of a mile before he got to the house and that Purdie asked the sheriff if Horn was dead.

Braxton's Father on Stand

Fletcher Purdie, father of the defendant, testified that he saw Braxton soon after the shooting and that he had a bad cut on his head and that Braxton told him of how he and Mr. Horn had a fight. He also testified that he had heard that Mr. Horn was a dangerous and violent man and that Braxton had told him before that he was.

Needham Robinson, grandfather of Braxton, told of Braxton's coming to his house and about the posse shooting at him, the wounds on Braxton's head and that Braxton was going to give up.

Tell of Wound and Blood

Others testifying for the defense relative to the wound on Purdie's head and the blood on his clothes were: Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Roxie Purdie, Hattie Robinson, Nathan Robinson, Mary Robinson, James Robinson and Ernest Gaddy. Mr. C. M. Barker testified that he had heard Metco Horn was a dangerous and violent man, and told of the condition of the ground when he arrived at the place of the killing. According to his testimony the ground showed signs of scuffling and a fight.

Others testifying that they knew of Metco Horn as a dangerous and violent man were W. I. Linkhaw, H. J. Sawyer, H. M. McAllister, R. McA. Nixon, T. J. Davis and Kramer Miller. At this point court was adjourned until 2:30.

The state offered a rebuttal, presenting a number of witnesses who said that they knew Metco Horn as not having a reputation of a dangerous and violent man. These were A. E. Paul, Abner Paul, F. A. Prevatt, C. N. Prevatt, J. H. Powers, John Rowland, K. M. Biggs, N. J. Page, W. D. Hayes, S. O. Willis and H. Floyd.

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VISIT OF LONG BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOL APPRECIATED.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The Raynham church and Sunday school wish to thank the Long Branch Sunday school through your paper for their visit to us on last Sunday evening. We had invited them to give us a program, and it was worth going miles to see and hear it. Besides the good singing rendered by the choir, a play by five young men, entitled "Personal Work in a School", and "Four Corners of the Earth," by a number of young people, were very inspiring as well as instructive.

We bid these active young Christians godspeed in their work for Him. We need more live Sunday schools like this one.

C. W. BRITT
Raynham, N. C., July 10, 1923.

Rennert News Items.

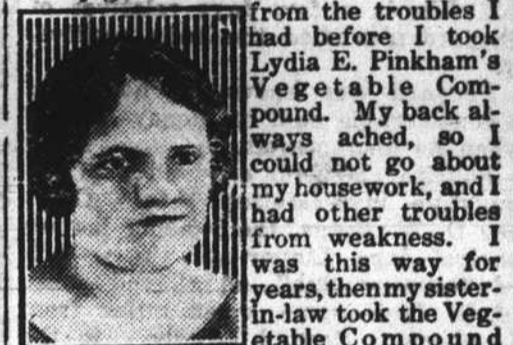
By Lena Lindsay
Rennert, July 13—Miss Mary Jones is a visitor at Mr. S. F. Tolar's this week.

Miss Lucile Batten has returned to her home at Rennert after being in a hospital at Raleigh for nearly two

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We are very sorry to hear that all of Mr. F. W. Lindsay's hands have left him with 100 acres to tend and he is not very much able to do it himself.

Mrs. John Carter and little boy have just returned home after visiting home folks at Rennert.

Mr. W. R. Gray was a visitor at Mr. F. W. Lindsay's Sunday p. m. Listen for the wedding bells to ring soon.

Little James David Locklear

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, July 12—On Friday night, June 1, this community was sadly shocked by the death of little James David Locklear. He was one year, 5 months and 23 days old. He left to mourn their loss a mother, father a sister and brother. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at White Hill.

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