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COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH

ESTABLISHED 1876 PRICE FIVE CENTS PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE

200 Quarts Scotch Whiskey Captured

Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. H. Prevatt capture 2 men, 200 quarts of bottled-in-bond Scotch whiskey and a Packard—A Blow-out While Speeding Near Midway Filling Station Caused Run Runners to be Caught—Had a Pilot Car in Belief.

Hyman Mendeloff, white and Percy Heath, colored, nearly 200 quarts of bottled-in-bond Scotch whiskey and a \$4,000 Packard touring car were captured by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. H. Prevatt Friday afternoon near Midway filling station 20 miles north of here. The men are in jail, a large part of the liquor is also, and the car is being held in Bullard & Freeman's garage.

Fred Brown Depozited. Just before noon Mr. Fred Brown telephoned Sheriff Lewis from Midway filling station that a big Packard had wrecked 1 mile north of there and that a large quantity of liquor was in the car and the occupants were running through the woods. The officers went to the scene and found Brown guarding the car and liquor, the sheriff having depozited him over the phone to do so. The direction in which the men were last seen going was shown the officers, who went in search for them. They reached the car but found nothing of the white man and his negro chauffeur. On the return trip they separated and started back on different routes. Officer Prevatt and Mr. Tom McNeill a citizen of Parkton who was riding with him saw the men in the road a few miles from Parkton and arrested them. A train was heard to blow just before the men were seen and the officers believe that they were trying to get to the water tank near-by and catch the train, but the train did not stop, being a through freight and unluckily for the escaping men did not need water.

Neither of the men resisted arrest, but asked why they were being arrested. No concealed weapons were found, but a chauffeur's license was found on the negro that gave his name as Percy Heath and his residence as 616 McRae street Wilmington and was issued August 2. A suitcase containing the clothing of both men was found in the abandoned car, and a number of kodak pictures with some telltale numbers were found. The car had a New York state license number displayed on the rear.

Pilot Car Ahead. According to eye witnesses the Packard was travelling at a terrific rate when a tire blew out and ditched the big car, the result of which slightly injured the white man and possibly broke a number of quarts of the liquor as a good many were found broken when the officers arrived. Some are of the opinion that a car running a short distance ahead in which there were two women and a man, was a pilot car. It is reported that a car with two women and a man came back to the wrecked and abandoned car twice before the officers arrived and asked when was the sheriff expected to arrive. Both cars passed Lumberton going north about 9 o'clock.

News of the wreck and the efforts being made by officers to capture the men and liquor spread over Lumberton and a large crowd had gathered at the jail long before the officers returned waiting to see so much liquor. When the officers did arrive such a crowd had congregated that it was almost impossible for the whiskey and men to be carried into the jail, and it is rumored that some of the spectators who thought they had a right to take it home and use it for medicinal purposes.

The officers are to be congratulated on the manner in which they handled the case and for making the biggest liquor haul in Robeson county. The quantity of the liquor captured might not be greater than that captured on other hauls, but the value of the cargo and the transporting machine is greater.

MR. J. B. BRUTON GOES TO FLORIDA FOR STOLEN CAR

Mr. J. B. Bruton left Saturday night for West Palm Beach, Fla., in response to a telegram stating that a Ford car fitting the description of the one stolen from him on July 2nd was being held by the city officers. H. B. Isabel, who is charged with the theft of the car was not apprehended. George Smith, who was located in Florida a few weeks ago, and brought back to this county admitted that he left with the car, Isabel driving, and is now serving a 2-year sentence on the county roads for aiding and abetting in the theft.

Mrs. W. H. Kinlaw and children left Saturday for White Lake where they will spend a few days with friends and relatives.

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Lumberton Pays Harding Honor

Business Was Halted for One Hour Friday Afternoon in Honor of Deceased President—Meeting at Court House Well Attended—Special Music.

When the court house clock struck 4 Friday afternoon practically every business house, every professional office, the picture show and every other house in which business was conducted before that time, closed doors, and Lumberton stopped to pay homage to the late Warren G. Harding whose remains were being laid to rest in Marion, Ohio at the same hour.

For one hour the people stopped their business, but a large number made it their business to go to the court house and take part in, or listen to a wonderful service conducted under the auspices of the local post of the American legion.

Special music for the occasion was rendered by a choir picked from the different churches and consisted of Messdames L. R. Varner, R. A. McIntyre, J. H. Felt, T. C. Johnson, N. A. McLean, W. O. Thompson, R. E. Lewis, Miss Lina Gough, Messrs W. W. Davis, Lacy McKenzie, C. B. Skipper, E. W. Dunham, J. H. Teague and Ed. Freeman.

Sponsored by American Legion. The exercises were conducted by Mr. W. B. Ivey, post commander of the legion post. As the crowd was assembling the audience sang "Nearer My God To Thee", led by Mr. C. B. Skipper. The absence of a musical instrument and the blending of the harmonious voices made it almost possible for one to see a casket, containing the remains of Warren G. Harding in front of the big crowd, many of whom could not suppress the tears.

"This country was unprepared for the shock when it heard of the death of President Warren G. Harding, on account of the suddenness of it," said Mr. Ivey as he made a few introductory remarks. "This is a time when the hearts of the entire American citizenship are sad," he continued, "and it is fitting that the American legion sponsor an occasion of this kind."

Mrs. Harding Remembered. A prayer, asking God to comfort the nation and especially give strength and courage to Mrs. Harding was offered by Rev. G. R. Mines, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle church. The audience then sang, "Abide With Me," after which Mr. J. P. Russell spoke for a few minutes on "The Greatest Mother in the World, the Red Cross". Mr. Russell said that he thought it wrong for anyone to ever say, "If President Harding had lived, so and so would have happened."

A male quartet, composed of Messrs Ed. Freeman, J. H. Teague, E. W. Dunham and C. B. Skipper sang "Going Down the Valley", which was followed by the feature of the services.

Mr. H. E. Stacy, though he did not talk long, held the undivided attention of the large crowd, which seemed hungry for the message that he brought. He began, "At this hour all of the hearts of this nation with one hundred and ten million souls are turned toward Marion, Ohio." He reminded those within the reach of his voice that it was a tremendous moment when a whole nation is called to prayer, and of the time in 1913 when the nation knelt in prayer. "It matters not what our creed or politics we bow our head and shed a tear that our chiefain is dead," he continued. "Death makes no distinction between the high or low, rich or poor. It makes prince and pauper sleep in common dirt." "There is a lesson to learn in the solemnity of this hour, and that is—in the midst of life there is death." In speaking of the virtues of the late President, Mr. Stacy said that children yet to be born will learn and be inspired by the virtues of this man. He had the kind heartedness of Lincoln and the sacrifice for an ideal of Wilson. "His desire for peace and concord amounted to a passion. He left when the nation was out of a state of uncertainty," the speaker said, and described the president's attitude toward his fellow man by saying, that "he never trampled on anybody's toes when there was foot room anywhere else."

Features of Administration. The two features of the administration under the leadership of Warren G. Harding were both for peace. He was the promoter of the disarmament conference, which was a noble purpose and a step in the right direction, and the World Court of Justice. "He wore himself out," continued Mr. Stacy. "His life was a sacrifice from the altar of desire that this nation might participate in a World Court of Justice." He gave the characteristics of six presidents as follows: Cleveland's rugged courage, McKinley's gentleness and tact, Roosevelt's strength and fervor, Taft's good nature, Wilson's intellectual idealism and Harding's intimate affection for folks.

In closing Mr. Stacy said, "The outstanding characteristics of his life were the kindness of his nature and his lovable disposition. These stand out like mountain peaks upon the horizon, and, after all, in life or death, these are the elements that count. When we think of his life, we are reminded of the immortal words of Tennyson when he said: "How e'er it be, it seems to me 'tis only noble to be

Fatal Shooting At Ice Cream Supper

Anderson Mayor Shoots and Kills Wise Locklear—Mayor Shot and Seriously Wounded by Dead Man's Brother—Shooting Breaks Up Ice Cream Supper—Haywood "Six" Locklear and Ed. Cummings Being Held.

Wise Locklear Indian was killed and Anderson Mayor, Indian, was probably fatally wounded as the result of a drunken row at the home of Kate Jacobs in Burnt Swamp township near New Prospect church Saturday night at 10 o'clock. Locklear was killed by Mayor and Mayor was in turn shot by Haywood "Six" Locklear, brother of the dead man, according to evidence deduced at an inquest held yesterday morning by Coroner D. W. Biggs. The coroner's jury ordered Locklear and Ed Cummings held for further investigation and they were arrested yesterday morning by Sheriff Lewis and a number of his deputies and brought to the county jail.

Mayor lies at the point of death in the Thompson hospital, his spinal cord severed by a 32-calibre bullet, and little hope is held out for his recovery.

Wise Locklear, who is said not to have been armed, was one of numerous guests at an ice cream supper where moonshine liquor apparently was a more popular refreshment. He grabbed Ina Woods and asked her if she loved him. She replied she did but Wise cursed her, and the argument was taken up by others present. The shooting soon followed, and Locklear went down with a bullet through his left lung. An autopsy showed the bullet had lodged against his spinal cord.

Haywood Locklear shot at Mayor three times, according to his testimony. Witnesses declared they saw Ina Woods take a gun out of Mayor's hip pocket after he had been shot down.

The coroner's jury which heard the evidence brought out at yesterday's inquest was composed of M. A. Odum, C. L. Lamb, Rowland Lamb, J. R. Floyd, H. T. Lowery and A. C. Locklear. This was the eighth inquest held by Coroner Biggs this year, an average of one a month.

St. Paul News

Social Affair for Guests of Mrs. J. C. Lindsay—Moved Into New Home—Funeral Services of Mr. Jim McDonald—Personal.

By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Pauls, Aug. 10.—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McQueen were glad to have them arrive this week from Jacksonville, Fla., for a visit to Mrs. McQueen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Fisher. Both being former St. Paul residents. Their 2 little sons David and Thomas accompanied them.

Mrs. R. D. McCreight and 4 children, who spent several days here this week, in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Lindsay, returned home this morning. Yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay, and 3 children, Mary, Gene and Calvin, Jr., and Mrs. McCreight and children motored to White Lake where they enjoyed a very delightful day's outing.

On Tuesday afternoon, from 5 to 7, a bunch of little folks were invited to the home of Mrs. J. C. Lindsay where a party was given complimentary to little Misses Molly and Ella Wilson McCreight, nieces of the hostess who were guests in the home.

After a number of interesting outdoor games were enjoyed the guests were invited into the dining room where cream, cake and mints were served, after which all departed having had a very delightful afternoon. Those present were little Misses Laura Northren, Catherine Ann McInnis, Mable Esther Johnson, Jessie Mae McInnis Beatrice Sugar, Mary Louise McGoogan, Margaret McGoogan, Mary and Gene Lindsay. Out of town guests were, Margaret McInnis, Lamar, S. C., Molly and Ella Wilson McCreight, Ruby, S. C.

Mrs. Lindsay was assisted in entertaining the little folks by her sister, Mrs. R. D. McCreight, of Ruby, S. C., and Miss Bessie Johnson.

Mr. J. F. Loeckey and family enjoyed several days outing at Wrightsville Beach first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nutting spent Thursday morning at Lumberton.

Mrs. R. G. Rozier and children are visiting her people at Lillington.

Miss Flora McNeill and father, Mr. Jno. McNeill of Bennett, R. F. D. (Continued on page 5)

good. Kind hearts are more than coronets and simple faith than Norman hood." President Harding may not have written his name as high upon the escutcheon of fame as some who preceded him, but none ever occupied the chair of President and went about his task with a nobler purpose or a more lofty ideal than he. When we, as a nation, contemplate the full measure of the man and the magnitude of our loss in his parting, we can but exclaim with the poet—"O, Noble Soul, hail and farewell."

Bridge Across Cape Fear Opposed

Resolutions of Road Commission Sent to McGirt—Necessary Roads Should be Constructed First—Small Number Would Get Benefit of Bridge—Not Enough Funds Available For Roads and Bridge.

Resolutions adopted last Monday by the Robeson county road commissioner, the Hon. W. A. McGirt, a copy of which has been sent to Hon. W. A. McGirt, commissioner of the third road district of North Carolina, strongly opposes the building of a bridge across the Cape Fear river near Wilmington, as has been agitated by certain factions in Wilmington.

Before adopting the resolutions the commission considered the facts that the bridge would serve only a small portion of the citizens of the third district and that the cost of the bridge would be so great that practically all of the funds available for road construction in this district would be expended.

The resolutions as adopted are as follows: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Road Commission of Robeson County, in regular session assembled, this first Monday in August, 1923,

1. That we memorialize our road commissioner, the Hon. W. A. McGirt, not to agree to the construction of a bridge across the Cape Fear river near Wilmington that would serve only a small portion of the people of this district and at such an enormous expense that it would practically absorb the entire fund allotted to the third road district of North Carolina for permanent road construction; that, in the opinion of the Robeson county road commission, it is more essential to the welfare of the district that necessary roads throughout the district be constructed first.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Honorable, W. A. McGirt, commissioner of the third road district of North Carolina, and a copy furnished the press for publication.

Other important transactions of the board were, the acceptance of the resignation of C. S. Stanton as supervisor of roads in Parkton township and that the attorney for the board requests that the State Highway commission begin the construction of more sand-clay and hard-surfaced roads in Robeson county at this time.

Messrs. G. T. Fisher and J. I. Townsend were appointed a committee to attend the state meeting of the County Road Commissioners Association, which convenes in Asheville, Aug. 22, 23 and 24.

Parkton Letter

Big Liquor Car Accompanied to Lumberton As If Somebody Was Going to Fall Here to Some of the Goods—Sacred Concert at Clinton—Base Ball—Personal.

By C. D. Williamson. Parkton, Aug. 11.—Seasons fine at last, Cotton seemingly doing well. Corn restored somewhat since the rain but will be short. The two cotton gins of our town, the Parkton Merc. co gin, also the J. C. Lancaster gin are both being repaired for the fall season. No cotton reported open up our way but about the same time of day on yesterday evening a large Packard car of whiskey of some kind bottled up, the amount of five to six hundred quarts drove up to our town for a few minutes accompanied by Sheriff Lewis and deputy Prevatt. The large car was ditched, three miles from our town on the highway near the home of A. F. Councils.

And our friend Fred Brown happened in the right place driving his Ford coupe and as he offered his assistance the two men, one white and one colored fled, and Mr. Brown discovered the fire water and he at one phoned the sheriff who responded on short notice, and in a couple of hours or so succeeded in capturing the two strangers in the town of Parkton, where they expected to board a south bound train. So you see something doing all the time up our way. A number of our citizens accompanied the sheriff and his deputies to Lumberton, just like they were going to fall heir to the goods but not so.

Sacred Concert. This scribble must mention a visit (Continued on Page 4)

Auto Wreck Near Orrum. A Ford runabout driven by Mr. Clayton Hall of Boardman was damaged considerably Saturday afternoon when it turned over while running at a moderate speed on the Wildcat highway near Orrum. Mr. Hall escaped without injury. The accident occurred when Mr. Hall turned from the center of the road to pass another car. The car was driven on to Lumberton and repaired at a local garage.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rogers and children, and Mrs. Robinette left Friday for Taylorsville, Blowing Rock and other Western North Carolina points. They will be away about 2 weeks.

Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth Died Saturday A. M.

Prominent Baptist Minister Answers Final Summons—Taken Suddenly Ill While Conducting Revival at Buie—Burial Yesterday.

Rev. Rowland Alford Hedgpeth, who was taken suddenly ill Thursday night, Aug. 2, and underwent an operation the following Monday afternoon for gall stone, died Saturday morning at 3 o'clock at the Thompson hospital, the direct cause of death being uremia.

Mr. Hedgpeth was conducting a revival meeting at Buie when he was taken suddenly ill with, what he thought an acute attack of indigestion, but an operation was found to be necessary after the diagnosis was made. The operation was successful and his condition was very favorable until Friday when complications began to show a marked effect.

The deceased was a man who was well thought of throughout this section of the state. He was pastor of the following Baptist churches: Tolarsville, Tar Heel, Bloomingdale, Barnesville, Buie, Oakton and Raynham. His work was in a large territory and the number of his friends was great. He graduated from Wake Forest college when a young man and later studied the ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He was 55 years of age and a son of the late Thomas Hedgpeth, being raised near what is now the town of Proctorville.

Surviving are his wife one daughter Mrs. E. J. Britt, two sons, Romulus and Luten Rhodes, of Lumberton and two brothers, Messrs. A. B. and L. Z. Hedgpeth of Rowland. The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the First Baptist church by Rev. H. W. Baucum, pastor of Salem Baptist church of Winston-Salem, a crowd attending which completely filled the church and many were unable to get standing room inside.

Mr. Baucum spoke in glowing tribute of the beautiful life which had been taken from this world and sent to a heavenly home, and of the magnificent ministerial work done by the deceased. Other remarks on the life of the beloved pastor were made by Revs. Fred Collins, R. L. Byrd and Mr. Stephen McIntyre.

Beautiful music was rendered by the choir of the First Baptist church, assisted by Messrs E. W. Dunham and W. W. Davis members of the Chestnut Street Methodist choir. "Face To Face", the favorite hymn of the deceased was sung by the choir during the services, "Nearer My God To Thee" being sung at the opening. "Safe In The Arms of Jesus" was sung as a recessional.

Interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery where hundreds of people gathered to pay their last respects to one of Robeson's most highly respected men. As the remains of the deceased minister were being lowered into the grave, the choir sang beautifully and impressively "Rock of Ages". Prayers followed, though none could be heard except those of the leader, Rev. Baucum, after which the choir sang, "Christians Good Night."

Beautiful Floral Designs. Floral designs completely covered the grave and yards of space around. Among the beautiful tributes and tokens of love and respect were designs from the Baptist church of Autryville, of which the deceased was pastor for 8 years, the Baptist church of Rowland where he was also a pastor for sometime and one from the Baptist church at Buie. It was at the Buie church that the deceased was conducting a revival meeting when taken ill.

Active pall bearers were Messrs S. McIntyre, K. M. Biggs, W. O. Thompson, R. T. Allen, W. T. Hall, T. C. Barnes, Frank Gough, and Q. T. Williams. The honorary pall bearers were the officers of the different churches which were served by the deceased.

Among those from out-of-town attending the funeral were Mr. L. M. Cooper and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Sutton, Mr. J. L. Autry of Autryville; Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. and Miss Straughn, Messrs. T. W. Brake, John Ward, Will McCallum, Tape Adams of Rowland; Messdames G. W. Baldwin and Nannie Page of Wilmington; Mr. O. M. Powers and son of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Purvis of Rocky Mount.

Special mention is deserving for the faithfulness shown by Mr. Romulus Hedgpeth, oldest son of the deceased to his father in the sickness and death and to his younger brother, Luten Rhodes, who underwent an operation for appendicitis less than 24 hours after the death of his father.

Six-Weeks-Old Infant Undergoes Successful Operation. Charles M. Thiel, Jr., 6-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thiel of Mullins, S. C., underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium Thursday for congenital stenosis of the pyloric valve of the stomach. Since the operation the infant has been taking proper nourishment and is enjoying an uneventful convalescence.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton 23c per pound today. Reported by J. M. Harrington.

Items of Local News

—Time for paying light and water bills expires Wednesday, the 15th. Those not paid by that date will be cut out on the 16th. Better pay up.

—Mr. Emory Edwards who has been taking treatment at the Baker sanatorium for the past few days was able to return to his home in East Lumberton yesterday.

—Messrs. W. M. Caulder, Henry Taylor and Robert Miller of R. 4 from Lumberton, expect to leave Matthews Bluff Thursday in a canoe for Fair Bluff on a fishing trip. They expect to return Saturday.

—Mr. J. L. Tew of Red Springs is in the Baker sanatorium suffering from a fracture of the skull as the result of being hit with a limb while sawing at his saw mill near Red Springs Friday. His condition is slightly improved.

—The condition of Mr. Luten Rhodes Hedgpeth, who underwent an operation for gangrenous appendicitis Saturday night, less than 24 hours following the death of his father Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth, is reported as very favorable.

—Mr. O. L. Barnes of Fairmont who has been undergoing treatment at the Thompson hospital for the past several weeks is able to be out again, his condition being slightly improved. He underwent a slight operation for throat trouble Friday.

—Mr. H. M. Baxley went yesterday to Raleigh, where he has accepted a position. He arrived Thursday night from Albemarle, where he had been employed and spent Friday and Saturday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Baxley of R. 5 from Lumberton.

—In a very serious and tedious operation Saturday night Dr. E. S. Beam extricated a full grown black watermelon seed from the left lung of little Miss Etha Register, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Register of Clarkton. Her condition is reported much improved.

—Mr. A. E. Spivey who underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium several days ago is reported as being much improved. The condition of Mrs. Freida Schaeman who also underwent an operation at the sanatorium for appendicitis a few days ago is much improved.

—Dr. E. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church returned this morning from a two-weeks vacation which was spent among friends and relatives in Durham, Henderson Roxboro and New Bern. Dr. Beaman announces that the regular mid-week prayer service will be held at Chestnut Street Methodist church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and regular services Sunday morning and night. Mrs. Beaman who has been visiting relatives in Henderson for the past several weeks did not return and will remain in Henderson for sometime yet.

REV. R. L. BROWN REPLIES TO MR. McINTYRE'S LETTER

Says He Has Been Misquoted—Did Mention Ku Klux Klan and Knights of Columbus in Sermon—Desires Conference and Will Give Sources of Information.

Mr. Stephen McIntyre, Lumberton, N. C. Dear Sir:

Your letter of Aug. 8th, received and contents carefully noted. From your letter it seems that I have been misquoted, however I did make statements from the pulpit last Sunday evening in Red Springs in regard to the Ku Klux Klan, the Knights of Columbus, and the recent trial at Lumberton, which was followed so closely by the multitudes, and in which there has been such wide spread discussion.

The subject of my message on that particular night was, "The Sins of Society," based on Amos' prophecy. I feel that it would not be wise for me to attempt in a letter, to give the statements under discussion since they would not convey the same meaning if they were taken out of the context. However I shall be glad to go over the main points in the message with all explanations, and give you my sources of information for all statements made if I may have a conference with you.

Since I am busily engaged in the great revival here in Red Springs I would suggest that you meet me here at some set time. I shall be glad to make arrangements for the conference, at any time you may suggest.

Let me know what day to expect you.

Fraternally yours, R. L. BROWN

Red Springs, N. C. August, 10, 1923.

Mrs. H. L. Price and son Master George Tapscott of Fairmont were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

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