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Much Grist Thru Superior Court.

Sellers Skipper Murder Case Thrown Out—True Bill Against Slayers of Lacy Lindsay—St. Paul Attorney Admitted to Bar—Men Who Take Law Into Own Hands are Enemies to Society, Sinclair Tells Jury.

The regular term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases which failed to convene Monday on account of the absence of a judge was convened Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville presiding.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Judge Sinclair was scheduled to hold this court but had exchanged with Judge Frank Daniels of Goldsboro, who became too sick to attend. By order of Governor Morrison the civil term in Lee county, which Judge Sinclair opened Monday, was annulled in order that Judge Sinclair could hold court here.

The grand jury which was empaneled last July heard a few remarks from Judge Sinclair which he said was not a formal charge. During these remarks he mentioned the importance of the grand jury rendering true reports as to conditions which they might find at the court house, jail, chain gang and county home. He told them that in making their reports he wanted concrete facts as to conditions as they really exist. He cautioned them regarding any bills that might be presented to them, and told them that a great responsibility rested with them. He spoke of men who take the law into their own hands, and branded them as "enemies to society and to the state of North Carolina."

Murder Case Thrown Out.

The murder case in which Ernest McPhaul was charged with being responsible for the death of Sellers Skipper was thrown out yesterday as soon as the state rested.

There was no evidence that Mr. McPhaul pushed Mr. Skipper from his car while the two were riding through "Black Bottoms," a suburb of Red Springs on October 1st last year. The coroner's jury rendered the following verdict: "We find that Sellers Skipper came to his death by being knocked off an automobile by Ernest McPhaul. We recommend that Ernest McPhaul be held for further investigation by higher court under a very reasonable bond."

The inquest was held October 4th and 5th last year following the death of Mr. Skipper, which occurred in the Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, on the 3rd.

Some of the evidence taken at the inquest was to the effect that Skipper was riding on the running board of the car and that he was knocked off by McPhaul, Sellers skull being fractured when he struck the hard ground.

True Bill Against Jacksons.

A true bill was presented the court yesterday afternoon by the grand jury against Luther, Lawrence and Corbett Jackson for the killing of Lacy Lindsay near Rennett last Sunday afternoon. Luther Jackson is charged with murder in the first degree.

Robert Avery and Raleigh Worley, negroes, submitted to breaking into freight cars and stealing goods and were sentenced to 6 months each on the roads.

Whiskey Case.

Claud McCormick submitted to charges of transporting, possessing and manufacturing whiskey. A part of the State's evidence was taken and it was shown that part of a still was found on his place. He through his attorney, Mr. T. L. Johnson, contended that another man had operated a still, the defendant hiring him to make whiskey for his own use, and that he was caught the first time. Judgment was suspended in the first two cases and he was sentenced to 6 months on the roads for manufacturing. Judge Sinclair stated that he gave him half the minimum sentence usually given for manufacturing whiskey, and did so because the man had shown that he was a hard worker and this was his first conviction.

Ed. Polson submitted to allowing his hogs to run at large and agreed to pay the prosecuting witness \$10 damages done by the hogs. He was taxed with the costs.

Rhodes Pittman submitted to a charge of retailing and was fined \$25 and costs after a recommendation by the solicitor.

Orren Fullmore plead guilty to assault and nuisance and was sentenced to 6 months on the roads.

Ely Catlyle was sentenced to 8 months on the roads for driving an automobile while under the influence of whiskey.

Troy and J. E. Thomas were called and failed to answer. They were charged with manufacturing whiskey. Captias was issued.

Sampson Pittman was found guilty of manufacturing and possessing intoxicating liquors and was sentenced to 18 months on the roads.

Mr. W. F. Caudell of St. Paul was presented to the court by local attorney John B. McLeod and exhibited a license to practice law signed by the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme court of North Carolina

ARMISTICE DAY

Business Houses in Lumberton and Fairmont Will be Closed Monday.

Banks and other business houses in Lumberton and Fairmont will be closed Monday of next week, the 12th, in honor of Armistice Day. Business men of Lumberton have signed an agreement to close for the day and Mayor H. G. Mitchell of Fairmont, who was a Lumberton visitor this morning, says that an agreement for business houses of Fairmont to close on the 12th had been made as a result of action taken by the town board of aldermen at its last regular meeting.

Shepard Case Comes Up Again.

Luke Britt Brought from State Prison as Witness for State Against F. M. Huggins and Dock Rozier—Case Expected to Come Up This Afternoon.

Luke Britt, young white man who submitted to a charge of second degree murder at the July term of criminal court here, and who was sentenced to 10 years in the state prison in connection with the mysterious slaying of E. R. Shepard, arrived in Lumberton this morning in custody of Deputy Sheriff R. C. Miller, having been ordered to appear here today as a witness for the state against F. M. Huggins, white, and Dock Rozier, colored, who were charged with the killing also.

According to Mr. T. L. Johnson, who is assisting in the prosecution, the case will be called this afternoon.

Mr. Broach, a sister of deceased, and Mrs. Shepard, his widow, of Decatur, Ga., are here to attend the trial.

"JOCK" HAS PASSED AWAY.

Mascot of Fire Department Succumbs to Pneumonia and Remains Are Interred With Honors—The "Monk" Had Many Friends.

"Jock", 3-year-old monkey that had been the official mascot for the Lumberton fire department for the past two years, died yesterday afternoon at 1:30 at the town hall, where she had suffered for two weeks with double pneumonia.

Her condition was much improved last week, but she suffered a relapse which caused her death. The remains were placed in a coffin, into which many admirers of the deceased looked before it was lowered into the ground beside the south wall of the town hall. The handling of the coffin was done by men who were friends of "Jock" and who acted in the capacity of pall bearers. It is true that tears were shed by some of those attending the burial.

Proof that "Jock" had many friends in Lumberton, and among the ladies as well as men and children, was shown by the floral offerings that were placed on the grave. Surviving is one near relative, "Rensel", who came to Lumberton several months ago, and who has shown signs of suffering on account of the loss of her playmate.

An order has already been placed for a monument, which will be erected at the head of the grave.

COUNTY ROAD MATTERS

One Petition for Private Cartway Granted and Two Continued—Truck Charged to St. Paul Township.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county road board Monday, the matter of a cart-way in Affordville township, crossing the lands of Bullock, Robertson and others was continued until next meeting, at the request of Mr. J. I. Townsend, superintendent of roads.

At the request of Mr. J. Emory Prevatt a private cartway was ordered established in Lumberton township between the lands of Baker, Barnes and E. M. Prevatt from the west side of the Carthage road to the land of the petitioner.

A petition presented by Alvin Chavis and Wesley Jones for a private cart-way in Pembroke township "beginning at the short-cut road near the home of Hector Locklear, crossing the lands of Mary and Junie Locklear and others, to the land line of Alvin Chavis, a distance of 300 yards," was ordered filed for 30 days to hear any objections that may arise.

It was ordered that a note for \$1,500 for a truck be paid and charged to St. Paul township.

Mr. W. A. McKay of St. Paul was a Lumberton visitor Monday.

After taking the oath in the presence of the court, it was ordered that he be admitted to the bar as an attorney and counsellor at law in all the courts of the state.

Mr. P. C. Whitlock of Charlotte was among the out-of-town attorneys attending court here this week. He represented the American Trust Co. of Charlotte in an injunction proceeding which was continued.

Young Negro Given 5 to 10 Years.

Jule McLelland Found Guilty of Attempted Assault on White Woman—Judge Sinclair Imposes Indeterminate Sentence.

Jule McLelland, colored, was given an indeterminate sentence yesterday by Judge Sinclair of not less than 5 years and not more than 10 years, in the State penitentiary when a jury in Robeson Superior court found him guilty of committing an assault upon Mrs. Leo Atkinson with intent to commit rape.

Before the case could be tried it was necessary for the jury to determine if the defendant was 14 years of age on the 5th of October, the date the assault took place. The jury answered the issue "yes" and the trial proceeded.

The state put on a very few witnesses and rested its case, immediately after which the defense rested. Mr. Stephen McIntyre, representing the defendant, made a motion for the withdrawal of the part of the charge "with intent to rape", but the motion was overruled by Judge Sinclair. It was in evidence that the young negro went to the home of Mrs. Atkinson and asked where her husband was, Mrs. Atkinson telling him that he was over about Proctorville, which is about a mile away from where the assault took place. The negro left and returned a few minutes later with his face and hands blackened with smoot and wearing nothing but a shirt. A struggle followed the entrance of the negro into the house and the screams of Mrs. Atkinson frightened him away. He admitted to officers that he committed the crime, and that he did it with the intention of criminally assaulting her.

Ask For Special Term of Court.

Governor Requested to Order One-Week Term to Begin December 17—Many Prisoners Will be Left in Jail After This Week's Term.

At a meeting of the Robeson county bar Monday it was ordered that a petition asking for a special one-week term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases to begin December 17, be sent Governor Morrison.

This action was taken when it was found that the present term would not relieve the congested docket, and many prisoners would be forced to remain in jail until the next regular term of criminal court, in January.

Parkton Letter

Penny Carnival Friday—Funeral of Mr. T. P. Blake—Work on Presbyterian Church Progressing—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Nov. 6—Friday morning at the public school building will be something doing—P. T. association will pull a big one. Everybody is expected to be present to enjoy the penny carnival.

Company L., N. C. N. G., is having inspection tonight. The boys are out in full. Did not learn the special officer.

The land sale which was pulled off near town Monday was quite satisfactory to the owners, selling as high as \$300 and \$400 per acre.

The local cotton market sours higher and higher, passed the 31 1/2-cent mark. We still testify this is a great market and people bring it from far and near.

Mrs. D. D. and A. B. Williamson moved to Raleigh last night to hear Evangelists Ham and Ramsey, who held a most interesting service at the city hall. Mr. Ham preached one of the most powerful sermons we ever listened to a record-breaking congregation.

Mrs. R. E. Council and Mrs. C. D. Williamson remain on the sick list.

Mr. H. C. McMillan and family and Miss Utha Gray Smith attended the Sandhills fair last week, also Mr. J. C. Lancaster and family and Messrs. Collier Cobb and A. B. Williamson. They claim the best fair yet.

Several relatives and friends from our town attended the funeral of Mr. T. P. Blake of Gray's Creek this afternoon at Marvin M. E. church at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery west of the church in the family plot. Deceased was one of Cumberland county's best citizens and a substantial planter, 68 years old, a consistent and loyal member of Marvin M. E. church. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. F. Munns, assisted by Rev. W. L. Maness of Fayetteville circuit, a former pastor.

The North Carolina sacred concert orchestra has accepted an urgent invitation to play at Gray's Creek school building in the near future, the date not determined yet. Read The Robesonian and keep posted.

Work on the new Presbyterian church is progressing nicely with Capt. Phillip Johnson as foreman.

The J. C. Culbreth beef market has changed hands. They have sold out to Luther Faircloth, who is now on the job.

Mr. I. B. Culbreth of Wilson is in town briefly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones returned yesterday from Greensboro and Jonesboro, where they spent a few days.

Command of Legion His Reward



John R. Quinn of San Francisco is the new National Commander of the American Legion, his reward for taking the World War veterans to the Golden Gate for their 1923 convention. Last year at New Orleans he prevailed upon them to go West this year. With him are his wife and mother.

A ROBESON COUNTY TAR HEEL

Commander Quinn's mother was home folks in Robeson, he brought Miss Hattie Robertson of Robeson with him Harry Quinn, who met and county, a sister of Mr. G. L. Robert-married Miss Hattie Robertson and son of Rowland and Mrs. Belle Buchan carried her to California, where the of Sanford. Archibald Patterson, a present Legion commander, the second brother of the late Congressman Gillson, was born in 1890. John Robertson Patterson of Maxton, went to Quinn has visited relatives in North California many years ago and local Carolina several times and is expected to return here, where he has since lived and to come to this State within the next few months.

Conference on Indian Education.

All-Day Conference Under Direction of N. C. Newbold Will be Held at Normal at Pembroke November 16—All Who Are Interested in Indian Education Are Invited.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Pembroke, Nov. 7—An all-day conference to which all who are interested in Indian education are invited will be held at the Indian Normal school building here Saturday, November 10, as set forth in the following letter which has been sent out by Supt. A. R. Riley:

"The Indian Normal school within the past few years through the aid of recent legislative appropriations has largely increased its equipment and the scope of its activities. A new school building costing about \$75,000 has been built; nearly ten acres of additional land has been purchased; the girls dormitory has been remodeled and quarters provided for the first time for boys; and many other improvements have been inaugurated. Along with these physical improvements, the teaching force of the institution has been increased and the primary grades eliminated, so that the school is in better shape for high-class instruction than it has ever been in its history.

Continued progress, however, should be the aim of the school and of the people for whom the school was established. Still further physical improvements should be made and the curriculum of studies should be broadened to meet the needs of an advanced community.

"Feeling sure of your interest in all matters pertaining to the growth of the school and the advancement of the Indian people, we are asking you to attend an all-day conference on Indian education, under the direction of Mr. N. C. Newbold of the State education department to be held at the Normal Saturday, November 10. At this conference will be considered plans for broadening the curriculum of the high school to include preparation for business and professional careers—music, art, literature, and the sciences. More especially will be considered plans for adding to the live stock, pastures and gardens, for teaching short winter courses in carpentry and auto mechanics, and the

erection of a model farm cottage, all to be managed in connection with the courses in home economics and agriculture.

"We should like to discuss with you the advisability of the policy and also the ways and means by which the developments may be brought about."

GARAGES MUST NOT USE STREETS FOR NIGHT STORAGE.

Town Board Passes Orders to Regulate Use of Streets for Second-Hand Autos and Sidewalks for Building Materials.

At a meeting of the town commissioners Tuesday night an order was passed prohibiting garages from storing second-hand cars on the streets after 12 o'clock at night. Any cars of this nature found on the streets after that time will be found the next morning at the town hall with costs attached.

An ordinance prohibiting the placing of gravel, sand, brick and other building material on the paved streets of the town of Lumberton was ordered drafted. Material which can damage the pavement must be placed on wooden platforms or bases and kept off the paving and in such a place that it cannot be scattered on the paving.

Action was also taken regarding the State highway forces damaging water valve boxes, the matter to be referred to the State highway commission in Raleigh.

Mr. Rowland Stephen, of Orum is a Lumberton visitor today.

NOTICE.

For the benefit of those who seem to have misinterpreted the legal notice now running in the paper as to payments to be made on street paving in the SECOND PROGRAM: Any amount paid on the whole assessment during the month of November bears no interest. Any unpaid portion of any assessment on December 1st 1923 will bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent, calculated from October 1st, 1923. Paving assessment must be paid promptly.

J. P. RUSSELL, Clerk & Treasurer

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 32 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Pearlie Shaw and Mr. Bernice B. Cole.

—A very attractive electric sign is being erected today over the sidewalk on Elm street in front of Mr. A. J. Holmes' jewelry store.

—An important meeting of the Business and Professional Woman's club will be held this evening at 7:30 at the tea room on Fifth street.

—Mr. H. O. Floyd, cotton weigher and grader for Lumberton, states that there will be no cotton weighed or graded by him on Monday, November 12th, on account of Armistice Day.

—The Parent-Teacher association will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the club room on Fifth street. All parents and teachers of the town are cordially invited to attend.

—The men's Wesley Bible class of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school will entertain at a dinner at the Goat club house Friday evening at 7 o'clock. A number of ladies of the church have been invited.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bullock recently moved from their home near Fairmont into the McMillan residence on East Fifth street. Mr. Bullock is conducting a fruit stand on the northwest corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets.

—Mr. W. B. Ivey, commander of the American Legion, has requested that an American flag be placed in front of every residence and business house in the town of Lumberton Monday, the 12th, in recognition of Armistice Day.

—Miss Margaret Wetmore, daughter of Mr. F. F. Wetmore, was able to be moved Tuesday to her home, Cedar and Third streets, from the Baker sanatorium, where she was operated on 6 weeks ago for a serious case of appendicitis.

—The condition of Mr. C. F. Lower, who has been ill for the past few days at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Merritt East Fifth street, is reported unimproved. His illness is due to heart trouble.

—The local fire department was called this morning to the home of Sarah Rogers, colored, on Railroad avenue, and upon arrival found the shingle-roof burning. Chemicals were used and the flames extinguished. About \$15 damage was done.

—Members of the Robeson County Trinity College Alumni association will have a banquet at the Robin's Nest tea room on East Fifth street this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Twenty-five or more alumnae and alumni from all parts of the county are expected. Dr. Boyd, a member of the faculty of Trinity, is expected to be present.

—Mr. T. J. Rowan spent the weekend in Lumberton at the home of her husband's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rowan. She was on her way from Wilmington, where she had made her home for the past few years, to Greenville, where she will spend a few days with her parents before going to Durham, where Mr. Rowan has recently been made manager of the Efrid department store.

—At one of the last services of the evangelistic campaign which closed last week at Chestnut Street Methodist church, Rev. Carolyn Hosford, evangelistic worker who assisted the pastor throughout the meeting, complimented The Robesonian highly upon its reports of the services. She said that in all her experience she had never known such services to be so fully and completely reported voluntarily by a newspaper. Which is appreciated by The Robesonian staff.

—The North Carolina Tuberculosis association will in the next few days put on its sale of Christmas seals in this division. Of receipts from sale of these seals, 75 per cent, is kept in Robeson county to be used in work against the great white plague here while 15 per cent goes to the N. C. Tuberculosis association for conducting the seal sale campaign and 10 per cent to the National Tuberculosis association. Mrs. Johnnie L. McNeill is chairman of the sale in this division.

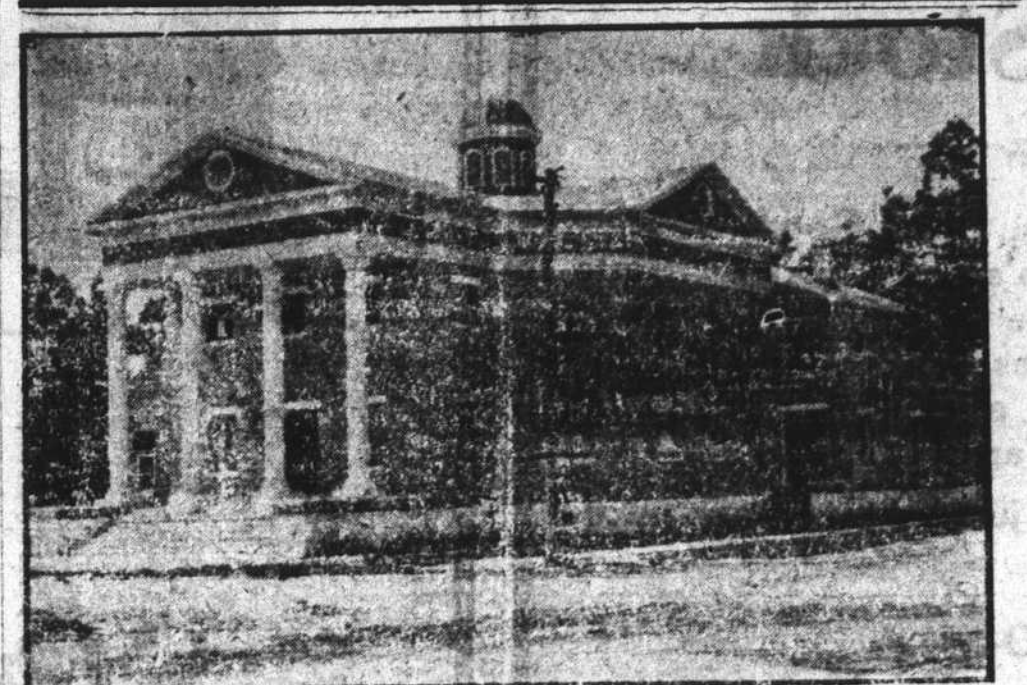
—Miss Irma Hubbard of the Cross-note school of Avery county had an exhibit of linen and woolen articles woven by girl students of that school at the tea room on East Fifth street Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock under the auspices of the Woman's club. Miss Hubbard told the history of the school and how many girls of that section work their way by weaving various useful articles, such as towels, blankets, etc. She sold a number of articles here. She went yesterday to Southern Pines.

Mr. J. P. Russell attended Tuesday in St. Pauls the meeting of the Laymen's association of the Fayetteville presbytery.

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JNO. C. FULLER



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