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COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH.

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Grantham Not Guilty Says Jury.

Cleared of Charge of Killing Barney Hunt—Pompey Bethea and Erastus McQueen Will be Tried on Same Charge—Court Probably Will Adjourn Friday.

"Not guilty" was the verdict rendered at 2:35 this afternoon by the Superior court jury in the case of Guy Grantham charged with killing Barney Hunt, Indian, who was shot near Rose Hill church, Gaddy township on the night of August 31st; Solicitor T. A. McNeill asked for a verdict of second-degree murder. The trial began Monday afternoon and the jury retired at 1 p. m. today. The trial of Pompey Bethea and Erastus McQueen, both colored, charged with second degree murder in the same case, will begin this afternoon.

It was in evidence that on the night of August 31st the defendant, Guy Grantham left his father's home in an automobile, went to a near-by tobacco barn where Erastus McQueen was, and that Erastus got in the car with him. They went to Rose Hill church, where a meeting was in progress, and where they saw Pompey Bethea. All three became intoxicated with liquor and late in the night started home. Bethea was very drunk by this time and got the rear of the automobile. McQueen asked Grantham to let him drive the car and got in the driver's seat. He admitted that he had a pistol and stated that after he sat down it became uncomfortable and he pulled it out and laid it down on the seat between him and Grantham. Then as they were driving off Grantham picked up the gun and began firing. The result of which brought about the death of Barney Hunt, who was walking alongside the road at the time. There was no evidence to show that there was any motive for the shooting. It appeared that it was a careless and dangerous handling of firearms by person or persons drunk.

The prosecution was assisted by the firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor. The firms of McLean, Vasser, McLean & Stacy and Britt & Britt of Lumberton, and Mr. Claude McDonald of Florence, S. C., represented the defendant.

It is expected that this special term of court will adjourn Friday afternoon. A number of minor cases were compromised today. Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville is presiding. Other cases have been disposed of as follows:

Murphy Watson plead guilty to an assault with deadly weapon and was ordered to pay to the prosecuting witness, A. S. Bracy, \$50, and pay the costs in the case.

Luke Baker plead guilty to an assault with deadly weapon and was ordered to pay the court the sum of \$50, the costs to be deducted and the balance to be paid to the prosecuting witness, A. S. Bracy.

W. J. Mercer plead guilty to an assault and was taxed with the costs and ordered to pay \$250 to the prosecuting witness, Josephine Mercer.

Luther Rogers plead guilty to forgery and was sentenced to 12 months on the county roads.

Archie Andrews plead guilty to receiving stolen goods and vagrancy. Judgment was continued on the first charge upon payment of costs and suspended on the second upon payment of costs.

Hezekiah Drake offered a plea of nolo contendere for trespass and had judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

A. R. Smith offered a plea of nolo contendere for violating the road law and had judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Ed. Wortham vs. Mattie Wortham; divorce granted.

Among the college girls and boys arriving home for the holidays are Miss Viola Edwards and Ingram Hedgpath, from Mars Hill college; Miss Isabelle McLeod, Hollins college, Hollins, Va.; and Knox Andrews, Trinity college, Durham.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE.

Flagrant Violations—Cooperation of Parents Requested—Ordinance Must be Enforced. To the Parents of the Town of Lumberton:

About four years ago, at the request of the State Fire Insurance Department, the board of commissioners passed an ordinance prohibiting the firing of fireworks generally in the town. This ordinance is being flagrantly violated. Some places of business have almost had to close up on account of the reckless manner fire works have been thrown into their doors and windows. We are advised that unless we enforce this ordinance our fire insurance rates may be increased 10 per cent. We do not believe that you want this done, and we are, therefore, calling on you to cooperate with the officials of the town to assist in preventing it. We do not wish to embarrass anyone, but the ordinance is going to be enforced as far as possible.

E. M. JOHNSON, MAYOR.

Dec. 19th.

To Double Capacity of Ice Plant.

Mr. M. A. Geddie Lets Contract for Additional Machinery and Plans are Being Drawn for Enlarging Building—Plant Will Have Output of 50,000 Pounds Daily—Doubled in 7 Years.

A contract was made yesterday by Mr. M. A. Geddie with the O. J. Morris Ice & Cold Storage Building Co. of Atlanta, Ga., for machinery sufficient to double the capacity of the ice plant now conducted by Mr. Geddie on the Elizabethtown road, and plans are being drawn by the same concern for the enlarging of the building, which will be a modern brick structure.

According to Mr. Morris, part of the new machinery will be shipped next week and it will be a matter of only a few months before the ice plant will have a capacity of 50,000 pounds daily. The capacity now is only 12 1/2 tons. Mr. Geddie states that the new building will be built in such a manner that anyone calling at the plant for ice will have the best of accommodations, as a driveway will be included. Four additional lots have been bought by Mr. Geddie and work on the new building will begin at once.

Mr. Morris was very much gratified at the progress Lumberton has made in the past 7 years and stated that it is one of the best towns in the South, if not the best. He sold Mr. Geddie his first ice plant and predicted then that it would only be a matter of a few years before it would be necessary to double the capacity.

Union Meeting of Robeson Assn.

Program of Meeting to be Held at Long Branch Church December 28-29.

Following is the program of the Union meeting of the Robeson Baptist association to be held at Long Branch church December 28-29:

Friday Morning
10:30 Prayer service—T. Britt.
11:00 Sermon—J. E. Lanier.

Afternoon
1:30 The Bible, the Rule of Faith and Practice—J. M. Page.
2:00 The Church and its Members—L. M. Hobbs.
2:30 The Church and its Officers—E. A. Paul.

Saturday Morning
10:00 Prayer service—K. L. Byrd.
10:30 The Church and the Ordinances—Alford Stephens.

11:00 Organizing the Church for Efficiency—E. F. Sullivan.
11:30 The Church and the World View—C. H. Durham.

Afternoon
1:50 The Church and the Community—F. T. Collins.
2:00 Expressing Gratitude in a Practical Way for a Prosperous Year—J. M. Fleming.
2:30 Miscellaneous.

YOUTHFUL RULER OF GREECE NOTIFIED TO LEAVE COUNTRY.

Temporary Dismissal Believed to be End of Grecian Monarchy. London, Dec. 18 (Associated Press)

The Greek nation which in recent years has suffered so many dynastic changes, will tomorrow again be without a king and under the regency of the aged Admiral Coundouriotis, who filled a similar role in 1920.

The suddenness of this development from the victory of the Liberals and Republicans at the recent elections has astonished even the Greek people, accustomed as they are to recurring political convulsions. According to the Athens press the King's absence will be regarded as "leave" pending the future decision of the national assembly. But the general belief is that when the king and queen depart for Bucharest tomorrow, another king will have disappeared for good from the rapidly diminishing number of European thrones.

The revolutionary cabinet, prompted by the decisive defeat of the Royalists at the polls, served notice of his temporary dismissal on the youthful monarch who had no alternative but to accede. The Allied and Balkan diplomats made representations on behalf of their governments against the exoulation of the king but too late to save the situation.

Schools Close for Holidays—Teachers Leaving for Home.

Lumberton's graded and high schools close this afternoon for the holidays, until January 7th, and out-of-town teachers will leave this evening and tomorrow for their respective homes, as follows:

Miss Aileen Gramling, Orangeburg, S. C.; Miss Nell Sutton, Danburg, Ga.; Miss Linda Newton, Orrum; Miss Elizabeth Peay, Chester, S. C.; Miss Ruth McEwen, Richmond, Va.; Miss Rosa Dukes, Bowman, S. C.; Miss Ada Edwards, Mars Hill; Miss Eva Oglesby, Harrisburg, Miss Emma Lucas Ward, Selma; Miss Carolyn White, Elizabeth City; Miss Katherine Redwine, Monroe; Miss Onie Daves, Lucama; Miss Lillian Cook, Winston-Salem; Miss Evelyn Boyd, High Point; Miss Katherine Sarcor, Union, S. C.; Mr. W. L. Haltiwanger, Newberry, S. C.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Ester Maness and Mr. L. Douglas Edens.



Christmas Trees And Services

Special Music and Entertainment at Various Churches.

COMMUNITY TREE AND SING CHRISTMAS DAY.

Baskets Will be Distributed to Needy Families Christmas Eve and Dinner Will be Provided for County Home Inmates.

Christmas will be observed in Lumberton in a community way this year more generally than ever before. An outstanding feature will be the community tree and sing on the court house square at 5:30 p. m. Christmas Day. Ladies of the Woman's club, who are getting this up, Mrs. S. F. Caldwell being chairman of the committee, are very anxious to make this such a success that it will be held regularly hereafter. They are particularly anxious to have a large number of people join in the community sing. The entire community is invited to attend and take part in the singing and other exercises. Singing will be a main part of the program. Mayor E. M. Johnson will announce the various numbers and Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will make a short talk. Santa Claus will be there.

Baskets will be distributed to needy families Christmas Eve by the Associated Charities. Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins has charge of this part of the program and will be glad to receive contributions of money, clothing, fruit, groceries, etc.

Tree at Presbyterian Church. The first of the church programs will be at the Presbyterian church at 5 p. m. Saturday, when there will be a tree and special exercises.

Tree and Play at Chestnut Street. A play, "Babe of Bethlehem" will be given at Chestnut Street Methodist church at 8 o'clock on the night of Christmas Day, under the direction of Miss Lula Norment. A large number of children of the Sunday school will take part. There also will be a tree and Santa Claus will be present.

Tree at Gospel Tabernacle. The Sunday school of the Gospel Tabernacle will have a Christmas tree Christmas night, beginning at

7:30. Special exercises will be given and every member of the Sunday school will receive something.

Sunday morning at the Gospel Tabernacle Rev. Gordon R. Mines, the pastor, will preach a special Christmas sermon.

CHORAL CANTATA AT FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY NIGHT.

The choir of the First Baptist church will give, "The King Cometh", a choral cantata by R. M. Stults, Sunday night at 7:30. The program as outlined will be as follows:

Introduction—Organ.
Opening chorus.

Part One—A King is Promised. Soprano and baritone solos and chorus.

Soprano solo.
Trio—soprano, alto and tenor.
Chorus.

Part Two—The Incarnation. Soprano and baritone solos and duets.
Chorus.
Soprano and alto duet and chorus.

Part Three.
Chorus.
Men's quartet and chorus.
Soprano solo.
Closing chorus.

Soprano soloists—Mesdames L. R. Vasser, J. A. Martin and Miss Elsie Thompson; baritone soloist—Mr. C. B. Skinner; male quartet—Messrs. J. Pope Stephens, Preston Cashwell, C. B. Skinner and E. B. Freeman; trio—Mrs. H. T. Pope, Miss Elsie Thompson and Mr. Pope Stephens; organist—Mrs. L. P. Stack; director—Mrs. R. A. McIntyre; violinists—Mrs. R. A. McIntyre and Mr. Frank Gough Jr.; choir; sopranos—Mesdames L. R. Vasser, J. A. Martin, Misses Margaret Pittman, Elsie Thompson, Bonnie Sessions, Annie Grace Williams, Lina Gough, Lillian Barker, altos—Mesdames H. T. Pope, Lizzie Proctor, E. A. McIntyre, T. L. Johnson, Miss Sadie Ray Pope, tenors—Messrs. J. Pope Stephens, Preston Cashwell, A. K. Johnson, bass—Messrs. C. B. Skinner, E. B. Freeman, E. J. Britt and S. A. Epps.

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Grand Jury Reports Findings.

Recommends Permanent and More Accurate Record in Regard to Examination and Treatment of Prisoners.

The grand jury, Mr. J. B. McCullum, foreman, completed its work for this term of Superior court last evening and made the following report to Judge N. A. Sinclair:

"We passed upon 11 bills of indictment, finding 11 true bills.

County House and County Officers. "The court house building appears to be in good shape and the officers courteous in every way; the building kept clean and in good condition.

County Jail. "We visited the jail in a body, and found 13 prisoners; the jail building in a sanitary condition; we heard complaint from one Della McDonald, she asked for medicine 12 days ago and the doctor promised to send her some, but later she saw him and he said he forgot it, and has not yet received any medicine.

Chain Gang. "We visited the chain gang by committee and found fifty men. One Eugene Smith complained of not getting medical treatment; he was heard by Mr. Prevatt, the guard, when he asked Dr. Hardin for the medicine and has called for medicine three times since July; the last time he asked for medicine was the last day that the doctor was down there about one week ago; and still has not received the medicine. All prisoners seem to be getting along well and no complaint about fare or treatment.

County Home. "We visited the county home by committee and found twelve inmates—7 white men, 1 white boy, 2 Indians and 2 negroes—and everything kept in a very sanitary condition.

"In regard to examination and treatment of prisoners at the county jail, we recommend that the jailer or other officers be furnished a suitable notification card, showing date and hour prisoner was received and hour that county health officer or physician was notified, in order that a permanent and more accurate record be kept of prisoners."

"The condition of Bobbie, little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lewis, who underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium last night for tharaxanth abscess, is reported as very favorable. The operation was performed by Dr. R. S. Beam. The condition of little Miss Irene Peelle of Laurinburg, who underwent an operation at the sanatorium a few days ago; is also much improved.

Miss Maitland Thompson, a member of the faculty of Hardin college, Mexico, Mo., arrived Monday night and will spend the holidays here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson on North Elm street. Miss Thompson underwent a slight operation at the Thompson hospital Tuesday afternoon for infected tonsils and will return to her home this afternoon.

Rev. Lindsay Frazier of Chadbourn was a Lumberton visitor Monday. Mr. Frazier was pastor of the Lumberton circuit for 2 years prior to 1 year ago and lived in Lumberton. He is now pastor of the Chadbourn circuit, having been sent to that appointment from Eion College at the last conference.

NEXT CALL MONDAY MORNING

Owing to the fact that rural carriers will not make their usual trips Christmas Day the next issue of The Robesonian will be printed early Monday morning, instead of in the afternoon. Advertisers and others who have communications for the paper will please bear this in mind and turn in their copy earlier than usual.

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

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd is confined to his room on Ninth street on account of a severe attack of rheumatism.

—The condition of Master Maurice Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lee, who has been confined to his room for the past several days on account of measles, is very much improved.

—The condition of Mrs. Mattie Smith of Red Springs, who underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium Monday, is reported as very favorable.

—Notice has just been received by Postmaster L. L. McGill from the Postmaster General that rural carriers will not be required to carry the mail on Christmas Day, as has been the custom heretofore.

—Messrs. J. Dickson McLean, David H. Fuller and F. Ertel Carlyle expect to leave Saturday for Washington and New York, where they will spend the holidays, returning to Lumberton in about 10 days.

—Miss Anna Lawrence was able to return to her home on Sixth street yesterday after spending a few days in the Baker sanatorium. Miss Elizabeth Frye, who has also been a patient at the sanatorium for the past few days, expects to leave tomorrow.

—Messrs. C. H. Taylor of Danville, Va., J. D. Perkins, J. W. Chambers and W. F. Long of Roxboro, who were officially connected with the local tobacco market last season, are visitors in town today. The matter of enlarging the warehouses here and otherwise making improvements for the next season is being taken up with the stockholders.

—Mr. Ellie Walters of Lumberton is expected to arrive here Sunday in an aeroplane from Jersey City, N. J., to which place he went a few days ago to purchase a plane. Mr. Ed Glover received yesterday from Mr. Walters a telegram advising him that he expected to drive the plane through and arrive here Sunday.

—Messrs. A. E. Thompson and J. W. Williams of Fairmont were among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Williams was formerly connected with the Grantham-Williams Co., of Fairmont and Mr. Thompson was a representative. Messrs. Williams and Thompson are now conducting a real estate and insurance business under the name of Thompson & Williams.

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Record of Deaths

MR. ERNEST SMITH DIED AT NOON TODAY.

Funeral Will be Held at Asbury Church at Raynham Tomorrow.

Mr. Ernest Smith, son of the late S. J. Smith and who had his home here for the past several months with his brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Bowman of McDonalds, died at 12 o'clock today in the Thompson hospital following a few days illness of heart trouble. Deceased was about 35 years of age and was well known throughout Robeson and Columbus counties. For several years he conducted the famous Sweets farm between Chadbourn and Whiteville. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning and interment will be made in the cemetery at Asbury church, Raynham.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. E. L. Bowman, step-mother, Mrs. Edna Smith, and several half-sisters and half-brothers.

MRS. SOUSA A BARFIELD

End Came Last Evening After Long Illness—Funeral This Afternoon.

Mrs. Sousa A. Barfield died of dropsy yesterday at 5 p. m. at her home near Bellamy after an illness of long duration. Deceased was 53 years of age and was very prominent, being a daughter of the late Henry Barker. She was a member of the Methodist church and a model Christian woman.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Meadowbrook cemetery, where interment will be made. The services will be conducted by Rev. N. L. Seabolt.

Among those surviving besides her husband are two brothers, Messrs. J. W. and Ira Barker of Lumberton, and several children.

Mesdames G. F. Allen and D. W. Brown of Bladenboro were among the visitors in town Tuesday.

Dr. M. A. Waddell attended the Gores-Marlowe wedding in Conway Tuesday.



"THE THREE WISE MEN"

YEP, MOM THINKS I STILL BELIEVE THERE'S A SANTA CLAUS, SO I JUST PLAY DUMB!

I ALLUS KINDA HINT AROUND 'BOUT WRITIN' A LETTER TO SANTA AN' LET DAD SEE IT

I GOTTA GOOD SCHEME, I ALLUS MAKE THREE COPIES OF MY LETTER AN' SHOW 'EM AROUND!

