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## Special Term Superior Court Ends.

**Not Free Taken in Cases Against Barney Hunt and Erastus McQueen, Charged With Murder—Stock-Law Violators Appeals From Sentence of 60 Days—Other Cases.**  
The special term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases which convened here last Monday morning with Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville presiding adjourned Friday afternoon after a jury found Sam Bryant, Indian, guilty of an assault with deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 1 year in the state prison.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:  
R. C. Townsend was found guilty of violating the stock law and was sentenced to 30 days each on two separate charges. He gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

The judgment in the case against Neal Baker was changed from 18 months to 12 months.  
French Hunt had a road sentence suspended upon payment of a \$250 fine and costs and provided he does not violate any of the liquor laws during the next 2 years.

J. D. and Nye Wilkins were fined \$25 and costs when found guilty of assault with deadly weapon.  
Eva Markham had judgment suspended upon payment of costs for fornication and adultery.

Following the acquittal Thursday of Guy Grantham, white, charged with the murder of Barney Hunt, Indian, Solicitor T. A. McNeill took a nol pros in the case against Pompey Bethea, and a nol pros with leave in the case against Erastus McQueen, the two colored men also charged with the murder.

Other cases disposed of were as follows:  
Neal Baker plead guilty to a charge of assault with intent to rape and was sentenced to 18 months on the roads.

Lillie May Deese vs. Daniel Deese; divorce granted.

Oscar Locklear and Alf Lowry plead guilty to manufacturing and retailing whiskey and had judgment continued upon payment of the costs provided the defendants appear at every term of criminal court during the next 12 months and show good behavior.

Allice Smith vs. Charlie Smith; divorce granted.

Erastus McQueen plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons and was taxed with the costs.

John West was sentenced to 12 months each in two cases of larceny and one of receiving.

James and Novella Locklear plead guilty to housebreaking and assault and had judgment suspended upon payment of the costs.

Guy Grantham plead guilty to trespass and carrying concealed weapons and had judgment continued in the first case and suspended in the second upon payment of the costs.

## Goodfellows Care For Needy Families

**Young Men Are Providing for Needs of 40 Families, Including 96 Children—Merchants Give Big Discount.**

Ninety-six children and other members of approximately forty families in and near Lumberton will be, or already have been during the past few days cared for during the holidays by members of the Goodfellows' club, a branch organization of the Young Men's Baraca class of the First Baptist church.

A committee appointed some time ago investigated the needs of some of the unfortunate families in and near Lumberton and as a result have spent nearly \$400 for provisions, clothing and other necessities. The baskets are filled with groceries consisting of flour, lard, meat, peaches, syrup, fruit, nuts, and other good things to eat. In one home where the committee left provisions and other things to make Christmas brighter it was found that there was nothing at all in the house to eat and that the occupants were hungry.

A large amount of clothing, consisting of underwear, shoes, stockings, shirts and other wearing apparel is also being distributed. In some instances it was found that children were being kept away from school on account of not having sufficient clothing to keep them warm. It is a pleasure to watch the committee work, and the merchants give big discounts, for they show on their faces that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

## Large Real Estate Deal.

One of the largest transfers of real estate during recent months occurred last week when Mr. Sandy McLeod sold to Mr. W. I. Linkhaw a farm and other lands, consisting of 568 acres, about 2 miles north of Lumberton on the Fayetteville highway. The land is known as the Blount tract. The amount paid was not disclosed.

## Christmas Tree at Damascus Church Night of 26th.

A Christmas tree with special exercises will be given at Damascus church near St. Paul by the Damascus Sunday school Wednesday night, December 26th at 7 o'clock. A collection will be taken for the orphanage.

## St. Paul News

**Ellis-Stanton Marriage—Some Hefity Pigs—Girls and Boys Home for the Holidays and Other Personal Christmas Greetings.**

By Bessie G. Johnson.  
St. Paul, Dec. 21—Misses Grace Butler and Rosalie Townsend, who are students at Mesedith college, arrived home last night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Townsend, respectively, to the delight of many friends.

Just as we were wishing for a "wedding" (not our own however), one of our fair young lassies came to our "rescue" and altho' the marriage was brief, 'twas a "wedding" just the same and contained all the love and joy that a "huge" one ever could. The lucky young lady was Miss Elizabeth Stanton of near St. Paul, who was united in matrimony to Mr. William Charles Ellis of Fayetteville, the affair taking place last Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stanton, whose pastor, Rev. Ivey T. Poole of St. Paul, performed the ceremony. A number of relatives and a few very intimate friends were present. Mrs. Ellis is an attractive young lady of a sweet disposition and her many friends in St. Paul and surrounding community wish for her a world of joy in her new-found happiness.

Who's next?  
On Tuesday this week Mr. J. Odum of near town killed two shoats, one weighing 358 pounds while the other tipped the scales at 248. This morning we learned that Mr. Ruffin Powers had this week "slayed" one that tipped the scales at 505 pounds when dressed. "Some pig," and only 15 1-2 months' old! If any one can beat this, let's hear from you.

On last evening two splendid one-act plays, "Neighbors" and "The Maker of Dreams" was presented by the senior class of the local high school, which was attended and enjoyed by quite a number, the whole affair being very worthy of praise. Quite a neat little sum was realized from proceeds, something like \$25 or \$30.

Mrs. W. A. Nutting and little son, William, have been in Thomasville since last Sunday, having gone over to spend the Christmas season with her mother, Mrs. Lee Thomlinson, and other relatives of her former home town.

Mrs. J. M. O. Denmark returned last Wednesday night from a visit to relatives in Quitman, Ga., where she spent several pleasant days.

Miss Jessie Allen, who is a member of the faculty at Wingate Junior college, arrived home Thursday to spend the holidays with her father, Mr. Joe Allen and family, who reside near town.

Lawyer and Mrs. D. Mack Johnson, who spent several days at the home of his father Mr. W. S. Johnson, a few miles from town, returned Wednesday to his home at Enfield, where he is now located.

A number of the boys and girls have already arrived, while others are arriving daily. Time forbids our mentioning all today, "The rush has got us." Here's wishing The Robesonian staff, all our friends and readers, a pleasant happy Christmas and a joyous prosperous 1924. For your kind indulgence thru' the past months I sincerely thank you "one and all".

## Clerk Hearing Postponed to January 4.

The case involving custody of three of the four children of Rev. I. N. Clegg and wife, Mrs. Annie M. Clegg, which was set for special hearing before Judge N. A. Sinclair Saturday, has again been postponed until the 4th of January.

—Mr. and Mrs. Amlrose Williamson arrived last evening from Wilmington and will make their home with Mr. Williamson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Williamson, Britt township. Mrs. S. G. Williamson is recovering slowly from severe illness of 5 or 6 weeks' duration. She has been able to sit up for a short while daily for the past two or three days.

—The parsonage of Chestnut Street Methodist church, on Eighth street, is being repaired, and it will be ready for the pastor, Rev. T. McM. Grant, Mrs. Grant and their infant daughter, who have been occupying a house on East Fifth street, to move into it in a few days. The stewards decided to repair the present parsonage pending decision in regard to building a new parsonage on the present church property, purchasing the residence and lot offered by Mr. H. M. McAlister on Seventeenth street, adjoining the present church property, or purchasing elsewhere a lot on which to build.

—A collision without serious results occurred yesterday afternoon at the intersection of Walnut and Fifth streets, the rear bumper on Mr. Elwood Whaley's car being bent slightly when it was struck by a car driven by some one whose name was not learned.

Mr. E. A. Prevatt arrived home Saturday from Motte business college, Wilmington, where he is a student, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Prevatt, on R. 4 from Lumberton.

Mrs. V. H. Taylor of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Friday.



## CHRISTMAS AT CHURCHES.

**Large Crowd Enjoyed Splendid Choral Cantata at First Baptist Last Evening—Trees at Presbyterian Saturday—Trees at Methodist and Gospel Tabernacle Tomorrow Night.**

A congregation which filled the large auditorium of the First Baptist church, both main floor and gallery, enjoyed a splendid choral cantata, "The King Cometh," given by the church choir last evening. No more delightful and inspiring Christmas music has ever been rendered in a Lumberton church.

A Christmas tree and appropriate exercises made the Presbyterian church a scene of beauty and happiness Saturday afternoon. At 5 o'clock the exercises, consisting of songs and recitations, were begun in the Sunday school room. A large number of children looked on the large tree laden down with gifts and wondered what would be theirs. Santa Claus was there and presented the presents, after he had made a mysterious appearance.

The Gospel Tabernacle Sunday school will have a tree and special exercises Christmas night at 7:30. A play, "Babe of Bethlehem," will be given at Chestnut Street Methodist church Christmas night at 8 by Sunday school children, and there will be a tree. Santa Claus will be present. Splendid Christmas music was a feature of the morning service at this church yesterday. No service was held in the evening on account of the cantata at the First Baptist.

Messrs. J. W. Ellis and DuVal Britt of R. 1, Boardman, were Lumberton visitors Thursday afternoon.

## A. WEINSTEIN BUYS BIG BANKRUPT STOCK OF GOODS.

**Local Merchant Has Shipped Stock of Chadbourn Bargain House to His Store in Lumberton.**

Mr. A. Weinstein purchased last week the \$65,000 bankrupt stock of the Chadbourn Bargain house, Chadbourn. The stock was sold at public auction and followed the sensational failure of E. J. Merritt, who is at large under heavy bond for violations of the law to cheat and defraud. It is understood that he bought an enormous stock of goods and after hiding several thousand dollars worth in South Carolina, and in the ceiling of the building he was occupying, he went into voluntary bankruptcy. Upon investigation a large amount of goods was found hidden and the arrest followed.

Mr. Weinstein has had the goods, the majority of which were never unpacked by Mr. Merritt, having just been received when the bankruptcy proceedings were instituted, shipped to his store here.

—Mr. L. P. Stack of New Haven, Conn., arrived Saturday and spent yesterday here at the home of Mrs. Stack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre on Walnut street. Mr. and Mrs. Stack left this morning for Monroe, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Stack's father Judge A. M. Stack.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hartley and children, Francis and Miriam, left yesterday morning for Batesburg, S. C., where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Hartley's mother, Mrs. F. B. Hartley.

## GREAT FLOW OF MUSIC AND FUN

**Fiddlers Convention at Parkton Was Best Ever and Was Greatly Enjoyed.**

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Dec. 21—The fiddlers' convention Tuesday night in our town was just what was predicted—a record breaker. The door receipts registered \$140. The weather was ideal, the order perfectly good, the occasion greatly enjoyed by a full house. It was heard spoke of by many that it was the best ever staged in the Old North State. To give the readers a full report of the evening would occupy too much space hence we will only make brief mention.

Prof. Parrott announced that the violin class of Parkton school of music would be first heard, then Mr. W. B. Malloy of Fayetteville would speak for a few minutes. Mr. Malloy who needs no introduction in our town or any town in Robeson or the adjoining counties as an entertainer, responded briefly and was heard gladly, as he was as always, plumb full of ready wit and humor. "I am always glad to have the privilege of coming to Parkton," he said, "as you always succeed in everything you undertake; you 'Hug' to the line; but we must be careful what you say tonight because 'Parrots' always would tell on them" Applause. . . .

The speaker acknowledged he had never spoken at a fiddlers convention while he attended many times and enjoyed the music, but this one was far the largest he ever heard of in all his life. Here the speaker paid a splendid tribute to the late W. F. Blount, one of the South's best musicians, a man that was a real blessing to everybody and had carried sunshine and gladness to more homes than any man he could mention; and suggested that Gen. O. Wheeler should play his favorite selection, "Queen Victory," or "When you and I were young, Maggie." The speaker spoke of the blessing of music, and said that he could always count on a man who believed and enjoyed music, and any person who did not enjoy music did not have any soul. "Parkton is a great town," he said, "it is now the leading cotton market of the county. More cotton is being marketed here than any market in the county; and if you speak of business, I know of no town of its size that can measure with it."

Mr. C. L. Ammons of Lumber Bridge was announced as platform manager, who proved himself efficient in every way. Announced that after the entire number of musicians played "Mississippi Sawyer", Gen. Octavius Wheeler of Fayetteville would lead off with his violin. Then the fun began. There were twenty or more contestants—fiddlers, banjo-pickers, guitar-players and dancers—and the program lasted until the clock struck eleven. The judges were then ordered to retire to the music room for their decision. Mr. Frank Sessoms of Rockfish was awarded first prize of \$10 in gold; second money went to J. H. Cashwell of Fayetteville R. 8; best banjo-picker, Bond Cashwell of Rex, who treads more than six and a half feet in his shoes; best dancer, Joseph Calhoun of Parkton R. 2 and less than eight years of

## Items of Local News

—The local banks will be closed tomorrow and Wednesday.

—The Lumberton, Dresden, Jennings and National cotton mills closed Saturday and operations will remain suspended until next Monday.

—Mr. C. V. Bass and family moved recently from R. 1 from Marietta to the Barnesville section. Mr. Bass was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Ida B. Whitley and Mr. John H. Johnson.

—Miss Bonnie Sessoms left Saturday for Roseboro in response to a telegram advising her of the serious illness of her brother, Mr. Perry Sessoms.

—The office of Town Clerk & Treasurer J. P. Russell will close this afternoon at 4 o'clock and will not open for business until Wednesday morning 8:30.

—Holiday shoppers thronged the streets and stores all day Saturday. It was probably a record-breaking day. No doubt the crowd will be much larger today and tonight.

—Mr. A. G. Floyd, who holds a responsible position with the Chilian Nitrate Co., in San Juan, Porto Rico, and who is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in and near Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Friday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Bracy will leave Wednesday for Nashville, where as has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Bracy will be vice president and manager of the Nash Department store. Mr. Bracy was for many years bookkeeper for the well-known firm of E. D. Caldwell & Son and has many friends in Lumberton and throughout the county whose best wishes will follow him and Mrs. Bracy to their new home.

—Among student home for the holidays, besides those previously mentioned: Miss Elizabeth Shaw, Salem college Winston-Salem; Miss Julia Thompson, Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Isabel McLeod, Hollins college, Hollins, Va.; Mr. Frank Gough, Abion, Mich.; Messrs. Yates W. Floyd and William Caldwell, Wake Forest; Mr. A. Knox Andrews, Trinity college, Durham.

—Mr. A. W. Harrington of Marietta was in Lumberton Thursday afternoon on his way to Hope Mills to meet his daughter Miss Sallie Harrington, who is a student at Greensboro college for women and came home that night. His son Mr. Charlie Harrington arrived home Wednesday night from Trinity college, Durham. Another daughter and son from Cedar Grove, Mrs. Leon Henley and Mr. Joseph Harrington, also are expected home for the holidays.

## Community Tree Christmas Night.

The community Christmas tree has been placed on the court house square and a joyous time of carol singing will take place there at 5:30 p. m. Christmas day. Mayor E. M. Johnson will be master of ceremonies and a short talk will be made by Rev. T. McM. Grant, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church. Everybody is invited to join the singing. Baskets will be distributed this evening by the Associated Charities.

## Mr. J. W. Griffin Leases Theatre in Laurinburg.

Mr. J. W. Griffin of Lumberton, an experienced theatre man and owner of the Pastime theatre at Lumberton, has leased from Mr. Jasper T. Gibson the Scotland theatre at Laurinburg and will operate this popular motion picture playhouse, beginning Monday, December 24.

Mr. W. S. Wishart, who has been here for some years as resident manager of the Scotland Theatre, will continue in this capacity under the new management. This will be good news to Mr. Wishart's many friends here, who have come to think of him as a fixture and a Laurinburg man, though his better half and home are at Lumberton.

age; Carl Johnson and Andrew Hall of Parkton and Stevens of St. Pauls proved to be real star dancers and received much applause. A prize was also awarded a little Miss Bedale of Fayetteville for best entertainer, who also danced, box of candy.

So many prizes awarded just can't mention them all. Three went to the Cashwell brothers of Cumberland county. Hot coffee, chocolate, cake and pies, sandwiches, etc were served the contestants by the P. T. A.

## Christmas

'Tis so great to think of Christmas  
As the anniversary morn  
When the little infant, Jesus,  
Was to Virgin Mary born.  
In the manger, like a jewel,  
Doubtless on a bed of hay,  
We can see Him, we imagine,  
At the dawn of Christmas Day.

So our hearts are filled with gladness,  
And we laud Him as the High  
King of Glory, born to save us,  
And to save us born to die.  
(Pure, immaculate we see Him  
Nailed upon the rugged cross,  
Praying, pleading with the Father  
For the souls that were a loss.)

And we cannot e'er forget Him,  
So upon each Christmas morn,  
We should tell the little children  
How like them the Christ was born.  
Then proceed to make them happy  
By our Santa-giving way,  
And they ever will remember  
God's dear Son on Christmas Day.

—"POET-JOE," A.—D. H. S.

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