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Fine Scheme of Fraud Fails
Here and Man Goes to Jail

Charles Elderbrook had an alias and an extraordinarily fine contract for dealers of Chrysler automobiles. A plan to oust State Dealer—All Cars Not Giving Perfect Satisfaction Would Be Exchanged For New Ones.

IS WANTED IN MICHIGAN.
Charles Elderbrook, alias Ed. Brown, young white man giving Detroit as his home, is in jail here awaiting trial on charges of trying to obtain money fraudulently, and non-payment of hotel bill. A telegram from officials in Detroit asks that he be held here as he is wanted there on charges of like nature. He has submitted and claims insanity.

Elderbrook posed in Lumberton as a special representative of the president of the concern manufacturing the Chrysler automobiles. His method of securing new agencies for the popular car was unique, and very clever. He took the matter up with several local automobile dealers, showing them whereby he could save them \$100 on each car, and as soon as enough dealers had been signed the company was going to inform the state dealer in Charlotte that his services were no longer needed.

He went into the matter thoroughly with Mr. John V. Williamson, proprietor of the Battery Service station, local dealer for the Chrysler, and tried to get Mr. Williamson to accept the new contract, and to pay \$750 in cash or cashier's check for first payment on 4 new cars. This seemed out of reason, according to Mr. Williamson, and he began questioning the "representative" about the qualities, improvements and advantages of the Chrysler and Maxwell cars. Every question was answered in perfect manner, even explanation being given that would assure one that Elderbrook was fully acquainted with both cars.

Mr. Williamson immediately got in touch with the state dealer, and was informed that there was no such contract being offered, and a telegram from the manufacturers confirmed the statement. A warrant was sworn out by Mr. Williamson and local officers are holding Elderbrook for trial which will probably be held late this afternoon or tomorrow. Officials of the Chrysler company are expected here today.

Before asking Mr. Williamson to sign the contract and pay the amount, Elderbrook laid a fine scheme to make his plan work. Tuesday night he made himself known to the solicitor of recorder's court, Mr. Ertel Carlyle, who owns a Chrysler. Mr. Carlyle was asked if he liked the car, and if there were any defects, stating that he was sent out from the head office to investigate the service the cars were giving. Mr. Carlyle took the man in his car, and rode about town, immediately after which the "representative" told him that there was a serious defect in the engine, and that if he would take the car back to the local dealer he would give him a new car free in exchange for the one he had. Elderbrook instructed Mr. Carlyle to bring the car to him, if Mr. Williamson refused to exchange, and he would get a car for him at once. This was the beginning of the end for Elderbrook, for investigations were started at once. According to Mr. Williamson, there is no serious defect in Mr. Carlyle's car, this being merely a part of the plan of the "sleeker" to get him to sign the dotted line.

The warrant charging non-payment of hotel bill was sworn out by the Lorraine hotel, where Elderbrook registered as "E. d. Brown" of Detroit.

Two Weeks Civil Term
Superior Court Adjourns

Notice of Appeal Given in Page Will Case—Some Testimony Ruled Not Competent Evidence—Politics and Competition—Co-ops Get Injunction Against Tobacco Growers.

The 2-week's term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which convened here Monday September 29th, with Judge Thomas H. Calvert of Raleigh presiding, adjourned yesterday afternoon. Judgment in the Page will case was signed just before adjournment, and notice of appeal to the Supreme court was given. As a result of the jury's answers to issues that the late E. E. Page was not mentally qualified at the time the will was made, that the will was made under undue influence, and that the will in question was not the last will and testament of deceased, the will was adjudged null and void.

Mr. A. P. Page, who was favored to a greater degree by the will, was the defendant in the matter, and the other six heirs of the estate the plaintiffs. It was the purpose of the plaintiffs, so they stated, to show that Mr. A. P. Page had not done his duty toward his young brothers and sisters after the death of their father. An attempt was made to introduce such evidence, attorneys for the plaintiffs asking a witness if he knew the condition of the children at a certain time after the death of Mr. E. E. Page. Attorneys for the defendant objected to the question, and their objection was sustained. Other evidence which would have been detrimental to the defendant was offered, but Judge Calvert ruled it out.

A number of people who heard the case were under the impression that it was in evidence that the children had been mistreated by the defendant, and the Robesonian was given information to that effect, but according to the records Judge Calvert would not allow it to be included in the evidence against the validity of the will. On account of other evidence of like nature which attorneys for the plaintiffs tried to inject into the case, Judge Calvert in his charge to the jury stated that if the jury considered any of the evidence brought out against the character of the defendant, or any evidence that was ruled out, he would throw the verdict aside, provided it was in favor of the plaintiffs.

The case took up six days time, and the records, minutes and other papers were used almost continually by attorneys interested in the case. Any evidence that the defendant was guilty of any charges would have been adjudged incompetent, and not allowed to go into the records. Before judgment was signed attorneys for the defendant made a motion that the jury's verdict be set aside, but their motion was denied.

Other cases disposed of since Monday are as follows:

- Lee Allen vs. Minnie Allen; divorce granted.
- L. H. Caldwell vs. Joseph W. Davis et al; judgment for plaintiff, and that a deed made by J. W. Davis to Hursey A. Davis was null and void, it being alleged that the deed was made for the purpose of defrauding and defeating the payment of an account to the plaintiff.
- T. A. McNeill, receiver for Farmers Savings bank vs. C. B. Townsend, J. H. Powers and C. V. Brown, Giles McNeill, Henry Powell, C. B. Townsend and J. H. Powers, C. V. Brown being unbound.
- Tobacco Growers Cooperative Marketing association vs. W. C. Brown, Giles McNeill, Henry Powell, Demp Worley and John Lamb; restraining order granted.
- R. G. Lawrence vs. R. C. Bridger; judgment for plaintiff.
- W. Lee Bank of Kingstree, S. C. vs. McAllister Hardware Co. and H. M. McAllister; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$5,000.
- W. R. McNeill vs. Robeson County Road Commission; compromise of \$200 in favor of plaintiff.
- In re will of Fannie Dial; judgment in favor of defendant, holding that will was valid.
- Swift & Co. vs. The National Bank of Fayetteville; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$408.70.
- Miss Minnie Lennon vs. E. G. Hobbs and wife; judgment for plaintiff.
- The case in re will of the late Dan A. McMillan was started, but before reaching a jury was compromised and settled among the principals.

Fairmont Letter
Revival in Progress at Methodist Church—Mother of Mrs. Harry Weinstein Passes—Splendid Work by the P. T. A. —Personal Mention.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman
Fairmont, Oct. 8.—Have you bought your season ticket for the Chautauque October 16-17-18? They're on sale.

Revival services began in Trinity Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30. The preaching is being done by the pastor, Rev. N. B. Johnson. The congregation and the pastor invite the public to attend these services which from the subjects named below indicate much deep thinking and careful preparation. Mr. Johnson handles his subjects in a way that holds the attention of his congregation and it is well worth the time spent at the church for an hour each evening. These services are being held at night only. The subjects continuing through Sunday, October 12th, are as follows: Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, "What is Your Life?" Monday, "The Greatest Work in all the World"; Tuesday, "I Have Sinned"; Wednesday, "Sin as a Robber"; Thursday, "Loved but Lacking"; Friday evening, Oct. 10th, "Good-Bye to God"; Saturday evening, Oct. 11th, "The Books Opened"; Sunday morning, Oct. 12th, "Through the Gates of God"; Sunday evening, Oct. 12th, "The Question God has not answered".

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weinstein went to Baltimore, Md. last Wednesday in response to a telegram advising them of the death of Mrs. Weinstein's sister, Mrs. Jenny Savage, who died at her home in Baltimore on Tuesday, September 30th, and was laid to rest Thursday in Bth Jacob cemetery beside her sister, the late Mrs. A. Weinstein of Lumberton. She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Katzen, and two sons, Robert and Milton Savage, all of Baltimore; five sisters—Mesdames A. S. Spritz of Baltimore, M. Gindin of Perth Amboy, N. J., M. Berlinke of Washington, D. C., E. Feldman of Ahoskie, and Mrs. Harry Weinstein of Fairmont.

P. T. A. Doing Good Work
The Parent-Teachers association met Friday at the school auditorium, elected officers and did a considerable amount of business. The officers and committees for the year are as follows: Mrs. T. S. Teague, president; Mrs. Clara Traynham, vice president; Mrs. F. H. Pittman, secretary; Mrs. Alice Brice, treasurer; member ship committee, Miss Vera Torrence, Mesdames F. C. Jones and E. G. Floyd; program committee, Misses Scarborough and Agnes Ashley, Mrs. E. J. Chambers; ways and means committee, Mrs. Tebe Floyd, Misses Christine Floyd and Sudie Grace West.

Mr. Teague made a good talk about the working of the Association, its help to the school and community, and he made an earnest appeal for all parents and teachers especially to join by others are not left out by any means; they are urged to join and take part. The association is going to help enlarge the library, giving \$50. The county will give \$50 and the State \$50. Getting \$150 worth of books for only our part of \$50 sounds good, doesn't it? This not only helps keep the schools standard but gives the children a wider range of books to select from. The association in the past has done a wonderful work. It has bought and paid for shades for the new school building which amounted to around \$400, planted shrubbery, and now it is ready to send a check to cover expenses for the play-ground equipment, which amounts to \$550, and these are only the big things; the small things are too numerous to mention here but you can see that it is a great organization. Why not see one of the membership committee and give them your dollar before they get a whack at you. They're coming.

Rev. R. L. Byrd of St. Paul was in town last week to visit his brother Mr. H. G. Byrd. It will be remembered that while Mr. Byrd was attending the Southern Baptist convention in Atlanta, Ga., last spring he was run over by an automobile and seriously hurt and was at one time thought to be fatally injured, but he is able to go about now with the aid of crutches and a little assistance from some member of the family or friend.

Mr. Isaac Riff has just returned from the Northern markets, where he purchased a complete line of fall and winter merchandise for the stores at Chadbourn and Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams and baby have returned from Vaneboro, where they spent several months, Mr. Williams being connected with one of the warehouses there.

Negro Passenger Carries
Pistol and Liquor On Train

Flashes Pistol and Defies Anyone to Take It—Local Officer Takes Him Up and Finds Liquor—Will Be Tried in Recorder's Court—Other Cases.

Robert Rogers is in jail here awaiting trial in Recorder W. B. Ivey's court on charges of transporting whiskey and carrying a concealed weapon.

He was arrested yesterday afternoon on Seaboard passenger train No. 13 by Policeman Vance McGill, who states that the conductor on the train notified him upon arrival that a negro was on the train carrying a pistol. Upon investigation the officer learned that Rogers had been showing his pistol, and was told by another passenger that he had better not let the conductor see him with it. Rogers said he didn't give a blankety blank who saw him with it, that there wasn't a blankety blank soul that could take it away from him.

Officer McGill had no trouble in getting it away from him, and in finding a quart of whiskey in his pocket, which the officer also took into custody. Rogers got on the train at Abbottsburg and had a ticket for Maxton. He said that he worked near Wakkula.

Other cases since the last report are as follows: "Rev." James Smith, colored, was sent to the roads for 30 days when he was found guilty of vagrancy and loosing a row boat from its mooring on account of malice toward the owner of the boat.

Ed. Barnhill was fined \$5 and costs for speeding.

Mahoney Wood was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and breaking into a smokhouse. He was sentenced to the roads for 12 months, but capias was not ordered issued until 12 o'clock today, if he was found in the county.

St. Paul News
Rally Day at Presbyterian Church—Miss Jane McKay and Mr. Edwin Shaw Married at Wagram—Personal Mention.

By Bessie G. Johnson
St. Paul, Oct. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. George Monroe of Dunn visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lindsay yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Monroe came over to see her sister, Miss Treva Townsend of Rockfish, who is a high school student here.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Butler moved last week to the residence on Broad street recently vacated by Dr. J. F. Nash and family, who moved into their new brick home on Armfield street, as previously mentioned.

A delightful rally day program was given by the Woman's auxiliary yesterday afternoon at the local Presbyterian church. A large number was present. Following the meeting, delicious tea and wafers were served.

Mrs. George McGoogan of near town, who has been sick several days, was taken Saturday to a hospital in Fayetteville, where she underwent an operation yesterday for appendicitis. She is reported today as doing as well as could be expected. Two special nurses have been engaged for a few days. Mrs. William T. Rhodes of Godwin, formerly Miss Macy Guiton, graduate nurse of Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, who was in town at that time, being one of them.

Mrs. Lee Tomlinson of Thomasville was a week-end visitor in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Nutting, on Fayetteville street, returning home Monday morning.

Mrs. Sanford Britt and children, who spent several days among her people at Wendell, returned home last Saturday. While away Mrs. Britt's little daughter Mildred underwent a slight operation in a Raleigh hospital, as previously mentioned. She returned home with Mrs. Britt and is getting on very nicely.

Miss Florabel McGoogan, who is a student at Flora Macdonald college, came home last of the week to be with her mother, Mrs. George McGoogan, during her operation.

Miss Velma Floyd sister of Mrs. J. F. Nash, of Fairmont, has been a guest in the Nash home since last week.

Road Board Passes on
Several Important Matters

W. E. McNeill Succeeds J. L. Hatchel as Foreman Chain Gang No. 1—Parkton to Red Springs and Maxton Road Next Job for Gang—Tractor for Shannon.

At the regular meeting of the county road board Monday Mr. W. E. McNeill was appointed foreman of chain gang No. 1 to succeed Mr. J. L. Hatchel, who resigned as a result of grand jury investigation of escapes nothing being urged against him except too great leniency.

The matter of changing the entrance from the Fairmont road to the old Lovett road was continued until next meeting.

Supt. J. I. Townsend was instructed to make arrangements to move the chain gang forces to Parkton and begin work on the main road leading through Parkton, Lumber Bridge, Shannon, Red Springs and Smiths township to Maxton as soon as work already promised is completed, also to make arrangements to take care of road work in Maxton township and to purchase such equipment as is needed for this township.

The matter of Moss Neck mill pond was referred to Supt. Townsend for examination and report at the next meeting of the board.

It was ordered that an International tractor be purchased for Shannon township from McEachern Hwd. Co. for \$936.93, settlement as follows: note due Jan. 1, 1925, \$668.50, note due Oct. 1, 1926, \$373.43, with interest at 6 per cent. from date.

Petition for a public road in Lumberton township, referred from last meeting, was granted and the road ordered as follows: Beginning at State highway 211, a straight line to the S. A. L. railroad, thence the land line of Haywood Tyler and the old Lumberton cotton mill line to where said line intersects with the road leading from Tyrner's to the cotton mill village, thence southeast to the Wishart township line, a distance of about 1-2 mile, the width of said road being 20 feet.

Petition from Sterlings township, for a public road from Flowers Crossing road to Bethesda church, about 2 miles, was continued for 30 days.

1 Per Cent Discount On
Taxes Paid This Month

Tax Books Turned Over to Sheriff—Other Business Transacted by County Commissioners at Regular Meeting

Tax books for Robeson county were turned over to Sheriff R. E. Lewis by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday with instructions to collect as required by law and to allow a discount of one per cent on all taxes paid during the present month of October.

Monthly statements of the First National Bank of Lumberton, county treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer, and Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, were received and filed.

The regular pauper list was allowed and the following were added: Mary Poy, Willis Locklear, Aggie Faulk, Sam Robertson, Beatrice Miller, each at \$5 per month, and Charity Carter at \$3 per month. A special allowance was made to Mary Belle Lowry and Janie Locklear, \$5 each, and Martha Carter, \$10.

Insolvent court cost for September term of court was ordered paid.

Meeting of the Eastern Star will be held in the Masonic hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

The Lumberton high school football team plays its first match game of the season this afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Red Springs team on the Jennings cotton mill grounds.

The Woman's Christian league will meet Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Episcopal church. All ladies of Lumberton and surrounding community are cordially invited to attend.

SEABOARD TO RUN SPECIAL
PULLMAN TO AUTO RACES

Traveling Passenger Agent Announces Special Privileges On Account of Speedway Attraction.
The Seaboard Air Line will operate a special pullman car to Charlotte and return for the benefit of people going to the auto races to be held there Saturday, the 25th, according to Mr. H. G. Smallbones, traveling passenger agent, of Wilmington, who was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

The pullman will be attached to train No. 13 leaving Lumberton Friday afternoon October 24th at 6 p. m., and will leave Charlotte on No. 14 early Sunday morning. Arrangements have been made so that those taking advantage of this car can remain in the car from the time it leaves Lumberton until 7:30 Saturday morning, and returning the car may be occupied after 10 o'clock Saturday night. No. 14 arrives here at 9:45.

LONG BRANCH SCHOOL OPENS
MONDAY OF NEXT WEEK OCT. 13

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
The Long Branch public school will open Monday, Oct. 13th. We have a splendid new six-room building just finished and hope to have a good opening. All the parents are invited to be at the opening exercise Monday morning at 8:45.

Men's Prayermeeting
In Court House
Each Morning 8:30 to 9
Including Sunday

PHILADELPHUS NEWS ITEMS
Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Philadelphia, Oct. 8.—Mrs. W. E. Tiddy and children spent last Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Lacy John, at Lumber Bridge.

Community Fair
At Orrum Friday

Big Day Expected at Orrum Friday—Addresses and Many Athletic Events—All-Day Affair.
As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Friday of this week will be a big day at Orrum, the annual community fair. The best products of the farm, including live stock, poultry, canned goods, needlework, etc., will be on exhibition, and the school will have addresses and many athletic events. Dinner will be served on the grounds at reasonable rates.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 23 1-2 cents the pound.

California Honors Requisition for
Peacock

Governor Richardson, of California Tuesday honored the requisition of Dr. J. W. Peacock, who escaped from the criminal insane ward of the State prison more than a year ago, and who was apprehended in California three weeks ago.

OUR PRICE TODAY FOR
—GASOLINE—

18 CENTS
FULLER'S SERVICE STATION