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Negro Suspect Proves To Be Not Man Wanted

Sheriff B. F. McMillan Gives Negro Freedom After It Is Found That He Is Not Man Wanted for Murder of Gladys Kincaid at Morganton—Told Conflicting Tales.

A negro suspected of being Broadus Kelly, charged with the murder of Gladys Kincaid at Morganton, was released by Sheriff B. F. McMillan late Sunday afternoon following receipt from Sheriff Julius J. Haliburton of Burke county of a picture and other information which showed that the negro held in the Robeson jail was not the man wanted in Morganton.

The negro was arrested 7 miles from Lumberton on the Fairmont road Saturday following complaint from that section that the people knew nothing about him, that he had no clothes except what he wore, and that he told conflicting tales. He gave his name to officers as John Green. His home was given to different people as in Virginia, South Carolina and Kentucky. He had been cutting wood there for a few days. After the arrest Sheriff McMillan got in touch with Sheriff Haliburton, who described Kelly to him over the telephone. The man in jail here filed the description except in two details, and so he was held until a picture of Kelly could reach Lumberton.

Coast Line Must Continue Service Elrod To Myrtle Beach

Petition to Be Allowed to Take Off Two Trains Denied After Hearing at Myrtle Beach.

FAIRMONT AND OTHER TOWNS DELIGHTED OVER VICTORY.

A joint session of the Corporation Commission of North Carolina and the Railroad Commission of South Carolina was held at Myrtle Beach Thursday of last week, for the purpose of determining whether trains Nos. 24 and 28, running from Myrtle Beach in South Carolina to Elrod, N. C., should be discontinued. A vigorous protest was lodged by all the towns along the line, which is about 100 miles long. The business men, and particularly those interested in the marketing and shipping of tobacco, also contested the petition.

Mr. T. L. Johnson was employed by the town of Fairmont, in addition to his regular attorney, Mr. Geo. L. Grantham, and these attorneys, together with Dr. J. P. Brown, the mayor, and a large number of citizens, went to Myrtle Beach early Thursday morning. Some 25 lawyers from other towns and numerous business men along the line met prior to the hearing and selected Mr. Johnson to conduct the case for the respondents. Mr. Douglas McKay of Columbia, S. C., conducted the case for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company. At the end of a hearing lasting throughout the day, the petition was denied and the Coast Line was ordered to continue the operation of the trains as heretofore.

The railroad contended that the trains were being operated at a loss, but Mr. Johnson developed on the cross examination of the officials of the Coast Line that while the passenger trains were operated at a loss, there had been a considerable increase in freight receipts, and he contended that the petition should be considered in the light of the total revenue, both freight and passenger, in determining what service should be rendered the public by the railroad. He also developed that considerable revenue was received from the government by the railroad company for the transportation of the mails. The commission adopted the view set up by the towns.

Fairmont and the other towns along the line are much elated over the decision, as the removal of the trains in question would have greatly interfered with the daily receipts of currency so essential during the tobacco season.

Recorder's Court

Drunks Lead Convictions This Morning.

Of the 9 convictions in Recorder P. S. Korngay's court this morning 5 were for being drunk, all of the offenders except Ellison Grady, colored, who has been off the roads scarcely less than a week and was sentenced back to them again for 30 days getting off with the usual \$25 and costs. They were Luann Bullock, Will Merriott and Will Davis, colored, and Eugene Gupton.

Thad McKay, colored, paid the court costs for violating the fish laws by setting hooks.

Walter Smith, in court for giving two worthless checks, was required to pay the amounts of the checks and the court costs.

T. B. McNeil pleaded guilty of speeding and was taxed with the cost.

Prayer for judgment was continued for 12 months upon payment of the costs by Sloan Powell, colored, who was in court for assault on his wife. If Powell is caught at the home of Rebecca Singletary during that time, he will serve a 90-day road sentence.

Negro Confesses Crime.
Columbia, S. C., June 26 (AP)—A confession that he criminally assaulted and murdered Mrs. Frances Thompsson, 78-year-old woman of Filbert, near York, yesterday afternoon, was made today by William McKinstry Thompsson, 16-year-old negro, who was brought to the penitentiary following his arrest in York county early today.

Chief of the Dregs



Seymour Lowman of New York who has just taken over Gen. Andrew's job of national prohibition enforcement.

FAIRMONT LETTER

Tobacco Market Opens August 9—Meetings of Fidelity Class and Ladies Aid—Little Miss Anne Jones Celebrates Fourth Birthday—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Fairmont, June 27—Mr. and Mrs. Burk Pittman spent Saturday in Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Stone spent Sunday afternoon visiting in Lumberton.

Mrs. A. N. Mitchell and children spent Thursday in McDowell with her sister Mrs. F. Davis.

Glad to see Miss Martha Floyd out after being confined to her room for several days.

Messames A. L. and Phil Jones and Dud Floyd spent Friday in Lumberton visiting.

Mr. John Page of Marietta was in town Thursday on business.

Miss La Rue Floyd and Louise guest, Miss Grace Askin of Timmonsville, and Misses Marjorie Brice and Christine McDaniel spent Tuesday in Lumberton.

Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Plemons, Miss Maud Bullock, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bullock were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson of Titaville, Fla., and Mrs. William Ellis of Lloyds, Va., are at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson, and will remain at the bedside of their father until he improves.

Mrs. F. L. Blue and children spent several days in Greensboro with Mr. F. L. Blue.

Mrs. A. M. Wilson of Hickory is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mitchell.

Mrs. J. F. Bennette of Charlotte is visiting with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Pittman.

Messrs. Brantly Bullock, Elliott (Continued on page 6.)

Revival Meetings At Fairmont Every Eve This Week and Next

Services in Churches First Three Evenings This Week and in Davis Warehouse Beginning Thursday Night.

Revival services will be held in Fairmont this week and next every evening at 8. The service tonight will be in the Presbyterian church, Tuesday night in the Methodist church and Wednesday night in the First Baptist church. Beginning Thursday night, services will be held in the Davis warehouse every night through the balance of this week and next week.

Mr. J. A. Floyd of Fairmont says that this is a laymen's effort and that all Christian people are invited and urged to assist. Services will be conducted by Mr. R. Begbie and Mr. Edgar Ferdon, Christian laymen of St. Petersburg, Fla. Mr. Begbie has worked with Billie Sunday and all the other leading evangelists of the United States. Mr. Ferdon is a prominent architect. Both are consecrated Christian workers. A competent man will be in charge of the music.

The following members of the Bluebird society will leave tomorrow with their chaperon, Mrs. M. F. Cobb, for Myrtle Beach, where they will spend a week: Misses Mary Cobb, Sue Blount Shaw, Christine Geddie, Sarah Hamilton, Margaret Bruce French, Courtney Sharpe, Roberta Nash and Elizabeth Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister will also go to Myrtle Beach tomorrow for the day and Mrs. E. R. McIntyre and sons, Masters, Regan Jr. and Douglass, for a month.

FIELD PEAS FOR SALE. \$1.75 PER BUSHEL. SEVEN PINES GROCERY.

Great Interest Was Shown In Puzzle Adv.

Much Competition for \$12 in Merchandise Offered by The Robesonian for First 7 Correct Solutions. Approximately 125 Papers Being Turned In.

Great interest was manifested in the puzzle in The Robesonian of Monday, June 20, and there was much competition for the 7 prizes amounting to \$12 in merchandise offered by The Robesonian to the first seven persons turning in correct solutions.

Approximately 125 papers were turned in last week by people from all over North Carolina and two from South Carolina, and the puzzle proved beyond a doubt that advertisements in this paper are read. Many more people solved the puzzle but did not turn in papers because they feared they were too late to receive one of the prizes. One woman wrote from Vineland that she knew that she was too late to receive one of the prizes but that she was sending her solution anyway because she naturally liked to solve puzzles.

Participating merchants were John Thomas Biggs' filling station and grocery, Cain's Meat Market, R. D. Caldwell & Sons, Inc., Southern Marble Works, Hedgepeth's Pharmacy, Lumberton Dry Cleaning Co., Guarantee Shoe Store and the Stephens & Barnes Furniture store.

Below is listed the names of the persons receiving the seven prizes. The first one of these brought a solution to the puzzle to The Robesonian office at 4:30 Monday afternoon, just a few minutes after the first Robesonian came from the press. A paper which would have received seventh prize was ruled out because the dots were not all followed as specified in the rules. This solution came in one minute ahead of the winner of the seventh prize and would have been a winner had the person turning it in been a little more careful.

Prize Winners.
First prize, \$5 in merchandise—Mr. Robert Deese.
Second prize, \$2.50 in merchandise—Mr. Paul W. Grooms.
Third prize, \$2 in merchandise—Mr. Grady McNeill.
Fourth prize, \$1.00 in merchandise—Miss Bonnie Sessoms.
Fifth prize, 75 cents in merchandise—Mrs. Gordon P. McMillan.
Sixth prize, 50 cents in merchandise—Mr. L. M. Ward.
Seventh prize, 25 cents in merchandise—Mrs. J. W. Meares.

By calling at The Robesonian office these persons may obtain an order to any one of the participating merchants, for the amount of merchandise they are entitled to.

STILL AND OPERATORS CAPTURED AT MARIETTA

McIver Sparkman and Neal Herring Fined \$200 and Costs in Fairmont Recorder's Court on Charges Growing Out of Capture of Still They Were Operating.

McIver Sparkman and Neal Herring were each fined \$200 and costs by Recorder W. C. Brown at Fairmont Friday on charges growing out of the capture of a 40-gallon copper liquor still and 8 gallons of the finished product in Alligator creek, 200 yards from route 70, near Marietta, Friday morning by Rural Policemen R. C. Cox and Mark Page. The men were at the still, which was in full blast, when the officers made the raid.

Child Struck By Auto But Not Seriously Hurt. Margaret, small daughter of Harry Griffin, was struck by a Ford touring car operated by Theodore McKinley, colored, while in the act of crossing Third street, near Miss Lizzie Caldwell's place of business, Saturday afternoon.

The child was taken to the Thompson Memorial hospital, where X-ray pictures were taken, revealing no broken bones or serious injuries, after which she was able to leave the hospital.

McKinley was arrested by Chief-of-Police D. M. Barker but was later released after it was determined that the child's getting hit by the automobile was purely an accident.

MCDONALD BRANCH FLORA MACDONALD ALUMNAE ASSOC. WILL GIVE PROGRAM JULY 1

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
McDonald, June 27—An hour of refreshing entertainment and hearty laughing is in store for everyone, young and old, who attends the entertainment given by the Flora Macdonald branch alumnae association of McDonald at the McDonald school building on the evening of Friday, July 1, 1927, at 8:15 o'clock. Come and bring your family and friends. Admission twenty-five cents for adults and ten cents for children.

MEETING AT BETHEL WILL CONTINUE ANOTHER WEEK

The meeting which has been in progress at Bethel church on the Elizabeth road for the past week will continue for another week, it was decided this morning. Services will be conducted each night at 8:30. The auspices is being held under the auspices of the First Baptist church.

Heavy Rains in Parts of Robeson

One and ninety-three-one hundredths inches of rain fell in Lumberton Saturday, according to the record kept by Mr. B. M. Davis, local weather man. It was the heaviest rain of the year.

Other sections of Robeson county, especially the upper end of the county, reported heavy rains, while none fell in the lower end of Robeson.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today at 15 3-8 cents the pound.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT ST. PAULS JULY 1

Those who have tomatoes planted for the Florida market and those who expect to plant beans, cucumbers and squash for this market are asked to attend a very important meeting at the bank building St. Pauls Friday, July 1st, at 2 p. m.

Tobacco Markets Open August 9th

All Markets in South Carolina Belt Will Open on That Date—Lumberton Market Has Best Outlook in Several Years.

All tobacco markets in the South Carolina belt, which includes the Lumberton and Fairmont markets, will open on August 9, it has been decided.

The Lumberton market has the best outlook it has had in several years, and it is believed the market will break all records this year. Warehousemen and business men are looking forward to the approaching season with a great deal of anticipation.

The tobacco crop is regarded as 25 per cent better than it was this time last year, and it is estimated that there is approximately 25 per cent more of the weed planted in this section than was the case a year ago. Warehousemen expect to surpass last season's sales of nearly four and a half million pounds.

Five big warehouses will handle the Lumberton crop. The house formerly used by the Tobacco Grower's Co-operative association on First street will be operated this season by Mr. John W. Moore of Durham, an experienced warehouseman, who was at Dillon, S. C., last year. The Star will be under the new management of Reynolds, Price & Co., of Madison, who have been operating a warehouse in their home town practically all their lives.

Dawson Resigns As Chairman Of State Democratic Committee

John G. Dawson, of Kinston, has announced his resignation as chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

"The one reason prompting my resignation," Mr. Dawson said, "that my personal and professional matters need my attention sorely. It does not seem that I should longer neglect them, as to retain the chairmanship would necessarily mean."

"As an early date I shall call the committee together to accept my resignation and elect my successor."

Mr. Dawson has been chairman of the committee for years.

Newton Wins Over Highway Commission

Raleigh, June 27—The town of Newton scored in its second encounter with the State Highway commission over the location of highway No. 10 between Newton and Statesville when the Supreme court Saturday reversed the lower court and enjoined the roadbuilders from abandoning the existing route.

When the highway commission mapped the existing route and incorporated it as a part of the State system in accordance with the formalities prescribed, that route became a permanent part of the State system and cannot now be forsaken for another.

DR. GAINES ELECTED HEAD OF WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Raleigh, June 27—Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, 35 years old, head of the English department at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Saturday was elected president of Wake Forest college, North Carolina's leading Baptist educational institution.

The college board of trustees, meeting here, acted upon the recommendation of a special committee appointed last fall to select a successor to Dr. William Louis Poter, who resigned from the presidency June 1 after a distinguished tenure of more than 20 years.

Building Permit

A building permit has been issued to the Lumberton Dry Cleaning Co. for the erection of a 14x25 brick building on the lot back of McNeill's blacksmith shop, costing \$400. The building will be used for the dry-cleaning plant which will be taken out of its present location to allow more room there.

County Boards Will Meet July 5

The county board of education will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 5, instead of on Monday, July 4.

As previously announced in The Robesonian, the county commissioners will meet on the same date.

Round Trip To Paris Trio



Left to right—Commander Richard E. Byrd, Lieut. George O. Noville, radio engineer, and Bert Acosta, pilot—the three American flyers who made the "America" on its attempt to fly New York to Paris and return with only one engine in Paris to refuel.

PARKTON LETTER

Crops of All Kinds Doing Well—New Residence Nearing Completion—Personal and Other Matters.

(By C. D. Williamson)
Parkton, June 24—The farmers of this section are resting some today for the first time in some time as the rain yesterday and last night wet the soil thoroughly. We have never in all our lives known farmers work harder than they have this week, and they needed the rest. Crops of all kinds seem to be doing very well, only the lice has used the cotton up badly in this section.

Some needed repairs and some additions to the Rockfish beach is in progress this week. Mrs. D. S. Currie is in charge and the work is progressing, but more funds are needed. Rock Fish Beach is unlike any other summer resort, as there is no charge attached and the promoters are depending mostly on freewill offering from the Sunday schools of the community.

Sunday schools of far and near find the best picnic beach here and it is free for all if they comply with the rules and regulations.

Rev. J. J. Boone, pastor of the M. E. church, is assisting in a revival this week at Elizabethtown at the M. E. church.

Mrs. M. R. Tolar and small children returned home today from a visit to her cousin Mr. J. M. Brown of the Red Springs section.

Miss Mary Currie, small daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie, is visiting her cousin Miss Martha McRay in Charlotte for a few weeks.

Miss Georgia Williamson is spending some days in Asheville.

Baseball will be the order of the day from now, as the boys are well up with their work. The Rounders play Wade here tomorrow, Hope Mills Thursday, and so on.

Mrs. Maud McCormick, housekeeper for Mr. T. W. Thompson, went to Hamlet Monday night and met Mrs. McCormick's children as follows who have been at the Presbyterian orphanage as Clinton, S. C.: Hamer, Martha Christian, and Etta Maud.

The new residence of Mr. D. H. McCormick, on Main street, is fast being completed, modern in every respect and one of the most complete residences in the city.

Mr. C. L. Pittman and family spent Thursday at White Lake.

The writer has no right to complain as green peas and butterbeans, okra and corn, and I feel like living, sure as you are born.

The city barber shop has been recently moved from the Perry building to the office recently vacated by Dr. Currie in the McMillan building on Main street.

More Cotton Blossoms

Rowland, R. 2, June 25—This is my first cotton blossom of 1927 cotton crop.—D. A. McKellar.

Mr. Larry B. Britt of Lumberton, R. 1, reports several cotton blossoms open on his farm on June 25th. Mr. Britt was accompanied to town Friday by Mr. C. A. Britt.

June 24, blossoms sent in by A. L. Locklear, Pembroke township, and he writes that he has a nice crop of cotton.

John Clark, Indian, found plenty of blossoms Thursday in cotton raised by him on the farm of Mr. W. B. Bullock, Fairmont, R. 1, and it looked like there had been blossoms there several days before that.

Moore's Gift Shop

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BRIEF NEWS

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mercer of Lumberton, R. F. D., a son.

—Mrs. Neill T. Bullock of Fairmont, who underwent a blood transfusion at Baker sanatorium, is improving.

—Mr. J. W. Holcomb and daughter, Mrs. Mary Pierce, of Purvis, were Lumberton visitors Thursday afternoon. Mr. Holcomb is 82 years of age, and is active for a man of his age.

—The Lumberton fire department was called out Friday afternoon to the Elmore Filling station, west of Lumberton, on account of some grass burning near there.

—The store of Mr. N. P. Andrews, which was greatly damaged by fire and water several months ago, has been remodelled, and Mr. Andrews moved his stock of goods in and opened for business Saturday.

—The first green peas and cucumbers of the season were reported to The Robesonian Saturday by Mr. James W. Branch of Lumberton. Mr. Branch says he got them from his garden on Friday.

—Two calves were reported born a few days ago to a cow belonging to Mr. W. B. Martin of route 5 from Lumberton. The calves are said to be exactly the same size and exactly alike. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and son were in Lumberton Friday.

—Dr. T. A. Norment has informed The Robesonian that it was Mr. Ben Haney of the Pope's crossing section who brought the bottle of bugs into The Robesonian office last week, mention of which was made in Thursday's issue of the paper.

—Mr. S. L. Parker of St. Pauls, who for several months has operated a hotel and lunch room there, has leased the Lumberton hotel, which for several years has been operated by Mr. J. W. Sellers, and will move to Lumberton the first of July to take charge.

—Mr. S. G. Williamson of route 4 from Lumberton left Friday morning for a few days visit to his sons and daughter, Messrs. O. W. and Lonnie and Miss Bertha Williamson, of Wilmington. He will be accompanied back this afternoon by Mrs. Williamson, who has been visiting there for several days.

—Mr. J. S. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jenrette and son, Mr. Thomas, and Miss Lannie Oliver of Marietta passed through Lumberton Saturday morning enroute to Chapel Hill to visit Rev. and Mrs. J. F. McDuffie, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. J. S. Oliver. They expect to return today.

—Mr. Stiles S. Dixon, Fayetteville architect, has been awarded the contract to draw the plans and supervise the construction of Lumberton's new opera house. Mr. Dixon says the plans are almost complete and that work will begin shortly.

—Marvin Jr. and Louise Singletary are expected home tomorrow night from the Oxford orphanage, Oxford, where they have been for the past two years. They will be met in Hamlet by their mother, Mrs. Marvin Singletary, who has not seen them in the two years they have been away.

—An Oakland, Overland and Pontiac automobile agency has been opened in the building formerly occupied by Horace M. Neal, Inc., distributors for Dodge cars, on Fourth street. The agency is a branch of the Fetzer Motor Co. of Rockingham. Mr. H. L. Horton of Salisbury is manager.

A Ford sedan, geared to the railroad track, has been attracting considerable attention at the S. A. L. station the past few days. The rig belongs to Mr. J. T. Gooden of Marion, S. C., freight conductor on the Raleigh & Charlotte railroad, who uses it to make business trips up and down the line.

—Miss Nellie Stroud of Goldsboro has accepted a position as chief operator in the office of the Southern Bell Telephone company here. She succeeds Mrs. O. C. Duncan, whose resignation goes into effect July 1, after which time Mrs. Duncan will go to Dunn to live. Miss Stroud began work today.

—Some pretty tobacco, the first curing of the year, was brought to Lumberton Saturday by Burney McNeill, colored, who lives on Mr. W. J. Wilkerson's farm, R. 3 from Lumberton. McNeill says that he and his half-brother, Thomas Thompson, have 16 1/2 acres of very good tobacco and that the tobacco brought here came from a fall barn they took out Saturday.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church will be held at the church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Circle No. 6, with Mrs. S. S. Small as leader, will have charge of the program. The subject will be "Light on the care of our children." All members are urged to be present and a cordial invitation is given to any others who will attend.

—Mr. W. B. Bullock of Fairmont, R. 1, who was a Lumberton visitor Friday afternoon, reported plenty of cotton blossoms on cotton grown by John Clark, Indian, on his farm. He stated that his section has been blessed with ideal seasons and that the crops were the prettiest he had ever seen. Mr. Bullock was accompanied to Lumberton by Mrs. Bullock.

—At the request of several, the program which was given at the East Lumberton school auditorium June 18, by the Young Ladies' Aid society of East Lumberton Baptist church, will be given again next Friday and Saturday night, at 8 o'clock, at the auditorium. An admission of 25 and 35 cents will be charged, the proceeds to help pay for the new Baptist church building. A short operetta has been added to the program since it was given before.

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