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Hoodlums Siler City Corraled

Six of Siler's Toughest Lodged
in Jail Within Three Days
—Assault, Robbery, Forgery
the Charges

Siler City and environs should be improved in morals shortly if the hoodlums of the community are gathered in it at the rate of the last week. However, the town which was disappointed in its population, will be back in the Pittsboro class if the decimation continues long.

Six young bucks have been given quarters in jail here within a few days on the charges of grave assault, robbery, and forgery. Fortunately, they were very accommodating in timing their crimes so that the county would not have to feed them long before their trials.

Four came in Sunday night, charged with brutally beating Mr. Joe Frazier, night watchman for the Chatham Sash and Blind Factory. This crime was without provocation, it seems, and is manifestly a result of sheer brutishness abetted by mean liquor.

The young fools took Mr. Frazier's pistol away from him and beat him up seriously. They then threw him into their old car and drove to his home and rolled him out by the wayside. However, some one was near and persuaded them to help him carry the injured man into the house.

There seems to have been no attempt to conceal identities. The four are Floyd Langley, Claude Brown, Harrison Brown, and Charlie Maness. Deputy Charlie Crutchfield found Frazier's pistol in Brown's bed at his home.

Another to find lodging here is Ed Dorsett, reputed to be one of the worst eggs of the whole lot. He has quite a court record here and in Guilford county. It is said that he served a term in Guilford county for stealing an automobile and selling it in Danville, Va. He has been in the Chatham courts. Like the other four, he seems to have lost all sense of caution. He is said to have eaten supper with Mr. Boze McLean, a bachelor who lives about four miles from Siler City, and Siler City, and after supper to have deliberately thrown his host down and robbed him of an even hundred dollars. There is no report of any attempt to injure Mr. McLean. Dorsett simply took the money and ran. He is said to own up to the deed. However, it may be that the case will be tried before this paper is printed and that the reader may find elsewhere in it a report on the actual trial.

The sixth to be domiciled here on the eve of court, is Raymond Ritter. He is charged with forging six checks on various parties in the Siler City community.

The most of these hoodlums are natives of Moore county, we are informed.

John W. Smith Dead

Mr. John W. Smith, aged sixty-five, died at his home near Silk Hope Wednesday afternoon, May 7, and was buried at Mt. Vernon Methodist church Thursday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ed Harris, assisted by Rev. J. W. Bradley. The burial was under the auspices of the Junior Order, of which he was a member. He is said to have been popular in his community and a good citizen.

He is survived by his widow; three sons, W. M. Smith, C. H. Smith, of Siler City, Route 1, and Earl Smith, at home; four daughters, Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Perry, of Siler City, Route 4; Miss Margaret Smith and Miss Jocie Smith, at home; one brother, H. P. Smith, Siler City, Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Crutchfield and Mrs. Lonnie Durham, Pittsboro.

Owen Roberts Named for Supreme Court

President Hoover on Saturday sent to the senate the name of Owen J. Roberts for supreme court in place of John Parker, whose nomination was rejected by the senate Wednesday. Mr. Roberts has never been on the bench but is nationally known as a corporation lawyer and has served a special counsel for the government in oil lease prosecutions. He is a Pennsylvania Republican.

It is believed at this time that he will be confirmed, although none of the Washington correspondents will hazard a definite prediction, remembering the Hughes and Parker incidents. It was thought during the Parker fight that much of the opposition against him was sectional and must of the rest was inspired by the wet interests. Mr. Roberts is of the Pennsylvania regulars and is rated as a wet; hence little opposition is expected.

Texas Court House Burned to Get Negro

An infuriated mob of several thousand people attacked the courthouse at Sherman, Texas, Friday for the purpose of lynching a negro being tried for criminal assault. Officers locked the negro in the vault to protect him from the mob, and the courthouse was fired and burned down, the negro being literally cooked in the vault oven. Governor Dan Moody ordered out militia and declared martial law at Sherman—but the damage had already been done.

Moncure News

Mrs. J. L. Sprower and little daughter of Freeport, N. Y., are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hackney. Mrs. J. L. Sprower, Sr., also of New York, accompanied them here.

Mrs. H. D. Strickland is visiting her sister in Fayetteville this week.

Mr. Clarence Crutchfield, who has been teaching in Biscoe high school, the past year, closed a successful school year there one day last week. There were 15 in the graduating class. Mr. Crutchfield will spend his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Crutchfield.

Mr. G. F. Womble spent one day last week in Raleigh on business.

Rev. J. A. Dailey and Rev. P. D. Woodall were in town last Saturday shaking hands with friends. Several from here attended the revival service at Pittsboro Methodist church last Sunday evening to hear Rev. P. D. Woodall a former pastor, who was glad of the chance of hearing him preach again.

There was a very appropriate service for "Mother's Day" held at the Methodist church here by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Dailey, Sunday morning, May 11th, at 11 a. m. Songs that our mothers used to sing were sung during the service and a special "I Have Not Forgotten Mother" was sung by the choir. Each one in the congregation wore a red rose or a white rose. The wearing of the red rose was a symbol that their mother was living and the wearing of the white rose was a symbol that their mother was dead. But the most beautiful of all flowers is the "flower of love" that blooms in all mother's hearts.

Mr. Dan Trollinger of High Point spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. B. L. Trollinger.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Smith and children of Greensboro were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Wilkie is visiting relatives in Durham and Miss Lois Wilkie spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. John Bell, Jr., at Fuquay Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Floy Womble and children of Raleigh and Mr. Guy Womble of Raleigh spent Sunday "Mother's Day" with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Womble.

Mr. W. W. Stedman is attending the district conference of the M. E. church at Roseboro, this week, which is in session May 13th and 14th.

Prof. and Mrs. W. C. Tardward and little daughter, Miss Betty, spent last week on Ocracoke Island visiting her father. They returned to their home here last Saturday.

Trains N. & H. No. 12 and N. & H. No. 11 have been discontinued. Norfolk and Hamlet Train No. 4 does local work and reaches Moncure at 12:25 p. m. and Wash. & Ham train No. 3 also does local work and reaches Moncure at 5:19 p. m. The rural carriers of Moncure office leave out a little earlier each day in order to return and dispatch all mail collected, on train No. 4 which reaches Moncure at 12:25 p. m.

Mother's Day Dinner

(Contributed)

At the dear old mother home place of Jackson and Mary Griffin the children, grand children, great grandchildren, friends and neighbors all met on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. There were present 119 from Pittsboro Hickory Mountain Burlington Carrsboro Chapel Hill Durham Merry Oaks Moncure Cheraw South Carolina. How happy the day was spent thinking of our childhood days past with our dear mothers. The bountiful table was spread in the yard, under the dear old hickory trees, where we all spent our childhood days of play. The blessing and prayer were rendered by Dr. R. E. Clark of South Carolina. Loved ones friends and neighbors Our Heavenly Father has a feast and a great reunion for each of us. And may we all live so that we will meet our loved ones at our heavenly home.—A C. Condaughter, Mrs. J. B. Powers.

ATTENDED CONFERENCE

Pastor J. A. Dailey, Messrs. H. C. Clegg, Henry Durham, Mrs. D. B. Nooe, Mrs. Ed Hinton, Mr. Lacy Womble and perhaps others of this M. E. circuit attended the district conference at Roseboro, Sampson county, this week.

SEVERAL NEGROES DREW PRISON TERMS IN COURT

Assailants of Lonnie Knight Convicted After
Short Period of Deliberation by Jury—
Three Submit to Charge of Robbery
and Assault

After only a few minutes of deliberation the jury rendered a verdict of guilty in the case of each of the six men indicted for assault and robbery of Lonnie Knight, January 17, 1930. Judge Lyon immediately sentenced them as follows: Roy Bell, Leo Huggins, Lonnie Lambert, eight to ten years in the penitentiary; Jim Henry Myers, six to eight years, Ransom Durham, three to four years, Roy Monk, two to three years, the term being lessened on account of his physical condition.

The trial of the half dozen negroes charged with assault and robbery of Mr. Lon Knight on January 17 took up all the afternoon of Monday and practically all Tuesday of court this week.

Three of them entered pleas of non contendere and were used as witnesses by the State. These were Roy Monk, Ransom Durham, and Lonnie Lambert. Durham and Monk were represented by Attorney L. R. Morris of Durham, whose main purpose was to minimize as far as possible the part played by his clients.

Attorney B. Ray Olive of Durham was counsel for Jim Henry Myers, and his attempt was to prove an alibi for Myers, and he had an unusually strong array of witnesses who testified that Myers was in Durham at the time of the assault and robbery. However, these witnesses could make little headway in the face of the statements of Durham, Monk, and Lambert that Myers was a member of the party of six who came down from Durham in an old car for the specific purpose of robbing Mr. Knight. Yet if any motive could be assigned for the inclusion of Myers in the group when he wasn't, the alibi would possibly have held.

Roy Lee, who formerly lived in the neighborhood of Mr. Knight, was not of the party, but according to the story of the three who turned State's evidence, he was the man who suggested the robbery and furnished the car. Lee had no attorney but went on the stand and denied knowing anything of the trip or of the conspiracy to rob the old man, though he admitted that his son had told him that the gang got his car. Monk and Lambert stated that Lee was to share in the booty for furnishing the car.

Durham declared that he did not know anything of the purpose of the trip, that he was picked up on Fourth Street in Durham and when he learned what was up tried to persuade the fellows not to do it. Monk and Lambert also failed to declare that Durham had knowledge of the conspiracy until he was on the way, and Durham and they agreed in stating that Durham took no part in the robbery and was at a distance when Mr. Knight was assaulted. Also, Mr. Knight testified from the beginning that he saw only five men, and according to the testimony of the three turning state's evidence, there were six in the party, including Dunc Rogers, who has not yet been captured.

Lambert, who was without attorney, entered a nolo contendere, though if any one is guiltier than another, it is he, and he made no bones of the matter, admitting that he knew the place, that he directed the trip, that it was he who first accosted Mr. Knight, asked him about his money, knocked him down, and helped to drag or lead him to the house, and searched for money. He was raised in the Knight community, and when Lee, according to the testimony, declined to come himself, he said that Lambert knew the place as well as he did.

Leo Huggins swore that he knew nothing about the trip or robbery. Roy Lee also denied any knowledge of the conspiracy. But, like Myers in his attempt to establish an alibi, they were helpless in view of the confessions of the three who pleaded guilty, and also in the face of a clear-cut identification of all of them by Mr. M. E. White, at whose filling station at the foot of Bynum bridge the car of negroes stopped on the day of the robbery.

That man White seems to have an indelible memory for faces, also names. He had seen the men in the car only for a few brief moments, yet when the men with an additional non-suspect were led before him in Durham, he picked out the five he had seen and omitted the non-suspect, though there were supposed to be six in the car, and Mr. White might have been expecting all six in the gang brought before him. He also swore that he had recognized Myers as the driver of a furniture truck in which he himself had ridden to Durham several months before.

Several of them proved good characters previous to the report of their arrest for the robbery.

Mr. Knight lived alone about

three miles northeast of Pittsboro. He is generally known to have money, but it was not so well known that he kept it banked almost to the last dollar. Accordingly, the two former neighbors might readily expect to find easy pickings. But when they had come down and assailed their man, he drew forth his money pouch to show that it was empty and told them that he had his money in the bank. He did have sixteen dollars and thirty cents, which disappeared, but no witness acknowledged seeing any more than the thirty cents. Also a deposit slip for a large sum disappeared, but was afterward found near the scene of the assault.

Mr. Knight was carried into his house and when no money could be found was left tied to the bed under threats of death if he should attempt to escape. However, he unfastened himself shortly after his assailants left and rode to Bynum only short time after the car containing the negroes passed the White filling station, he having come by a nearer way. He was somewhat bruised about the face, but he testified that he was soon over the hurt.

When it was discovered by investigating officers that the men had come into the Knight community on a car and that one of the tires was off when it returned, the trail became easy, especially with Mr. White's memory and later identification of the car.

Solicitor Williams made his usual energetic prosecution.

The jury trying the case was composed of the following good men: J. R. Marley, M. W. Willett, W. F. Marshall, W. E. Griffin, H. E. McBane, J. E. Harmon, Wade Harper, John C. Kidd, R. I. Bowers, John Perry, B. T. Phillips, W. B. Merritt.

The partial blindness of Mr. Knight prevented any recognition on his part.

BILLY GIVES PARTY

Master Billy Eubanks Hamilton entertained a few of his little friends at a party Saturday afternoon, celebrating his sixth birthday. Billy came with his parents from Winston-Salem Saturday to spend the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eubanks, on whose beautiful lawn he entertained his friends. Each guest presented Billy with an appropriate gift, which gave him great pleasure.

After they played games on the lawn for a while they went into the dining room, where beautiful refreshments were served. A large birthday cake, on which six pink candles were burning, formed the center piece for the table and at each place were a pink toy favor and a basket of mints.

Mrs. Eubanks and her daughter, Mrs. O. W. Hamilton, served cake and ice cream to the happy group. The following little friends enjoyed Billy's hospitality and wished him many, many more happy birthdays: Margaret Poe Tatum, Eleanor and George Johnson, Celeste Connell, Walter Johnson, Jr., Betty Scott Barber, William Reid Thompson, Jr., Dalton Gunter, Jr., Betsy Condon, Walker Blair, Jr., Betsy Hatch, Callie Vick Farrell, Nannie Johnson.

Mrs. W. P. Horton, Mrs. Ed Hatch and Mrs. Victor Johnson assisted in entertaining the children and enjoyed the party quite as much as they.

WILL PLANT KUDZU

The Record's frequent harping upon the value of kudzu as a forage plant, echoing the praise of Editor Ashcraft of the Monroe Enquirer, who is the apostle of kudzu, seems to be about to result in a worthwhile trial in the county. Mr. R. V. Morris of Baldwin township has ordered seed for an acre. He has a few plants already, but is going to give the great bean a real trial. Watch out for results in a year or two from Mr. Morris's test.

Judith—How did Lola manage to reduce so much?

Muriel—Oh, her boy friend is out of town and she's been paying for her own meals.—The Pathfinder

UNION NEGRO DIES FOR FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY

Ernest Brumfield, young Union county negro, died in the electric chair at Raleigh Friday, thus paying the penalty for first degree burglary and attempted criminal assault, of which charges he was found guilty by a Union county jury. Brumfield is alleged to have broken into the home of Rev. M. D. L. Preslar near Wingate and attempted assault upon his daughter. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence, but he declared as he went to the chair that he was not guilty of the charge.

Court in Session Here This Week

Judge Lyon Presiding—Knight
Assault and Robbery Case
Most Important on Docket

Court has been in session this week, with Judge Lyon on the bench. Solicitor Williams has been present as prosecutor and Miss Speight as stenographer.

The greater part of the first two days was consumed in the trial of the assailants of Mr. Lonnie Knight. But that case is reported in a separate article.

Monday forenoon was spent mainly in hearing reports of men on probation. However, two small cases were disposed of. Charles Johnson entered a nolo contendere to chicken stealing. He was sentenced to three months on the roads, but prayers for judgment was continued on condition that he pay half the costs and pay for the chickens. Ralph Slade submitted to a charge of trespass and was let off with payment of half the costs.

The following served as grand jurors: E. H. Hearne, foreman, Lacy Beall, C. M. Covert, J. B. Ingle, W. M. Sturdivant, Hubert Fields, Sam White, R. D. Phillips, Geo. H. Brooks, Sr., T. C. Perry, Jno. W. Snipes, C. R. Yow, G. F. McCormick, W. J. Durham, J. J. Hackney, J. S. Stroud, J. J. Hatley, R. G. Hucker.

Judge Lyon's charge to the grand jury was brief but comprehensive.

Bear Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Beal and daughter, Frances, were recent visitors in the homes of A. P. Holt, Salisbury, and J. J. Burns of Troy.

Mrs. S. T. Coggins, of Greensboro, was a recent visitor in town. R. L. McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Beaver and family of Durham, were week-end visitors in town.

Boston Marsh, colored, has moved into his new home on route 2, near where he formerly lived. We are glad to welcome him back.

Miss Elizabeth Woody, who has been teaching near Raleigh, has returned to home for her vacation.

Mesdames M. E. Saunders and C. C. Hargrove, of Raleigh and Burlington, respectively, were Sunday visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Willett.

Mrs. L. D. Poe is on the sick list, we are sorry to state.

June J. Phillips has been ill for some time, but hope he shall soon be recovered.

J. T. Coggins, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor on route 2 last week.

W. P. Ivey, carrier No. 1, has purchased himself a new Ford to carry his mail.

M. W. Willett and J. H. Watkins are attending the criminal court at Pittsboro this week as jurors.

CIRCUIT WIDE PICNIC

The pastor of the Pittsboro circuit of the Methodist church is announcing a circuit wide Sunday school and church picnic, embracing all the churches on the charge, to be held on the spacious, beautiful lawn at the parsonage in Pittsboro on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in this month, May the 24th. It will also be the occasion of the celebration of the pastor's "birthday." The congregations of the several churches and other friends are expected to bring baskets and meet at 12 o'clock. There will be brief addresses by several out-of-town friends, dinner served at 1 o'clock and an hour or two of a social nature will be enjoyed. The pastor will furnish ice cold lemonade, ice water and build a fifty-foot table. The bachelors are requested to come early and look over the field and take note.

J. A. BAILEY, Pastor.

Touzalin—I hear that Miss Penholt has been able to write but one successful short story.

Fozzello—Yes, she thinks she's handicapped by living in a one-story house.—The Pathfinder.

Veterans of '65 Are Dwindling

Only Two of Heroes of the
Sixties Answer Call for Re-
union May 10—Dowd and
Jones

The veterans of the war of the sixties have almost run their course. The five years since the editor of The Record first saw the Chatham group gathered on Decoration Day have seen the number dwindle from a score or more to two, who responded to the call of the Daughters of the Confederacy to assemble last Saturday. There are other survivors, but very few and some of these unfitted for a day from home.

The two who came were Messrs. R. M. Jones and W. I. Dowd. Both these appeared in good physical and mental condition, and were feasted at the Blair Hotel, along with Mrs. Bright, widow of Veteran J. R. Bright, and others who came with the veterans and Mrs. Bright.

There was no address this year, but the graves of veterans in the several churchyards here were decorated by the good ladies.

Upper Cape Fear Items

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Seagroves and daughters, Ruby and Ethel, spent Sunday with the latter's mother, Mrs. Bettie Goodwin.

Mrs. Emma Goodwin and son, Charlie of Burlington, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodwin.

Mrs. D. L. Webster and little daughters, Louise and Betty Dan of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Addie Webster.

Mr. C. M. Goodwin of New London, Conn., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tysinger and little daughter, have returned to their home in Davidson county after spending a week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Sturdivant.

Miss Lillian Jordan who is teaching at Aberdeen, spent the week-end with her father at Muddy Oaks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sturdivant of Pittsboro were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beckwith and daughter, Myrtle, have recently returned from a visit to relatives at Greensboro.

Quite a number of people from New Elam attended the memorial services at Ebenezer M. E. Church Saturday.

Many of the people who were reared in that community were back to enjoy the day with friends.

The singing and talks were exceptionally good.

Among those who made inspiring talks were: Rev. G. T. Mills, Mr. P. G. Farrar, Rev. Brown, the pastor; Mr. D. A. Mann, Mr. Ruffin Farrar, and Rev. Walter Farrar. The annual memorial will be held at New Elam Christian church, Saturday, May 17th.

Miss Lola Jones entertained a number of her friends Saturday night.

BURIAL OF MRS. BRYAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Ann Virginia Bryan age 81 widow of the late David C. Bryan, who died Monday, May 5, at her home near Silk Hope, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock from Mt. Vernon M. E. church, with Rev. Ed Harris in charge, assisted by Rev. J. W. Brady, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Bryan was a life long member of Melanaghan Lutheran church, and has many friends in Randolph and Chatham counties. She was a woman of beautiful Christian character. The large crowd attending the funeral and the many beautiful flowers bespeaks the high esteem and respect in which she was held by her many friends. She is survived by two sons: Lewis H. Bryan and C. C. Bryan, both of Siler City, R. F. D. No. 4. Two daughters, Mrs. S. G. Hunter, of Greensboro, Mrs. J. W. Lindley, Siler City, R. F. D. No. 4; two half brothers, Tom and William Smith of Florida; three half sisters, Mrs. William Rightsell of Greensboro, Mrs. Arthur Ross of Asheboro, Mrs. Alex Burns of Asheboro; 12 grand children, and nine great grand children.

Pallbearers were James J. Robert A. Thomas H, Henry W. Lee A. and Jim Lutterloh, first cousins of the deceased. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

T. L. SMITH

Siler City, May 7.

Oboe—Scotty MacPherson hides the false teeth when he is away from home.

Sax—Is that so? Why? Oboe—So his wife can't eat between meals.—The Pathfinder.