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## ROBBERIES OF LINCOLN STORES UNMASKED BY OFFICERS

Truck Load of Loot Taken in By Officers Sunday Morning Following Search of Houses in the County—Two Men Arrested—Two Get Away—Bloodhound Used to Trail.

Visitors to the Sheriff's Office in this city this morning fell into a department store, all kinds in boxes, and other containers, loose, and otherwise piled all round in the sheriff's business office. The goods consisted of shoes, silk stockings, socks, bolts of cloth, shot gun shells, sewing gum, in fact most anything generally found in a dry goods store. The cause of all this strange wearing apparel, etc., being about the sheriff's office came about through the capture Sunday morning of quantities of goods from houses following a search at the break of day.

Stores have been robbed all over Lincoln county and in adjoining counties recently, in fact robberies of stores have been going on for months. In some instances whole stocks of goods disappeared overnight from country merchants' counters and shelves, and it was not the result of bargain sales, but robbery, plain store breaking and stealing by wholesale.

Automobiles have been borrowed in Lincoln over night and used for some unknown purpose, various individuals here furnishing unwilling cars which were used at night and returned or abandoned.

The city and county officers have been working on the store robberies for more than a month, and finally armed with search warrants on last Sunday morning, about dawn, Sheriff Abernethy, Chief of Police Faries and Patrolman Howard Leonard and D. A. Kiser, visited the homes of John Hull and Claude Keever on the Maiden road and made search for goods, and they were rewarded in their search finding a large amount of goods as mentioned above. John Hull and Laus Black were arrested in the raid and the officers have warrants for John Hull and Claude Keever.

These two men have thus far successfully eluded the officers. Early Sunday morning they were trailed by bloodhounds in the direction of Maiden, the hounds following the railroad tracks of the C. & N. W. The search continued all day by the officers, and Sunday night, and many local citizens joined in the search. And considerable interest was shown in roping in the fugitives. The two men arrested are being held for trial before Esq. D. H. Shields Tuesday morning of this week at 11 o'clock, when the facts in the matter will be gone into.

Among the merchants in this county who have suffered heavy losses by robbers are D. A. Kiser, D. P. Hallman, Lee Perkins, John Loyd, Wm. Carpenter, the C. & N. W. freight cars, and others. Some of these have looked the goods captured by the officers over, and identified some of the goods as belonging to their stocks, while some of the goods not being marked were not identified, but the merchants say they are the same kind they had in stock.

The safe that was taken from Wm. Carpenter's store some time ago and removed to the woods and broken open, was found in the section where the officers made their search and seizure Sunday morning and what connection the men arrested had, if any, with the safe case, remains for the court to thresh out. A visit to the sheriff's office convinces the most skeptical that there has been some wholesale robbing of stores going on in these parts by some one, or else heavy buying of goods has been on for some time.

## STOLE SHERIFF ABERNETHY'S CAR

Automobile thieves are no respecters of persons, evidently, for on last Friday night between 8 and 9 o'clock the new Ford automobile of Sheriff Blair Abernethy of Lincoln county was stolen from in front of the Selwyn hotel in Charlotte, where the Sheriff had left it standing, while attending to some business in Charlotte.

Sheriff Abernethy returned home heavy hearted, but purchased another car and continued business at the old stand.

While he was engaged in dragging in the store robbers Sunday Deputy Sheriff H. H. Sigmon of east Catawba county, was busy chasing and running down a man who was in possession of the sheriff's car. Better to be born lucky than rich, the Lincoln Sheriff got his car back Sunday. Deputy Sigmon of Catawba, took it and J. A. Queen in tow in east Catawba county, where Queen, it is reported here, was endeavoring to sell the sheriff's new fivver for the low price of \$300, and the very low bargain price led to the Catawba deputy getting on the trail of the stolen car. Queen who had the car and was offering it for sale is being held in Newton jail and will be carried to Charlotte and allowed to explain why Fords are so cheap.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Senate passage today of the \$710,000 bill taking care of the deficit which was half the enactment of a companion bill validating the 39-cent issue for schools, though it halted for amendments on the second reading, left the much abused State Superintendent E. C. Brooks the high jinks of the state and hardly anybody against him except a pitiful minority.

Both the Municipal Finance Act and the bill validating all levies of taxes made by the counties this year for school purposes, requiring the same levies next year as a prerequisite for participation in the State Equalization Fund and making a tax of 39 cents the flat requirement for such participation, were both received from the House yesterday and will each be given their two additional readings tomorrow and tomorrow night.

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Long's ejection bill which passed the senate last night met an inglorious finish in the house committee this evening when every member voted against favorable report and sent the bill to the limbo of forgotten things.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Killing seven Statewide measures, passing more than a score of others and enacting into the law a mass of local bills, the Senate yesterday afternoon at six o'clock adjourned until Monday at 12:30 with clean decks.

All indications point to a perfunctory session tomorrow followed by another at the same sort tomorrow night with the clock moved up to register Tuesday. After six hours of constant grinding yesterday, there remained on the calendar only the Stubbs bill calling a constitutional convention and the Long bill requiring publicity in all matters connected with request made upon the Commissioner of Revenue for reduction in taxation. There are few matters remaining to be placed before the Senate either by the House or its own committees.

The state superintendent's triumph over the worst opposition ever found against a state Democratic official, is the most brilliant piece of statesmanship shown by any official in many years.

Passing the senate bill by a vote of 89 to 4 the house of representatives Friday increased the salary of the adjutant general of the state from \$3,000 to \$4,500.

Among bills introduced:

H. B. 386: To create Love Memorial school district, Lincoln County.

## CROUSE AND WACO PLAY BASKETBALL GAME

Crouse, Dec. 17.—On Friday afternoon, Dec. 16th, the strong basketball team of Waco came to Crouse to play with Crouse High School.

In one of the best contested games of the season, Waco emerged as victor, by the score of 21-17. Crouse the loser, put up a magnificent game in the field, both offensive and defensive, and at the end of the second period, the score was tied 16-16 thereby necessitating an extra five minutes, in which Waco shot two field goals, while Crouse was fortunate enough to secure only one foul.

The Crouse girls, true to their style, made up for the boys' close defeat by conquering the Waco lassies 11-4. This makes Crouse having won two games and lost none, which gives them a percentage of 1000.

The next game, scheduled for Crouse is Jan 5, when the strong quintet from Saxony comes to Crouse for a game. The outcome is eagerly awaited, as this will be Crouse's first game in the county and therefore the first games to count, according to the rules of The Inter County Athletic Association.

Crouse school will close Thursday of this week for the Christmas holidays. A show will be given Tuesday night of this week, followed by a Christmas tree, when Santa Claus will distribute gifts.

## LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS Dear Santa Claus,

North Pole, U. S. A.

I will write you a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a big doll with curly hair and a doll carriage and a doll bed too. That is all I ask you to do for me.

Little Aileen Coffey.

## 2 CONTRACTS LET FOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC WORK

Excavation and Masonry Work To Begin at Mountain Island And Great Falls.

Charlotte, Dec. 16.—Contracts for the excavation and masonry work of the new hydro-electric station at Mountain Island, on the Catawba river, and for the new hydro-electric plant to be constructed at Great Falls, S. C., also on the Catawba, were let Thursday night by officials of the Southern Power company.

Rhinehardt and Dennis, contractors of Charlottesville, Va., were the successful bidders for the Mountain Island station, which is to be so constructed as to generate 80,000 horsepower of hydro-electric company, subsidiary organization of Southern Power Company.

Odd Fellows from all parts of North Carolina are here to participate in the convention of that fraternity.

Conspicuous Odd Fellows who are here for the event are Grand Master W. L. Moore, of Wilmington; Deputy Grand Master W. R. Coppedge of Rockingham; Grand Secretary John D. Berry, of Raleigh; Assistant Grand Secretary S. M. Crouch, of Asheville, and Superintendent C. O. Baird, of the Odd Fellows' Orphan home at Goldsboro.

Friday morning the grand lodge held a session in Odd Fellows' hall to confer the grand lodge degree on a number of past grades of the fraternity.

The banquet took place Friday night.

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## CITY OF MORGANTON IS VICTORIOUS IN SENATE

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Quick senate action on the Morganton extension bill tonight won for the expansionists and made the measure law at the senate session tonight. The house did not work.

The Erwin cotton mills rested their case on pledges made more than 20 years ago that the town of Morganton would not take them into the corporation.

Remember that today is your opportunity; tomorrow is some other fellow's.

## ITEMS OF LOCAL HAPPENINGS FROM LINCOLNTON R-6.

Misses Leila and Marie Mauney students of Lincoln High School spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mauney.

Miss Annie Bell Faries gave a party at her home Saturday night. All present reported a nice time.

Mr. Maurice Self made his usual call at Mr. G. F. Bynum's Sunday night.

Miss Annie Bell Faries and Miss Viola Michalls spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Ada Shull.

Mr. Floyd Shull spent Saturday night with Mr. Garcia Canipe.

Our school is progressing nicely now with Mr. Rudisill. The attendance is very good.

The people of this community are glad to see winter time weather, and they are taking advantage of it by butchering their hogs.

While out hunting Thanksgiving, Mr. Alvin Smith, John Bynum, Clifford Smith Willie Bynum, Sherwood Spargo, Drayton Spargo and a crowd of good rabbit dogs captured a big rattle snake, the rattler having ten rattles and a button and measured four feet and three inches long. The dogs bayed the snake on the ground and the hunters had to do some fierce fighting to save their dogs. The snake was killed near the home of J. L. Chapman. The land is known as the old Johnston land.

## LOWESVILLE LOCAL ITEMS OF NEWS

Lowesville Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Edwards, Mrs. Lizzie Kincaid, and Mrs. H. M. Lowe were Charlotte visitors Friday.

Mrs. R. O. Kincaid charmingly entertained at her home Friday evening in honor of her attractive niece, Miss Pauline Edwinston of Mooresville. The guests were Misses Jean Andrews, Iola White, Ruby Starnes, Jessie Lowe and Pauline Lentz. Messrs Russell Cornelius, Rob. Nixon, James Kincaid, Caswell Taylor and Mr. Tosque.

Mr. S. C. Henkle was a Charlotte visitor last week.

Miss Lola White spent the week end at her home in Dallas.

Miss Pauline Edwinston is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. O. Kincaid.

School News.

Our principal, Mrs. Margaret Parham, who has been sick with "grip" is much improved and will resume her work again Monday.

An exciting game of basketball was played between Triangle and Lowesville Thursday afternoon the score being seventeen and eighteen in favor of Lowesville. They also played Lucia school Friday afternoon. Lucia was victorious by score of twenty and thirteen.

The intermediate room of Lowesville school will give a Christmas program next Saturday night.

School closes for the Christmas holidays next Friday and will take up work again January 2.

## PERSONAL LOCALS

Mrs. T. C. Abernethy, Misses Corrine Crowell and Addie Smith were Charlotte visitors Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Blanton has returned to Forest City after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Padgett.

Mr. Lonnie Quickel spent Sunday in Charlotte with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Quickel who continues very ill at the Tranquill Park Sanatorium.

Mrs. Tom Harrill who underwent an operation at the local hospital a few weeks ago was able to return to her home Saturday.

Miss Sarah Wilson of the city school faculty, is getting along nicely, following an operation for appendicitis several days ago at the local hospital.

Mrs. Julia McCutchin and son William McCutchin expects to spend Christmas with Miss Jennie Robinson at Maysville, Ga.

Miss Mabel Robinson who is teaching at Apex and Mr. Edwin Robinson, a student at the University will spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson.

Miss Julia Self returned home Saturday feeling much improved following an operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte, Miss May Self a trained nurse accompanied her sister home.

## MAIDEN 11

The Maiden High School basketball team was in Lincolnton Friday for a game with Lincolnton High school boys basketball team. The game was played on Lincolnton school grounds and resulted in a winning for the Lincolnton team, the score being 16 for Lincolnton, to 11 for the visitors. This game was the last before the holidays, and both teams put out a good article of basketball.

## MAKES TALK ON TRIP TO RALEIGH

Miss Eva Dellinger Tells of Her Visit to Raleigh To Attend Teachers Assembly, At Meeting of County Teachers.

At the meeting of the Primary Department of the Lincoln County Teachers Association last Saturday evening Miss Eva Dellinger made a talk on her trip to the N. C. Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh on Thanksgiving day.

Last year when I came home from Asheville, I planned to go to the next Thanksgiving Teachers' Assembly again. Was so glad when I knew it would be in Raleigh. I like to go to our own capital city.

I enjoyed every hour there. Visited the museum. Had the privilege of attending a reception at the Governor's mansion.

In the city auditorium, where the general sessions were held was a motto, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." It was inspiring to sit there with that band of teachers and to hear the good lectures. It seemed that the forward movement was on.

On Thursday evening of the 750 city school children of Raleigh of the 4th, 5th 6th and 7th grades delighted the audience with singing. The girls were dressed in white with pink bows on their hair. They sat on either side, the boys in the center of one side of the auditorium. They were well trained. The singing was grand. I do not know of any think that could have been better unless it had been the primary children.

Much stress is now being put on music in all the grades.

It was all very interesting, but to me the primary work was the place I delighted most to be.

On Friday morning, Miss Mary C. Coleman, of North Carolina College for Women, gave a demonstration lesson in physical training. It showed what could be done in schools with poor equipment.

Now more than ever before we see the need of physical education in our schools. It has been talked about for a long time, but not much has been done in some schools. It is so important to have the little games and relay races for 3 minutes about every hour, besides the regular lesson in physical education. Some teachers say they do not have time. I do not have time to not have it. The children can do so much better. Only for the past two years have I tried it and know what it will do. It can be done in crowded rooms, even in three grades in room, and double desks are used. The regular lessons can be had out of doors when the weather permits.

It is important that we plan the kind of exercises and games for children of different ages.

Now is the time when teachers are looking after the health of the children. We want to teach them how to be strong and well.

In one of our primary meetings, Miss Pleta Cooper of N. C. College for Women, gave a talk on "The Content of an Acceptable Day's Work in the Primary Grades." She told of a day's work in two very different schools.

To the teachers that belong to the National Council of Primary Education, a bulletin is sent with combined reports for 1919-1920 on the question, "What Constitutes an Acceptable Day's Work in Primary Grades can be bought by other teachers. It is very helpful, I think.

One that was modern, but carried to the extreme. The other very formal, where the teacher directed in every thing. Some of the poor little children sat more than half the time with nothing at all to do. It was carried to the other extreme.

It is hard to know just what should be considered a day's work. We want to find a happy medium.

We want to set up ideals for the child. We want him to show his initiative. A child should be thrown on his own responsibility as much as possible, but must control himself. He should be kept happy and busy all the time.

We primary teachers should have self directed activities rather than busy work. We should have a program that is flexible. We want to teach children how to live, to work together and live to help others. All should have a fair chance together. It has been said "Education is life, not preparation for life." We are trying more and more to teach the children in school the things needed in life.

As we know, "The hope of the future is none other than a child, a trained child." How can children be trained unless we have trained teachers?

When we attend the assembly and hear about the work that is being done in North Carolina and other states, also learn what ought to be done, we can better understand they need of more efficient teachers.

Did you know that it is being said that the greatest obstacle in the rural schools today, is the rural teacher? We must have better teachers to have better schools.

The time is not far distant when the teacher who does not prepare for the work in a way that she may be a real teacher, one worthy of the name, will be left sadly by the wayside. We must get ready for our work. We must have better methods. We can become more efficient if we but try.

The call is for a teacher who has caught the vision. One who looks upon her work as a real occupation.

It is the duty of a primary teacher to help other primary teachers.

One reason I like so much to go to

## SHORT ITEMS

Washington, Dec. 15.—The body of Representative John A. Elston, of California, was found floating in the Potomac river late today. A note found in the congressman's coat, said he was caught in "a chain of circumstances which spelled ruin."

Washington, Dec. 14.—There is no prospect of any action in the Senate of the four-power Pacific treaty until January, and indications today are that debate on it will run over into February. The fact that Senator Curtis has introduced a bill for the adjournment of Congress on December 22 with the re-convening date as January 3 fixes this matter and the belief is general that President Harding will not submit the new treaty until after Congress re-assembles in January.

Lenoir, Dec. 15.—A check for \$5,000 was received by President Craven, of Davenport college, from Miss Annie Ogburn, of Winston-Salem, several days ago. This donation, according to the letter Miss Ogburn sent with it, is to be invested and the proceeds used towards defraying the expenses of some worthy student every year. President Craven said that the \$300 interest which this \$5,000 would earn would not quite pay the annual expenses of a student, but that the board of trustees would make an order allowing this amount to cover the total necessary expenses, so as to make it possible for one more worthy girl to receive a college education.

## AGAIN—THE ROAD TO LINCOLNTON

Morganton News-Herald.

Our friend and neighbor, The Hickory Daily Record, is much concerned about the suggestion of a good road from Lincolnton to Morganton, seeing in the suggestion an effort to interfere with long-established plans for a hard-surfaced road by way of Hickory to Lenoir.

There is no need for this alarm. Let the road be built from Charlotte to connect with the Central Highway at Newton or at any point desired, and hardsurface the road from Hickory to Lenoir, if you please. But in the meantime if Lincolnton and Morganton want to promote a connecting road, please let us go and do it.

If we understand correctly the road building program proposed by the regular session of the Legislature it was that connecting highways be built between the county seats. That being true, we are entitled to good roads—top soiled roads, or when it becomes possible, hard-surfaced roads connecting us with Lincolnton, with Lenoir, etc.

We have not the least thought of taking away from Hickory what belongs to her and we ask only that we be allowed what is ours by right. We want the road built; it is right to build it, and we shall continue to insist upon it.

Certainly there was no harm in pointing out that if the road were eleven miles in going to Lenoir and Blowing Rock by coming this way, we fear that it was the logic in that reasoning that disturbed our neighbor. We may also point out that the same distance will be saved in going to Lake James, which is becoming increasingly popular with Charlotte people.

Aside from these things, however, one of the big things The News-Herald has had in mind in backing up this road is that it will open up to civilization so to speak, a section of country that needs the enlightenment and uplift that will follow in the wake of the building of the road. It is a wonderful opportunity to help the mountain people who live in that part of Burke county and in upper Lincoln.

The road will be built eventually—why wait?

No one can learn to assume responsibility unless he is made to assume the consequences of his acts.

the Assembly, like to find out what is being done in our schools. If I learn of something that I think is better that I am doing, I try it too, or from the ideas I get, try something I think ever better.

We have now some of our best primary teachers in the rural schools. It wont be long until there will be many more.

With the consolidated schools, with modern equipment, the rural schools will be among the best.

None other than the very best primary teacher will do for that kind of work. We want to overturn the idea still existing in some sections that any one can teach little children and that the work in lower grades should be a stepping stone to something higher.

The work of the primary teacher requires special fitness—in personality together with special preparation and is of first importance in the whole scheme of education. "As the twig is bent the tree's inclined" and in the primary school a vast proportion of our future citizens receive their first and often deepest impressions and ideals of citizenship.

I like to think as did Dr. Alphonso Smith. He said that he was glad that North Carolina was moving up the line, but he liked to think of all the states in line together in front.

I like to think of all the counties of our Old North State lined up marching forward. But if one could be a little in front and moving a little faster, I would like for our own Lincoln County to be in the lead.

It depends to a great extent upon the teachers to say how fast our county shall move. What are we going to do about it?

### You's th' Bestest Man

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