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ALLEGED KU KLUX DRAG JOHNSTON MAN FROM CAR AND SEVERELY WHIP HIM

IS WARNED TO LEAVE COUNTY WITHIN 10 DAYS

D. H. Durham Taken From Ford Roadster by Masked Men, Blindfolded, Gagged and Beaten.

OCCURRED NEAR HIS HOME

Ku Klux Klan operations in Johnston county have not been numerous but they have perhaps made up in severity what was lacking in numbers, if the instance which occurred in Elevation township last Friday night is a fair sample. E. B. Durham who lives on Four Oaks, Route three, was in the city yesterday and told us of a severe beating which his brother, D. H. Durham of Elevation township, suffered Friday night at the hands of around a dozen masked men claiming to be Klu Klux from Tennessee, as he was enroute to his home from Four Oaks. According to the report, Mr. Durham was on his way home about 11 o'clock, in Ford roadster and had got within about 350 yards of his home, when the men referred to above wearing dark masks, held him up at the point of pistols. They blindfolded him, gagged him and carried him about a mile away on the old Evans place. There they severely beat him up and warned him to leave the country in ten days, ten hours ten minutes and ten seconds, or they would kill him. They also warned him not tell of the occurrence.

They then left him and he was later found by one of his brothers, L. B. Durham and a neighbor, who had been cat-fishing in Black Creek. They carried him home and summoned medical aid.

Rumors assigns reasons for the unusual occurrence, but we are not in possession of the facts.

A. B. Grocery Co. Moves

The A. B. Grocery Company, which has been located near the depot, is moving into the building formerly occupied by the Parish Market. This building was damaged by fire some time ago but has recently been remodelled and is in first class condition.

SMITHFIELD WINS GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP IN BASEBALL

Smithfield defeated Hillsboro in Hillsboro Friday by score of 4-0, thereby winning the championship of their group.

Miss Myrtle Parker Is Selma's May Queen

The weather was perfect, the setting ideal for the May Day Festival presented by the Selma Graded School last Friday afternoon on the school campus. Several hundred children dressed to represent frogs, flowers, butterflies, fairies, bees and other characters, took part in the program. The Queen of the May Day was Miss Myrtle May Parker who was attended by a Maid of Honor a crown bearer and other attendants. Frank Broadwell was Master of Ceremonies. The "Jester" impersonated by Simmie Grant and Jack O' the Green, by Keatheley Reynolds, kept the spectators in a gale of laughter by their antics throughout the performance.

A number of dances, pantomimes and drills were given, the May pole dance, which closed the program, being especially well done. "The Frolic of the Brownies" also deserves special mention.

Miss Clell Branham, assisted by Misses Coe, Cook, Moore and Stone who had charge of getting up the program are to be congratulated upon the success of the occasion.

Other Prizes Awarded In Biscuit Contest

The prize winners in the biscuit making contest were announced last week, but the schools making the highest average had not been decided upon at that time.

The school making the highest average, including written work as well as biscuit making, was Kenly high school, which was awarded first prize

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CHURCHES IN COUNTY CALL REV. J. R. WOODS

The Presbyterian Church Here and at Oakland Call Former Pastor To Serve Again

The many friends throughout the county of Rev. J. R. Woods, of Richmond, Va., will be delighted to know that at congregational meetings held Sunday he was called as pastor of the Presbyterian church here and also of Oakland church.

After graduating from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., last spring he accepted work in this county for the summer but in the fall he returned to Richmond for a post graduate course, expecting to go to China as a missionary soon after finishing his course. At a meeting of the General Assembly, however, it was found that on account of insufficient funds his going would be deferred until next year. As soon as the churches here learned that he would be open for work in this county for the coming year steps were taken to get him to return to this county. It is not known definitely whether or not he will accept the work here, but it is expected that he will, if he accepts the call he will take up the duties as pastor within the next few weeks.

These churches will feel particularly fortunate in securing Rev. Mr. Woods and it is being hoped that he will decide to come.

Royal Ambassador Camp

All over the South summer camps for the Royal Ambassador boys are now giving vogue and are growing in favor, as is true also of camps for the Y. W. A. girls. In North Carolina the first camp for the girls will be held this summer at Ridgecrest, and it is hoped that the local society tend. The aim of these camps is to will have one of its number to at-line up the young people actively with the church, and to provide whole some out-of-door recreation under church auspices. These being missionary societies, the aim is also to furnish a favorable atmosphere for mission study, which is always made a definite feature of the camp life.

As to the Royal Ambassador camp now under consideration in the local society we wish to assure parents that they may feel safe about their boys who may go. The camp will not be held unless two men are secured as directors of the camp, one of them an excellent swimmer. Military obedience will be required, no one being permitted to join the party who does not in advance pledge strict obedience. A regular schedule for each day will be adopted, which will include a course in mission study in the form of stories of mission life around the council camp fire. Plans when matured will be announced. Holt Lake is under consideration, or White Lake if it is found practicable.

Mrs. S. L. MORGAN, Sup't of Missions
Mrs. Henry JOHNSON, Sunbeam Leader.

Cold Spring, May 3.—Mrs. Besie Grecoe, of Beacon is dead at her home following the birth of twins which were joined together and dead at the time of birth last week. Mrs. Grecoe was forty-two years old.

J. C. KEEN PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND

Succumbs After Lingering Illness; Was a Former Member Board of County Commissioners.

FATHER COUNTY AUDITOR

News of the death of Mr. J. C. Keen, father of our townsman, Mr. J. A. Keen, county auditor, which occurred Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Martha S. Lassiter near Four Oaks, will be received with sadness by all who knew him. Mr. Keen who was seventy-one years old, had been sick for three or four weeks infection from a burn on his leg sustained a number of years ago, causing his death.

Mr. Keen was born and reared in Ingrams township and lived there all his life. He married Miss Mary Lee, also of Ingrams, who preceded him to the grave in 1915. To this union were born ten children, eight of whom survive. One child died in childhood and another Mrs. R. A. Bain, passed away in 1918. Other sons and daughters living are: Messrs J.A. Keen, of this city; L. C. Keen, and N. H. Keen of Four Oaks; and Jessie M. Keen, lineman for the Western Union Telephone Co., Mrs. N. A. Masengill, Mrs. D. C. Lassiter, Mrs. Martha S. Lassiter, and Mrs. Jefferison Lassiter of Four Oaks. Mr. Keen also leaves one sister, Mrs. H. B. Williams of Four Oaks and two brothers, Mr. A. R. Keen, who lives near Four Oaks and Mr. J. P. Keen of Alabama.

The deceased was a fine citizen always interested in the upbuilding of his community. He was a member of the board of county commissioners from 1908 to 1912 serving his county well in that capacity.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church of Four Oaks having been a member for a number of years.

The funeral was preached at the home Thursday afternoon, the service being conducted by Elder Doll Jones of Coats assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the M. E. church of this city. Interment was made in the family burying ground, there being a large crowd of relatives and friends present to pay a last tribute of respect.

Mrs. W. H. Green Dead

News has been reached here of the death of Mrs. W. H. Green, the mother of Mr. W. A. Green, which occurred at her home in Washington, D. C., Thursday afternoon. The burial took place in Richmond, Va., last Friday. We hope to have a full account of her death in our next issue.

CALLS WOMAN TO DOOR AND THEN SHOOT HER

Raleigh, May 3.—At 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon the condition of Doris Long, who was shot earlier in the day, was critical with little hope for her recovery, according to reports from Rex hospital. Dr. A. C. Campbell is the physician in charge of her case and he told Solicitor Evans during the morning that the chances of living were against the girl.

A woman giving her name as Doris Long, of Fayetteville, is in a serious condition at Rex hospital with three bullet holes in her intestines and Clyde Jordan, a young automobile mechanic and adopted son of Jailor J. R. Jordan, is in jail without privilege of giving bail as a result of Raleigh's second shooting episode within the past two nights.

Jordan shot the woman through the stomach about 2:30 Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Ed Jackson, just beyond the baseball park, after he called her to the door, according to the police, but no direct motive for the shooting had been disclosed in the early investigation. The young man had been keeping company with the woman for several days, and it is thought a quarrel had led to the shooting.

Johnston's New \$40,000 County Home



The New Johnston County Home Is a Modern Structure

BIG COTTON FARMER SIGNS WITH CO-OPS

Mr. J. H. B. Tomlinson, After Two Years Deliberation Signs Contract.

Members of the Cotton Growers' Co-operation Association of Johnston and adjoining counties will read with a great deal of interest that after two years of deliberation, Mr. J. H. B. Tomlinson, who resides five miles west of Smithfield, and who is easily one of the biggest cotton producers in the State, has signed up with the co-operative association.

In taking membership with the association, Mr. Tomlinson feels that co-operation in marketing is the only safe medium through which the farmer will ever be able to receive fair play in the stabilizing of the price and cost of production of this great Southern commodity. He is willing to assume his part of the responsibility in bringing these conditions to bear, and the great number of cotton growers in this and adjoining counties, who have already been struggling against opposition to this movement, will feel the force of his membership.

Mr. Tomlinson has been for two years a member of the tobacco growers' association. He produces something over 250 bales of cotton annually. In 1923 he produced 235 bales on 175 acres of land. He specializes in Mexican big boll cotton. He is also conducting from year to year cotton experiments in plant breeding under the instructions of Dr. W. Y. Winters, Breeding Specialist of the State College at Raleigh.

There is here and there evidence of a feeling that the existence of a permanent co-operative association cannot endure, and many no doubt have lost heart and have departed from faith. But thinking men all over the Southland have come to see no other way out except through the co-operative route. Mr. Tomlinson's newly acquired relationship with the association is only an instance of thousands of other producers who have signed up since January 1, 1924. In the state of Texas alone five members are being added to the ranks each hour. Since March 1st, North Carolina has added over four hundred to her list.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TEACHERS COUNCIL

The Teachers Council of the M. E. Sunday school has been changed to meet on Wednesday evening after the first Sunday of each month. Tomorrow evening being the regular time for the May meeting. The program for this month is in the nature of a Parent-Teachers meeting, and all parents are given a special invitation to be present. The meeting will be conducted by Miss Lorene Leonard, the leader appointed by Supt. T. R. Hood, for this occasion. Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the church, has given over his prayer meeting service once a month for the Teachers Council.

At Smith's Chapel

Rev. G. B. Perry of Princeton will preach at Smith's Chapel next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT TO BE HELD

Board of County Commissioners Ask Governor To Call A Special Three Weeks Term.

WILL BEGIN 9TH OF JUNE

Johnston County is to have a special term of Civil Superior Court beginning June 9 and which will last three weeks, in order to clear up a much congested docket. At the April meeting of the County Commissioners, a resolution was presented to the Board by the Johnston County Bar Association, asking the Commissioners to call upon the Governor to grant a special term for this county. The committee acting for the association was Robt. A. Wellons, president, and G. A. Martin, secretary.

The Board of Commissioners accepted the resolution and petitioned Governor Morrison to grant their request, asking that Hon. George W. Connor be sent to hold the special term.

Yesterday jurors were drawn for each of the three weeks, a list of which will be published in an early issue of The Herald.

Revival Services

Services at Community Grove Mission (the former Methodist church at old mill) every night this week at 7:30 o'clock, also every afternoon at 3 o'clock. Preaching by Rev. J. L. Davis, of Gospel Tabernacle church, Dunn and Rev. T. H. Tornochleu, of the Cleveland Bible Institute, Ohio.

Everybody is welcome at these services.

Would Do For State Capitol

The empire of Johnston boasts of one of the finest and best appointed court houses in any Southern county. It is handsome, commodious, fire-proof, well-kept and were it in some capital city a stranger would probably take it for the capitol of the state. And the beauty of the thing, even now after months of service, it looks so much like a brand-new thing. The commissioners see to it that the janitor janitors, a service very much neglected in some counties where the court houses are treated like step children.

Wonderful old Johnston—it can afford a half million dollar court house she is in herself an empire.—The Uplift.

An English duchess, it is reported, has sold her pearls to enable some London working girl to keep up their club.

Pageant Presented At Sanders Chapel

The young people of Sanders Chapel, M. E. Church presented a pageant entitled "Forty Years." A large crowd was present and the occasion was quite a success. The pageant, which was directed by Mrs. Percy Barnes, depicted the life of the husband and father. It showed the hardships which were undergone and presented a fine plea for the Superannate Fund. Those playing were: Misses Nellie Hill, Mabel Creech, Myra Hill and Margaret Hill and Messrs James Hill, Percy Barnes and LaFayette Barnes. Twenty little girls also took part. Recitations were given by Lola Hill and Elizabeth Hill and an alternative recitation, "The Superannate" was given by twelve little girls. These young people have been asked to present their program for the Epworth League here at an early date.

Those from this city who attended the service Sunday evening were: Mrs. Clifton Besley, Misses Annie Lassiter, Bettie Le Sanders and Minnie Lee Garrison.