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NEGRO TRIED FOR ATTACKING NURSE

Tom Robinson Convicted In Wilmington Court of Criminal Assault on Young Girl.

TO DIE OCTOBER 2ND

On October 2 Tom Robinson, negro janitor who attacked and beat into unconsciousness a nineteen-year-old student nurse of Wilmington, will die in the electric chair.

When the sentence was pronounced by Judge C. C. Lyon, the court room was packed. There were about fifty deputy sheriffs moving to and fro in the enclosure and two uniformed men, the Wilmington Light Infantry, uniformed and armed as in readiness at the army if their assistance had been needed.

Wilmington, Sept. 2.—Tom Robinson, negro who assaulted the student nurse here near the James Walker Memorial Hospital on the night of August 12, is now on trial for his life.

The opening of the trial was begun here Monday morning, Judge C. C. Lyons, of Elizabethtown, is here to hold the special term for this trial. Woodus Kellum, the solicitor of the Wilmington district, is unable to attend court and J. A. McNorton, of the local bar, is prosecuting in his stead.

All of Monday and the forenoon of Tuesday were taken up in preliminaries and selecting the jury. The taking of the evidence started at three p. m. Tuesday. The case is receiving deep interest and its progress is necessarily slow.

Tom Robinson is a big black man about six feet tall. He has the apparent strength of a giant. His demeanor in the court house is sullen and defiant.

It is reported that the outraged woman is in a serious frame of mind and state of health, and she will not be required to spend any more time in the court room than the trial will demand.

MR. A. W. HODGES GIVES BARBECUE SUPPER

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Andrew W. Hodges of the A. W. Hodges Sales Stables, entertained about fifty of his friends and patrons at a barbecue in front of the stables on Third street.

After the speaking a most delicious barbecue supper with all accessories was served those present. This supper was an informal get-together and introductory meeting of friends, patrons and employees of the firm which marked the opening of Mr. Hodges stables here.

The Democracy of America



On the narrow front porch of his father's Vermont farmhouse, President Coolidge met one of the world's richest men—his Secretary of Treasury, Andrew Mellon (right) for a conference and decision regarding the Belgian debt fund to the U. S.

County Schools In The Limelight

LAST GAME ENDS THREE TO THREE

Championship Series of the Central Carolina League Between Kenly and Pine Tops Stands at a Tie.

Kenly, Aug. 31.—The championship series of the Central Carolina League between Pinetops, first half champions, and Kenly, winners of the second half, now stands Kenly 3; Pinetops 3.

Table with 2 columns: Club, R H E. Rows for Kenly and Pinetops in the first contest.

Table with 2 columns: Club, R H E. Rows for Kenly and Pinetops in the second game.

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Table with 2 columns: Club, R H E. Rows for Kenly and Pinetops in the fifth game.

Table with 2 columns: Club, R H E. Rows for Kenly and Pinetops in the sixth game.

Methodist Church! Rev. A. J. Parker will preach both morning and night at the Methodist church Sunday.

Watch your label and renew your subscription.

Slash of \$100,000 In School Budget May Cause Trouble; Six Months School Must Be Provided.

COUNTY PROSPEROUS

The school situation in this county is causing considerable comment outside of the county as well as within the borders of Johnston.

The commissioners have not been "lawed" yet on any proposal of theirs to shut off the school support. It has not gone so far as that.

Money Must Be Raised "For Johnston must get its children to school. It cannot stop for want of money.

Which seems to mean that Johnston is going to take back water. The county which is unprecedentedly prosperous must send its children to school and when a school is far from base that it becomes necessary to take the school to the child.

Provisions of Law "Section 2, article IX, of the constitution says in part: 'The general assembly, as its first session under this constitution, shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of public schools, wherein tuition shall be free of charge to all the children of the state between the ages of 6 and 21 years.'

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PROFITABLE CROP FOR EASTERN N. C.

Spinach Is Recommended as the Most Important of the Leafy Greens; Demand Increased.

Raleigh, Sept. 2.—In recent years the dietitians have been urging us to eat more greens for our health's sake.

Both the climate and soil of eastern North Carolina are favorable to the growth of spinach.

"Spinach is either drilled in beds or sown broadcast," says Mr. Schmidt. "The common practice in this section of the country is to sow in 4-row beds, the rows ten to twelve inches apart.

MORNING PRAYER MEETING HOUR IS CHANGED

The morning prayer meeting held by the business men in the commissioners room of the court house each morning will be held in the future at eight o'clock instead of eight-thirty.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET TONIGHT

The Pou-Parrish post of the American Legion will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the court house. A full attendance is desired.

SAM HOGWOOD, Adjutant.

Shenandoah Bursts And Kills Thirteen

GREATEST YEAR TOURIST TRAVEL

North Carolina is enjoying its greatest year of tourist travel according to Carolina Motor Club.

North Carolina this season is enjoying its greatest year of tourist travel. This is apparent by observation of the increased number of foreign plates all main highways and by calls for information at headquarters and branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club.

During the months of July and August there were 49,000 calls for information and routings at the Greensboro office of the club and its 60 branches.

While many of the reffusers for touring information came from other states, the great bulk of data was supplied native Tarheels who vacationed by auto.

B. Y. P. U MEETS AT MOUNT MORIAH

Able and Inspirational Addresses Heard; Convention Meets Next at Four Oaks.

The Baptist Young People's Union of the Johnston Association met August 26-28 with the Mt. Moriah Baptist church.

Rev. O. A. Keller spoke on "Making Methods Spiritual," Rev. R. C. White brought a message on "The B. Y. P. U. in Soul Winning" and Rev. R. P. Hall spoke on "Stewardship of Life."

The climax of the convention was the sunrise service on Friday morning, led by Dr. Charles L. Greaves of Raleigh.

At the closing meeting 85 seals and diplomas were awarded for class work done during the sessions.

The following officers were elected for the year: President, Rev. J. A. Ivey; vice presidents, Miss Eva Johnson, Miss Ruth Wilson, Miss Ava Richardson and James A. Lane; junior-intermediate leader, Miss Viola Poole; district junior-intermediate leaders, Mrs. Norrah Wood, Miss Cherry Gurley, Mrs. W. T. Evans and Miss Lucile Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Strickland, pianist Miss Lelia Shore Thomas; chorister, Henry Earp.

The convention will meet next year with the Four Oaks Baptist church.

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Tobacco Market Considered Somewhat Better Yesterday

Farmers Generally Disappointed But Little Dissatisfaction On the Smithfield Market; Quarter Million Pounds Sold Here First Day; Low Grades Marketed.

The opening of the tobacco market here Tuesday was attended by the usual features—a big crowd, lots of tobacco, plenty of buyers, anxious warehousemen and anxious farmers, but the price on the whole was disappointing.

Grades offered the first day were apparently below the grades offered a year ago, much of it being the first curing.

Something like a quarter of a million pounds were sold here at the opening sale.

There appears to be little dissatisfaction on the part of the farmers other than a general disappointment that the prices are (Turn to page four, please)

Lies In Hospital Here With a Fractured Skull As Result of Automobile Accident.

CAR TURNS OVER

An automobile accident occurred near Wilson's Mills yesterday afternoon resulting in what appears at this writing to be a fatal accident to Mr. Alger West, son of Mr. John West of Wilson's Mills.

Mr. West had owned his car, a Ford touring model, only about a month. Yesterday afternoon he had started to Wilson's Mills for a box of fish and as he turned from a road into the highway leading from Wilson's Mills to the Raleigh road, he struck a bed of sand, and his car turned over.

Mr. Willie Wilson saw the accident and medical aid was summoned at once. The injured man was brought to the Smithfield Memorial hospital about 4:30 o'clock, where it was found that his skull was fractured.

The young man is only 20 years of age. He was alone in the car when the accident happened.

MRS. LOU BROWN DIES AT SELMA

Passed Away Tuesday Night After Suffering Stroke of Paralysis; Mother of Mr. Paul Brown.

Selma, Sept. 2.—Friday evening, August 28 Mrs. Brown suffered a stroke of paralysis at her home on Railroad Street.

On March 4, 1880 she was married to Mr. Joseph Brown and they made their home in Johnston county. To this union was born the following eight children, all of whom survive: Messrs. Wade and Leon Brown, of Selma; Paul Brown, of Smithfield; Miss Omega Brown, Selma; Mrs. L. M. Bass, Goldsboro; Mrs. C. I. Godwin, Raleigh; Mrs. Andrew Brewer, Princeton; and Mrs. C. E. Golden, Selma.

The funeral was preached Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church by a former pastor, Elder Christopher Hooks, of Fremont. Interment was made in the family burying ground near Selma.

High School Registratin Days Mr. N. C. Shuford, new superintendent of the city graded school has arrived in the city from Black Mountain and has arranged for preliminary registration days for high school pupils.

Bloodhound Purchased Messrs. F. L. Pittman and W. H. Stevens have purchased a bloodhound. A trip was made to Raeford this week and the dog brought here.

Revival Services at Oakland Worship services at Smithfield Presbyterian church Sunday at 11 a. m. At 8 p. m. the pastor will preach at Oakland church beginning a ten-day revival meeting.

Revival Services at Oakland The public is cordially invited to these services.

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TEXAS SPEAKER AT VOCAL UNION

Rev. Mr. York Delivered Interesting Address at Lower Johnston Vocal Union Sunday.

NINE CHOIRS PRESENT

The Lower Johnston vocal union met with Banner Chapel church one mile east of Benson on Sunday, August 30. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock by the president, Mr. J. B. Beasley and the following marshalls were appointed to keep order: Messrs. S. P. Honeycutt, A. L. Langdon and T. D. Strickland.

The opening song at 1:30 in the afternoon was "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," and then each choir sang two songs. At 3 o'clock an address by Rev. Mr. York of Texas, was enjoyed by the large crowd.

The following nine choirs and their leaders were present Sunday: Banner Chapel, Mr. Matthew Raynor, leader; Tee Chapel, Mr. R. E. Thomas; Salem of Mount Olive, Mr. E. P. West; Corinth, Mr. C. B. Thomas; Pleasant Grove, Mr. Marion Ennis; Holly Grove, Mr. J. A. Parker; Prospect, Mr. W. A. Ennis; Benson Grove, C. P. Stewart; and Barbour's Chapel, Mr. Paul Heckaday.

A great day was enjoyed by all present. The crowd was estimated at 4500. The next vocal union will go to Baulah Christian church two miles east of Four Oaks. It will be held on the fifth Sunday in November.

Lee Family Reunion About a hundred and fifty attended the Lee family reunion at the Lee homestead in Bentonville township yesterday.

Those attending the reunion from this city were Mrs. J. M. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gaskin, Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, Mrs. J. W. Vinson, Miss Annie Lee, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. B. Orr, Mrs. W. M. Pettway and daughters, Misses Alene and Olivia of Norfolk, Va.

HON. E. W. POU AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Hon. E. W. Pou, member of Congress from this district, will make an address at the Smithfield Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

On Monday he will meet pupils of the ninth grade. On both these days he will be in the office from 9:30 to 12 in the morning and from 2 till 4 in the afternoon.

On Tuesday afternoon a teachers meeting will be held. Any pupils who cannot go at the regular time may make arrangements for another date with Mr. Shuford.

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