

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON AGED COLORED MAN.

Negro Youths in Bold Highway Robbery Shoot Seventy-six year Old Man And Relieve Him of Small Sum of Money

Pistol toters are rapidly becoming one of the most serious menaces to present day civilization that we have. Evidence of this is given in the case of State vs Richard Paling, Harry Collins, Johnnie Davenport and Edward Jones, charged with carrying concealed weapons and highway robbery. This case was tried before Recorder Bailey on Monday morning, and Paling and Collins were given two years on the county roads for carrying concealed weapons. The judge issued a special order to the superintendent of the chain gang that these criminals be worked in chains and that at night they be chained in their sleeping quarters. Davenport was placed under a two-thousand dollar bond for probable complicity in the robbery. Jones, who turned state's witness, and exonerated himself was given his freedom.

Sunday afternoon Paling, Collins and Davenport, who live in Scuppernon township, had started on a motor trip to Roper. On their way they overtook Jones and invited him to accompany them. Jones readily assented. While enroute Paling suggested that they hold up some person, and Jones claimed that he did all he could to change his mind, and that while they were on the subject they overtook Isaac Norman in the Chapel Swamp section of Skinnersville township and that Paling commanded Davenport to stop the car. Immediately the car came to a stand still. Paling and Collins jumped out and demanded that the feeble old man "throw up his hands". The seventy-six years of his life has sapped most of the vitality from the frame of Isaac Norman, and probably because he was not fast enough in getting his hands up Paling shot him through the chin, and then again through the muscle of the right arm. The old man finally succeeded in getting his hands up, and then the youthful bandits went through his pockets and relieved him of nine dollars and a half.

Deputy sheriff Peal of Creswell was notified and he immediately went in search of the quartette. After some trouble he finally located them, and at about 2 A. M. Monday he reached the home of sheriff Reid with his prisoners, who were placed in jail to await a hearing before the Recorder later in the day. A razor was found on the person of Collins.

Bonds of five thousand dollars each were required of Paling and Collins for the robbery, and two thousand was required of Davenport. Paling and Collins each received a sentence of two years for carrying concealed weapons and are now in the custody of the superintendent of the chain gang. As we go to press Davenport is still in jail in default of the bond required.

The robbery case will be tried in the July term of Superior Court.

Mr. L. R. Roper of Norfolk, was in town Tuesday.

REPUBLICANS NAME BURGESS FOR CONGRESS.

The district meeting of the Republicans of the First Congressional District was held here in the court house Tuesday at noon. Delegates from all counties of the district were here and took an active part in the proceedings.

The meeting was opened by Mr. John L. Phelps of Creswell. Mr. A. S. Mitchell, of Hertford county, was elected chairman, and Mr. W. M. Bateman of Roper was elected secretary. Upon motion this organization was declared permanent.

Mr. Peter Burgess, farmer and ex-service man of Camden county, was named as the candidate for congress to oppose the Democratic Nominee which will be named in a primary to be held on June 7th.

In selecting a delegate to the national convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, a rather heated contest ensued between supporters of Wheeler Martin of Williamston and Clarence Pou of Elizabeth City. Mr. Martin received 27 1-2 votes and won over Mr. Pou who received 20 1-2. Mr. J. L. Phelps of Creswell was named as the alternate to Mr. Martin. The delegate was instructed to cast his vote in the national convention for Coolidge for presidential nominee.

Some over fifty delegates were in attendance and the meeting was graced by the presence of Col. I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for governor of this State.

W. C. Benson was elected chairman for the ensuing two years. The following named constitute the district executive committee: O. J. Jones, Manteo; W. H. Keaton, Columbia; B. W. Williams, Swan Quarter; J. T. McAllister, Roper; Herbert M. Stillely, Washington; W. J. Manning, Bethel; Wheeler Martin, Williamston; P. H. Flora, Moyock; P. D. Burgess, Old Trap; S. S. Overman, Elizabeth City; A. N. Winslow, Belvidere; John A. Moore, Edenton; W. H. Standing, Gatesville; J. W. Godwin, Ahiclie.

DR. BIGGS WITH-DRAWS FROM RACE

Realizing my inaptitude for political honors and that I can not give enough time to my campaign I have decided to withdraw from the Congressional race and retire to the rear ranks of my party.

I wish to assure my friends of my sincere appreciation of their support and of my willingness to serve them whenever I may have the privilege.

Respectfully,
JNO. D. BIGGS.

Bill Davis of Kings Business College, Raleigh, has been here the past few days visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis.

Miss Margaret Jackson of Peace Institute, Raleigh has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jackson.

BRUCE GREATER SHOWS HERE NEXT MONTH

An Amusement Park At Home will be the nature of the Big Benefit Frolic to be given under the auspices of the Plymouth Fire Department Beginning Saturday, April 12th for seven days and nights, ending Saturday, April 19. Three of the latest model amusement rides owned by the Bruce Amusement Park Attraction Co., have been engaged to exhibit on the Hampton lot on Water street.

The Bruce Greater Shows has its winter quarters located in Plymouth, and Mr. Bruce, the owner and manager, contemplates making this his permanent winter home. He has purchased a large tract of ground just on the edge of town where he plans to construct a modern show headquarters for all his equipment.

Taking advantage of this opportunity just before the Bruce aggregation start on their annual tour of the country, the Fire Department has arranged with Mr. Bruce to set up his outfit of rides and concessions and give them a benefit. It is a worthy cause and Mr. Bruce responded promptly and willingly and has offered the Fire Department the privilege of a like benefit each spring just before starting out for each season's showing.

The attractions that will be used and exhibited for the firemen's benefit are as follows—The \$10,000.00 merry-go-round, three horses abreast, brilliantly lighted with electricity will wheel you around to the tune of "That Old Gang of Mine", played on a new and late model Wurlitzer band organ tuned to the highest concert pitch. The big Ely Ferris Wheel will ride you up high in the air with perfect security. The Sea Plane, or Aerial Swing, will sail you through the air giving a thrill that only this bird-like flyer can give. Rambling around to the various booths and stands you can enjoy a variety of real out-door sports and recreation. The stands and booths will be placed in a position surrounding the rides, which is intended to give the appearance of a regular big city amusement park, where many attractions similar to those conducted at sea shore resorts will form the line-up.

A spring tonic in the way of good clean amusement can be looked forward to by all who attend.

ALARM. BUT NO FIRE.

About four o'clock Monday morning the people were disturbed by the terrifying scream of the fire siren. In a short while the streets were filled with people and automobiles.

The members of the fire company hastened to the headquarters of the fire department as quickly as possible, but upon reaching there no information as to the whereabouts of the fire could be gained. The chief made a tour of the town, and still no fire could be located.

During the afternoon Monday however, it was learned that some of the colored people who work at the Hampton fisheries had made more fire than usual in their stove and as a consequence the chimney had burned out, attracting the attention of the night policeman who turned in the alarm.

FARMERS ADVISED NOT TO INCREASE COTTON ACREAGE

By Clarence Ousley
(Former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture)

The most important statement yet made concerning cotton production for 1924 comes from the Department of Agriculture. The Department has made a comprehensive survey of world conditions and advises American farmers not to increase their output this year except as increases may result from favorable weather and improved farming methods which decrease the costs of production. Concerning cotton the Department says:

"In the light of general business conditions, the cotton market gives a comparatively good price. It must be remembered that a large crop if secured by increased acreage and expensive production methods, would tend to result in a decline in price, which might more than offset any resulting reductions in cost due to higher yields."

As to acreage, that is already determined in the preparations the farmer has made. His intentions and plans cannot well be changed except slightly by unforeseen conditions of weather, for he has planted in part, he has secured seed and he has made provisions for his entire farming program. Hence the acreage is already practically fixed, though there will be no statistical calculation of it for some weeks.

In the common judgment of the trade, of agricultural observers and of three of the professional forecasting bureaus of the United States there will be an increase of acreage this year of from 3 to 6 per cent. Quotations of prices and actual contracts made for future delivery reflect the expectation of a larger acreage and a larger crop.

If prices are to be lower it behooves the farmer to reduce his costs of production. The only way he can do that in any considerable degree is by reducing the acre yield. Assuming that the farmer follows good farming methods, there are but two elements

RECOVERS STOLEN AUTO.

On the night of February 1st Mr. E. R. Draper of Drum Hill, Va., traveling out of Norfolk for the Keeling, Easter Co., left his new Ford car in the vacant lot just in the rear of Hotel Brinkley. The next morning when he was ready to start out on his trip the car could not be located.

The police department and the sheriff were notified, but no trace of the missing car could be found.

A few days ago, however, Mr. W. R. Spruill, who operates a filling station at Columbia, notified the sheriff that he had found a similar car on the Gum Neck road and had towed same into his place of business. Mr. Draper was immediately notified and upon arriving in Columbia with sheriff Reid, recognized the car as being the one stolen and furnishing proper identification was allowed to take possession of same.

Mr. C. D. Edgerton of Tarboro was among our business visitors this week.

Mrs. B. A. Summer, who has been traveling through several of the Southern states, returned this week.

Elements affecting acre yield, viz, the weather and the boll weevil

With an indicated increase of acreage and an indicated decrease in price, therefore, the cotton farmer's best hope of profit lies in preparation for weevil control. Every state agricultural college, every county agent and the National Boll Weevil Control Association have the information by which every farmer who will to do so may escape weevil loss and make a profit upon cotton under average weather conditions.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. L. E. Paul spent Sunday in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McAllister of Roper, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. T. N. Pierce of Pinetown, was in town on business Monday.

Gus Holmes of Creswell, was in town on business Monday.

Mr. J. E. Bruce is in Richmond on business this week.

Mr. D. G. Davis made a business trip to Windsor Tuesday.

Mr. E. D. Carstarphen went to Creswell on business yesterday.

Mr. W. F. Midget made a business trip to Elizabeth City during the past week.

Mr. C. W. Cabron returned Sunday from a business trip in Tennessee.

Miss Floribelle Morgan spent the past week-end in Newbern.

Mr. S. D. Brown of Norfolk, spent a few days of last week here on business.

Messrs. C. V. W. Ausbon and P. H. Darden made a business trip to Ayden this week.

Revised Legett is the guest of his mother Mrs. O. R. Leggett.

Mrs. Harry Barnhill of Richmond, spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Robertson.

Misses Elizabeth Fulghum and Josephine Craft of Greenville, are here as guests of Mrs. W. E. Bateman.

Misses Margaret Brown, Edna Nurney, Mildred Vail and Leona Satterthwaite motored to Roper Sunday.

Misses Elizabeth Stephenson, Sallie Bateman, Mattie Long, Thelma Edgerton and Mr. Russell Harrison motored to Washington Sunday.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Swain, who has been in a hospital in Washington for some time returned this week much improved.

The picture "The Third Alarm" given here Tuesday and Wednesday nights was liberally patronized by the people of all this section. The proceeds have been placed to the credit of the equipment fund of the local fire company.

WESTOVER NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bateman and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Willie Davenport.

Miss Hildred Swain spent the week-end with Miss Ella Paul in Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coburn and Mrs. B. F. Skiles were in Plymouth Saturday.

Miss Mildred Vail was the week-end guest of Miss Edna Nurney in Plymouth.

Mrs. Sophia Chesson spent Sunday in Roper with her sister Mrs. Charles Norman, who has been quite ill.

Miss Mildred Robbins spent Sunday with Miss Matilda Swain near Mackeys.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon of Plymouth were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Coburn Sunday.

Miss Hazel and Helen Coburn spent the week-end with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gardner.

Miss Delano Wilson held her regular monthly meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Ruth Swain. A good many attended. A demonstration in bread making was given.

FASHION SHOW

ALMO THEATRE WEDNESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 2 UNDER AUSPICES OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

PROGRAMME

FIRST PART

Tableau:

MADAME FASHION OF 1924

Miss Louise Ayers

EPISODE NO. 1

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SPORT SUITS

Models

Miss Sadie Ausbon, Miss Annie Ange, Miss Ruth Ayers, Mrs. Hal Williford, Mr. Leland Thompson, Mr. Daryl Clayton.

EPISODE NO. 2

LADIES' STREET WEAR AND COAT SUITS

Models

Mrs. Roy Swain, Mrs. Eva Brown, Mrs. P. W. Brown, Mrs. Dave Hurley.

EPISODE NO. 3

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HATS

Models

Miss Louise Ayers, Mrs. E. D. Carstarphen, Miss Bernice Basinger, Miss Ruth Norton.

EPISODE NO. 4

AFTERNOON AND EVENING DRESSES

Models

Mrs. E. D. Carstarphen, Mrs. Eva Brown, Mrs. Roy Swain, Mrs. Dave Hurley, Mrs. P. W. Brown, Mrs. Hal Williford, Mrs. Herman Clark, Miss Louise Ayers, Miss Sadie Ausbon, Miss Ruth Ayers, Miss Annie Ange, Miss Elizabeth Stephenson.

Tableau:

MADAME FASHION AND HER COURT

Curtain

SECOND PART

Gloria Swanson or Betty Compson will be shown in an appropriate picture.