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## Man Hunt Ends When Notorious Negro Is Shot

### Exciting Chase for Slayer of Little Kincaid Girl Ends Near Linville Falls Sunday

Linville Falls, July 3.—Broadus Miller, much-hunted Asheville negro, who two weeks ago attacked and killed Gladys Kincaid, pretty 15-year-old Morganton girl, today was shot and killed when surprised by a party searching for him.

His death followed a gun battle with Commodore Burleson, a mountaineer who came upon the negro unexpectedly.

The negro, according to the story told by Burleson and members of the posse who reached the scene a moment after the negro fell dead, was sitting on a boulder when Burleson unexpectedly walked up. The negro fired one shot from a shotgun. Burleson fired five times from a 15-calibre pistol as rapidly as he could pull the trigger. The last shot struck the negro below the heart killing him instantly.

Members of the posse picked up the negro's body and took it to Morganton where it was locked in the Bucks county jail.

The posse that today ended a search that has extended into three States and been almost continuous since the body of the girl was found in a woodland near Morganton 12 days ago started out this morning after it was learned that a store in Linville Falls had been robbed last night. Burleson, a mountaineer and used to reading signs that enable the mountaineer to trail persons through the high pushed ahead of the posse and as a result was the first to flush the quarry.

## NEWS OF WEEK FROM VALLE CRUCIS SECTION

Valle Crucis, July 6.—Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Leake arrived in Valle Crucis on Tuesday of last week and are staying with Mrs. Leake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, after an absence of about two years in the Philippine Islands.

Among the week-end visitors in the valley were Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Meunier, Jr., Misses Wilhelmina Shull and Gladys Taylor.

Mrs. Drew Dyer died at the home of her son, C. D. Dyer, on Sunday night, and was buried at Windy Gap on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobby are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Curston and daughter, Josephine and Mr. Guy, of Chester, S. C., are keeping house in the Sibley Mast cottage.

The V. C. Summer School of Religious Education opened on July 4, and will continue for two weeks, its fourth annual session.

Mrs. P. G. Spainhour returned last Wednesday from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spainhour in Morganton.

Mr. W. L. Nicholson of Charlotte, a former teacher at Valle Crucis, and his family spent the week-end with friends in the valley.

Henson's Chapel Epworth League which expected to entertain the Boone branch at Cove Creek last Wednesday night brought its guests to Valle Crucis owing to the illness of Mr. Bob Henson. The Boone league gave an interesting program at the Methodist church, and afterward finished the evening at a social gathering on Mr. Finley Mat's lawn.

## MEMORIAL UNVEILED TO AUTHOR OF "DIXIE"

Asheville, July 3.—While the strains of that stirring old southern melody, "Dixie," were floating from the banjo of Bascom Lamar Lunsford, a memorial tablet erected to the memory of Daniel Decatur Emmett, better known as "Dan" Emmett, and author of the words of "Dixie," was unveiled and dedicated this afternoon in the shadow of historic old Calvary Episcopal church at Fletcher, ten miles south of Asheville.

Lexington, June 30.—W. R. Shelton, for nearly three years pastor of the First Methodist church for this city, left here yesterday for parts unknown with a cloud of scandal hanging over his head. The former pastor's departure followed a conference with Dr. J. H. Barnhardt, presiding elder of the Winston-Salem district, and a legal representative of a prominent young woman here, in which he is alleged to have confessed guilt of immorality with the girl represented.

## BLOWING ROCK HAS BIG FOURTH

### Every Hotel in Resort Filled to Capacity; Day Taken Up by Hiking, Horseback Riding and Golfing; Personal Mention

Blowing Rock, July 6.—Monday was the greatest day of the season so far in Blowing Rock, with every hotel filled to capacity, with the streets crowded with automobiles, hiking parties and horse-back riders, and with Green Park golf course covered with players.

The golf course was the chief center of interest, for a handicap tournament was being played with 27 entries. J. M. Alexander of Gastonia won first prize, a silver cup and \$13.50 in golf supplies, with a score of 65. D. M. Hodges of Winston-Salem, won second prize with 37, Oscar Welborn of Stateville third with 70, and Mr. Van Covington and Joe O'Brien both of Gastonia, tied for fourth with 71.

A large Memphis party at Mayview Manor was composed of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Lewis, Miss Hazel Bagby, J. I. Mason, Mrs. J. I. Mason, James Mason and William Mason.

A Charlotte party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Heath, Miss Katherine Shelton and Joe Carruth.

A. E. Bell of the City Club, New York, is at Mayview Manor for the summer.

E. M. Phillips and E. W. Harrington of Charlotte were here for the week-end holiday.

Miss Rebecca Snyder, Miss Virginia Snyder, Miss Elizabeth Snyder and Ray Campbell of Charlotte formed a Fourth of July dinner party at the Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl K. Hill and Mrs. James McKinnon of Raleigh were at the Manor for the holiday.

Miss Stella Williams and Miss Hazel Mezelle formed another Charlotte party at Mayview Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fox of Charlotte were here for the Fourth and took their meals at Mayview and Green Park.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Harlee of Greensboro were among the dinner guests at the Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bernard, all of Asheville, stopped at the Manor over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and R. F. Heustress formed another Charlotte party at the Manor.

Forty guests from Knoxville, Tenn., stopped at the Manor over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Plettet and Mr. and Mrs. S. Charles Tate of Charlotte were at Green Park.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Vogler and Misses Helen and Blanche Vogler formed a family party from Winston-Salem stopping at the Green Park.

H. L. Dalton of Charlotte, J. M. Dalton of Huntington, W. Va., and R. I. Dalton of Winston-Salem had a reunion at Green Park over the holiday.

George L. Irwin, Jr., M. E. Turner and J. T. Hollister made up a Winston-Salem party at Green Park.

C. B. Hutchinson, Annie Sue LeGrand, Nancy Little and Bill Taylor, all of Greensboro, took dinner at Green Park.

An Asheville party at Green Park was made up of R. R. Mullikin, J. T. Barber, Miss J. Phillips and Miss M. McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Davis and Sarah Davis of Winston-Salem, were guests at Green Park for the holiday.

Another Winston-Salem party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hodges and two children, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perry and two children and Mrs. S. K. Allen and nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alexander, J. M. Alexander, Jr., and Wilson Alexander of Gastonia chose Blowing Rock hotel with its magnificent view across "one hundred miles of mountain tops" for their week-end holiday party.

At the same hotel were Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Stearns of Greensboro, Dr. and Mrs. Wade H. Marshall of Chapel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. T. Earl of Charlotte, H. A. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, a party composed of Catherine MacMillan of Raleigh and Henrietta MacMillan of Parkton, a party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Edward Fowler, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Preston of Durham and a number of others, including parties from Knoxville, Tenn., and Philadelphia.

Miss Elenora Deal of Hickory, re-

## New Telephone Line To Blowing Rock

### Long Distance Connection Formed Last Week With Lenoir Over Bell System

Blowing Rock, July 6.—Blowing Rock now has long distance telephone connections with the rest of the state. Although the exchange here is not yet in operation, a long distance booth in a cafe on Main street gives direct connection with the Lenoir exchange and with the telegraph office at that place.

The Blowing Rock exchange, it is said, will be in operation within two weeks. The main switchboard is being installed. Mayview Manor has already installed its private switchboard. Rapid progress is being made in setting the poles on the Blowing Rock-Boone toll line.

The Blowing Rock consolidated school board has called for bids on the \$5,000 school building to be erected here for the next school session. The bids are to state the probable costs with three materials, stone, brick and hollow tile.

Burglars broke into the confectionery store of Bower Williams on Main street Tuesday night and stole candy, fruits and cigars valued at \$10. No cash was left in the store over night. The thieves gained entrance by breaking a large window pane in the rear of the store. Chief of Police I. E. Story said every effort is being made to apprehend the burglars.

Tecing off on the ledge at Mayview Manor, on the rocks at Grandview and on Blowing Rock itself and driving a ball into the gorge is the latest sport of those who have golf balls to waste.

One enthusiastic golfer asserts he drove a ball at least a mile into the gorge.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Rumples Memorial Presbyterian church will have its regular monthly meeting at the church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Dorothy Hayes was hostess on Friday evening at a dinner party given at her home, honoring Miss Hayes' house guest and a number of out-of-town friends.

Tables were placed for eight, including besides the hostess, Misses Bettie Williams, Doris Lingle, Dorothy Peoples of Banner Elk, and Florence Matheson, of Southern Pines; George Robbins of Blowing Rock, Albert Riggles of Southern Pines and H. F. Custer, the guest of Miss Williams from Johnston, Pa.

Mrs. Beulah Kernoodle of Wilmington, with a number of friends from that city, motored to Blowing Rock, spending the Fourth of July with Mrs. Kernoodle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Critcher.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Prevette and daughter, Louise, were called to North Wilkesboro Monday by the death of Mr. Prevette's uncle, Clarence Call, a prominent business man of North Wilkesboro.

Her Father: "Do you support yourself?"

Suitor: "Why, yes sir."

Her Father: "Then you ought to be abolished by the board of health!"

Suitor: "For what?"

Her Father: "For maintaining a nuisance."

## A Thought

When better aircaft are built, everybody will build them.

turned to Hickory Thursday after having been the house guest here of Mrs. K. L. Greene.

A Fourth of July party from Wilmington and Greensboro who stopped at the Martin cottage was composed of John H. Bonitz, Miss Marie Bonitz, Miss Kate C. Bonitz, and Miss Constance Kinnee.

A Concord party at the same hotel consisted of Miss S. Frick, Miss Estelle Cline and J. H. White.

The following Charlotte party was registered: Miss Marie Brooks, Miss Gertrude Brooks, W. T. Campbell and Paul S. Hoffman.

From Philadelphia came L. Levin, M. Levin, K. Levin and E. Cohen, who stopped at the Martin cottage.

A Raleigh party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Jule B. Warren, Betsy Warren, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prevost, Dorothy and Jaquelin Prevost.

## DANIELS CRITICISES N.C. SCHOOL SYSTEM

### Navy Secretary Tells Appa-lachian State Normal That State Is Doing On Supervision but Short On Financing

Although North Carolina has made rapid progress in developing a state educational system, much remains to be done before the state can consider itself as having an educational system of the first class. "The present patchwork, half state and half local, must give way to a better system."

This was the theme of Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy and editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, in an address Friday morning before the faculty and students of the Appalachian State Normal School and Watauga county citizens who packed the Normal auditorium to the doors.

Mr. Daniels motored over from Blowing Rock, where he and Mrs. Daniels are spending a short vacation at the Mayview Manor.

"The fact that more elementary teachers are being trained this summer in the Appalachian State Normal School than in any other educational institution in the South is a realization of a great hope and the promise of a brighter future," Mr. Daniels said. "We measure educational advance by contrasts. Twenty-five years ago, if any prophet had ventured to predict the present growth of the school presided over by Dr. Dougherty and faculty, he would have been called an ardent dreamer. But here is the proof in brick and mortar, in the thousands of teachers all over the state trained here, and in the sure large service those now being trained will render. What has been wrought in Appalachia has in greater or less degree been accomplished all over North Carolina. It is not the goal. It is only the foundation upon which sounder and broader educational structures are to be raised."

Discussing the next big steps North Carolina must take, Mr. Daniels said:

"Now that the era of agitation and sound systems of securing funds has progressed far, the taxpayers are looking to the teachers to turn out a product worthy of its cost. The present job for the teachers is to insist upon thoroughness of learning to deny advancement in grades to all who have not mastered the course, and to withhold diplomas until they are earned. There is too much leniency in these respects."

"The next thing is more emphasis on teaching and less upon supervision and dictation and executive duties. It was necessary to paramount these hitherto, but the highest salaries ought to go to teachers in the school-room, for, unless teachers can lead the pupils into desire for learning and help them over rough ways, the whole business of education falls down."

Mr. Daniels rejoiced with all advocates of universal public education, free to all, from the ABC's to the post graduate instruction, in the long strides made in the years since Aycock and Melver—"the two evangelists who woke up a sleeping state."

"We are spending \$30,000,000 upon public schools," he said. "Are we getting a dollar's worth of education for every dollar expended? That is a question for public officials to ask and render an answer to those who put up the money for the support of public schools. Nothing less than adequate return upon the investment will satisfy the people of North Carolina."

Discussing the vital and fundamental next step in public education, Mr. Daniels said:

"The state of North Carolina is long on the exercise of power in the county and school district and short on providing the means for carrying out directions that come down from Raleigh. The authorities at the state capital tell the counties how much they shall pay teachers, prescribe the course of study and the books to be used in the public schools, tell trustees what style of school house they must build, and in a word direct county officials in almost every particular how schools shall be conducted and send supervisors all over the state to see that a uniform system of public schools is carried on in every one of the one hundred counties."

"And then, at the very point of

## Two Business Blocks Boost Building Boom

### Ground Broken for Modern Business Houses and Apartments; Local Firms Get Contracts

The puffing and shuffling of a steam shovel breaks the comparative quietude of the little city today as dirt is being moved for Boone's most modern business and apartment houses on the Edwin N. Hahn property near the Episcopal church.

Mr. Hahn has deliberated on this progressive move for a good while, but not until yesterday when an axe wielded by his own hands, felled two large trees to make ready for the structure, would he give out any information for publication. The contract, however, is now closed between Mr. Hahn and local builders, W. G. Hartzog and W. B. Hodges and the job is in full swing.

The building will front fifty feet on King street and will be seventy feet deep, the ground floor being divided into two commodious business places while the second floor will be made up in apartments, fifteen to seventeen rooms, all furnished and ready for occupancy.

Below will be a story-high basement. The building will have steam heat and all of the ultra-modern fixtures.

It is understood that prospective business men have already spoken at least on the block and it is expected by one local realtor that when the building is completed all space will have already been taken.

"I am investing," said Mr. Hahn, "about fifteen thousand dollars in this structure, but I know no way of building a city without spending money."

It is not given out just when the project will be completed, but the work will be rushed just as rapidly as possible.

## Winkler Building

Work is going forward today also on the W. Ralph Winkler building opposite the Boone Drug Company. This will also be a two-story structure of brick, thirty-five by seventy feet, and is under contract to McGhee Brothers to be completed within sixty days.

It cannot be announced at this time just what the building will be used for. Mr. Winkler says it is at once modern and will be used for business purposes. Further than that he is non-committal.

## MISSION MEET AT NORTH WILKESBORO WELL ATTENDED

North Wilkesboro special of July 3 to Winston-Salem Journal: At the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary societies of the North Wilkesboro district at the First Methodist church in this city, seven societies from Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties were represented. Alleghany and Avery counties were not represented. There were fifty-five delegates from out of town in attendance on the meeting, which was declared to have been one of the most interesting and successful in the history of the district.

Mrs. C. C. Weaver, of Winston-Salem, conference president, delivered two helpful talks during the all-day session, and Miss Amy Hackney of Asheville, conference superintendent of children's work, gave a lecture. Mrs. Seymour Taylor of this city, the district secretary, presided over the two sessions and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. Taylor, presiding elder, and Rev. H. B. Allen, pastor of the local church. Mrs. C. S. Suk sang two beautiful solos.

The ladies of the North Wilkesboro church served luncheon in honor of the visiting delegates.

The next annual meeting will be held at the Boone Methodist church in the summer of 1928, last year's meeting having been held with the Wilkesboro church.

The delegates present from out of the county were: Mrs. J. B. Stele, Mrs. M. B. Blackburn, Mrs. A. E. South, Rev. M. B. Wooley, Boone; Mrs. J. L. Reynolds, Mrs. I. T. Johnson, Mrs. A. E. Waddell, F. V. J. L. Reynolds, Jefferson; Mr. James Allen, Mrs. E. B. Graybeal, Mrs. A. E. Graybeal, Mrs. B. B. Graybeal, Mrs. T. E. Park, Mrs. C. E. Miller, Miss Danish Richardson, West Jefferson; Mrs. W. P. Shoaf, Mrs. Frances Eller, Miss Janet Carter, Warrenville; Mrs. N. L. Mast, Henson's Chapel. A number of children from over the district also attended.

## RECORD CROWD HERE FOR 4TH

### Crowd Estimated at Ten Thousand Gather in Boone to Celebrate; Speeches, Sports and Fireworks Make the Day Interesting

Likely the largest crowd ever assembled in the town of Boone came Monday to participate in the Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the Watauga Post, American Legion. It is estimated that ten thousand people were present to participate and hear addresses by Hon. Jake F. Newell of Charlotte and District Attorney F. A. Linney of Boone.

Following the spectacular parade from the courthouse to the Legion Park, featured by soldiers of the World War and attractive floats prepared by various business interests of the city, led by the Lenoir high school band, addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor W. E. Gregg and Post Commander L. S. Isaacs. Mr. Newell was introduced by Dr. B. B. Daugherty and spoke in part as follows:

"In conserving the heritage of the fathers and heroes of '76, we of today had as well face the issues squarely and without excuse or evasion. A day has not dawned since the birth of this nation that the enemies of individual freedom have not fought by every means, even through numerous intrigues, to destroy the fabric and the hope of our constitution and free institutions. Their search and covert purpose have been as treacherous as was the search of Herod for the Child born in Bethlehem."

"The friends and proficients of privilege, the powerful voices who fear the strength and voice of the common people; those who favor the surrender of national sovereignty to foreign ideals and dominion; those who flagrantly violate the laws of our own land are, consciously or unconsciously, in league with those who would tear the barred and starred emblem of freedom from the ramparts of civilization."

"Under the baneful influence of all of these forces, we find that life is insecure in many parts of our country; that there is a growing disregard for the property rights of others; that there is a sort of sneering disregard for all law; that the very art is money-mad; and that conscience is being paralyzed by a systematic and subtle overthrow of spiritual responsibility. At the same time, we may look to the continent of Asia and observe war-torn and irresponsible China and the seething unrest of India. Look to the continent of Europe and against the Italian sky rises the sinister silhouette of Mussolini; and across the wintry wastes of Russia stalks a mad, maddening the like of which the world has seldom seen. Four-fifths of the world's population are totally different and easily made hostile to our race."

"Yet, against all of these onslaughts of evil, our race and our nation must stand and, with a voice that shall sound in every clime and echo across every ocean, command peace, plant and secure freedom and remain for all time, as we have been for more than a century, the light and hope of the earth."

"We cannot do this otherwise than by teaching every man to dedicate himself, not to his party, not to his creed, not to selfish lusts, but to his country. We cannot succeed by teaching sectional hatred within our borders, nor by denying justice to any of the least of our people. In preparation for this day, it was needed from above and written in blood that this nation should be one indissoluble union, and that it should remain free and just, or perish from the earth."

"I appeal to you, even your as your country appeals to you, members of the American Legion—you who faced shot and shell, submarine, poison gas and saw your comrades die as hell's red glare was painted on France's sky—to lead the way. Lead, as men unafraid; lead as men living but willing to die for humanity's cause; lead, with the pledge of undaunted manhood; lead us by the ancient landmarks; lead us in the way of the kindly light."

"If you will, we shall be more than conquerors, and through us the world shall be blessed; if you won't, I fear that leaden skies will close about us, and as a people we shall march into the encircling night, and

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