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JEALOUSY CAUSED HIM TO KILL SAYS GIBSON

Young White Man Became Enraged Because Another Walked With His Girl and Commits Murder—Confession Came After He and Others Were Committed to Jail for Crime.

Regarding the killing of Coy McCormick and the evidence secured by the coroner, the Post-Des Advocate says:

"Coy McCormick, a young white man about 20 years old, from the Little Rock section, was shot and killed on the plantation of Noah F. Gibson, in Adamsville township, near the state line on Thursday night, April 27th. Johnnie Gibson is charged with the homicide.

McCormick was working at a saw mill in that section, and on Thursday night he and several other young men and girls of the community went to a concert or school closing, at Mason's Cross, over in North Carolina. The testimony developed at the inquest held by Coroner McRae Friday morning, showed that Dora Dunihoe went to the concert with Johnnie Gibson, but returned with Coy McCormick. Gibson got mad about McCormick "taking his girl away from him"; and as McCormick and Miss Dunihoe, returning from the concert, walked by the road, at a branch, McCormick was shot in the back and killed.

The testimony of Dora Dunihoe was as follows:

Last night, about 10:30 o'clock, as Coy McCormick and I were coming from Mason's Cross concert, in company with Lillie Gibson, Sallie Radford, Dan Gibson, Johnnie Gibson, Belton Dutch, Johnnie Dutch, Ed Jacobs, W. T. Gibson and Charlie Turner, just after leaving school house, Johnnie Gibson asked me if I did not go there with him, and I said I went a part of the way with him, and Dan Gibson said that Coy should not come home with me. Dan cursed at me and said he would hit me. The rest of party walked on ahead of Coy and myself till we reached the branch where shooting took place. There we passed the rest of the crowd, standing in the road at the branch. Just after Coy and I passed, the shooting took place, no words being passed, but I don't know who did the shooting. When the shots were fired, being four or five, Coy and myself ran, Coy in front. Coy ran about twenty steps, grunted and fell, not speaking after being shot. This took place in Adamsville township, on lands of N. F. Gibson, on April 27, 1916.

(Signed) Dora Dunihoe.

None of the party testified that they saw Johnnie Gibson shoot.

Will T. Gibson swore that he saw Belton Dutch shoot McCormick. Belton was carrying McCormick's bicycle for him while McCormick walked back with Dora.

Johnnie Gibson denied doing the shooting. He said he was about ten feet away and saw the flashes.

John Dutch and Belton Dutch testified that Johnnie Gibson exhibited a pistol and knife along the road and seemed to be very mad about McCormick taking his girl away from him.

Dr. E. L. Livingston testified that the fatal ball entered under the left shoulder blade and lodged in the breast.

The verdict of the jury was that "Coy McCormick came to his death from a pistol shot wound at the hands of Johnnie Gibson, principal, and Dora Dunihoe, John Dutch and Belton Dutch, as accessories.

All four of the accused are in jail, awaiting trial.

The Dutches Tell More.

On Monday Belton and John Dutch sent for Coroner McRae to go to the jail, and there they made the following statements under oath.

Belton Dutch, sworn, says:

We were together at the creek and Coy McCormick and Dora Dunihoe went on up the road. Johnnie Gibson jumped out into the road holding pistol in both hands, took four pops at McCormick. As soon as McCormick was shot he ran about 15 feet and fell. No one would go to him. I saw Johnnie Gibson run as soon as he did the shooting. I am positive that Johnnie Gibson is the man that did the shooting. I didn't testify to this at the inquest because I was afraid of Johnnie Gibson. I consider him a dangerous man. There was not a drop of liquor in the crowd.

His (Signed) Belton X. Dutch, mark

John Dutch, sworn, says: We had all stopped at the branch—me and my brother, Ed Jacobs, W. T. Gib-

son and John Gibson, Dora Dunihoe and McCormick were ahead of us. Johnnie Gibson jumped out into the middle of the road and shot at McCormick four times. As soon as Gibson shot, he ran. McCormick ran off a little piece and fell. I am sure Gibson did the shooting. I didn't talk this at the inquest because I was afraid of Gibson. McCormick was going from him when he shot.

(Signed) John Dutch, Gibson Confesses.

John Gibson made a full confession in the jail at Bennettsville one day last week that he shot Coy McCormick and that nobody else had anything to do with it. He said he was crazed with jealousy. The other three young men were released.

Carolina College Commencement.

The Commencement exercises of the Carolina College, Maxton, will begin on Sunday, May 14th, when Dr. C. W. Byrd, of Greensboro, will preach the Baccalaureate sermon at 11:00 A. M. Sunday, May 14th, at 8:00 P. M., sermon before Y. W. C. A. and other religious organizations, by Rev. C. W. Byrd, D. D.

Monday, May 15th, from 3:30 to 5:30 P. M., Art exhibit. (Art and Domestic Art).

Monday, May 15th, at 8:30 P. M., the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held in the President's office.

Monday, May 15th, at 8:30 P. M., Operetta in college auditorium.

Tuesday, May 16th, at 11:00 A. M., Literary Address, by Rev. R. H. Bennett, D. D., of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. The graduating exercises will take place at the close of the Literary Address.

Tuesday, May 16th, at 8:30 P. M., Recital by the Departments of Piano and Voice.

In many respects this has been the most successful year in the history of the college. Fine work has been done in all the departments.

There will be held in the afternoon on Monday, May 15th, a meeting of the Greater Carolina College Club. This club has been brought into being and is operated for the purpose of promoting the welfare of the college in a social way, and quite a number of former students and alumnae have already signified their intention of being present at this meeting.

Every year brings a larger number of interested visitors from various sections of the State.

Johns School Closing.

The school at Johns will have its closing exercises tonight beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

Following is the program: Vacation Days (song)—School. Piano Solo—Thelma Howell. Since Molly Went Away (song)—Five Girls.

Left March—Boys. Piano Solo—Grace McLaurin. Some Boys and Girls (song)—Small Children.

Social Difficulties—Play. Flower Drill—Little Girls. A Good Little Boy (song)—Malcolm Jones.

Piano Duet—Isabella Gibson. At the Photographers—Play. Dream Land (motion song)—Little Girls.

Piano Solo—Sarah Ray. Keep A-go-in' (song)—School. Piano Solo—Mission Chimes—Alice John.

Mother's Visiting—Play by Small Children. Vacation Time (recitation)—Mary Lois McRae.

The Rainy Fairies (motion song)—Twelve Boys and Girls. School and Native Land (song)—School.

New Sunday Train.

Beginning Sunday, June 25th, the Seaboard will operate a Sunday train between Hamlet and Wilmington during the summer for the benefit of those who desire to visit the beach and are so situated that Sunday is the only day they have for recreation. The schedule has not yet been arranged, but will be about as heretofore, leaving Hamlet early in the morning, and returning late in the evening. It has not yet been announced what the fare will be, but it can be relied upon to be a cheap rate.

Breaks Arm.

While trying to crank his automobile Saturday, preparatory to coming to Laurinburg, Mr. L. M. Fesle, Superintendent of the Scotland county schools, suffered a broken arm and a dislocation of his right wrist. It was the usual trouble—a bucking act.

BAD NEGRO ESCAPES.

Killed Man at Sumter, S. C., Came to Scotland County Sunday.

A negro man, who is wanted in Sumter, S. C., for murder, and for whom a reward of \$300 is offered, came to Scotland county Sunday, left his overcoat and a stolen automobile and escaped the officers.

Thursday last, he murdered a negro man who was driving a livery automobile. He committed the crime in the city of Sumter, boarded the automobile and after driving it something like a half-mile out of the city, threw the dead body out and drove the car on toward North Carolina.

At McColl he was suspected by the police of not being just right and although apparently asleep in the car, which was standing on the Main street at McColl, overheard the officers talking and left immediately and came toward Laurinburg. In a few minutes after he left McColl, the officers from Sumter county, who were after him, rolled into town in automobiles.

His trail was taken up and followed, and about one-half mile this side of the State line on the road leading from McColl here, the automobile was spotted in the woods.

Search for the negro was made, but no trace save the automobile and his overcoat, on which he had evidently been sleeping and was awakened by the approach of the officers, was found.

Up to this time, the officers here, who went to the scene Sunday morning to assist in the search, have heard nothing more of the matter.

The murder was committed with an automobile pump which the murdered negro carried in the car, and was caused, it is said, by a woman.

BUYS PROPERTY.

Phillips & Sutherland Preparing to Go Into Coal Business on Large Scale.

Messrs. Phillips & Sutherland have purchased a large tract of land on Gill street and will begin immediately the development of a large coal business on the property. They will open any coal mines, but will in the Fall season, according to reports, be ready to sell coal and will have one of the best equipments possible for handling it.

The coal business is only a small part of the development that will come out of the deal eventually, but this part of the business will be begun immediately. Tracks will be laid and other equipment necessary for carrying on the business put in as soon as possible.

R. M. Riggan Gets Automobile.

A crowd estimated at a thousand or twelve hundred gathered in front of Lackey Brothers' store Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to get the new Ford automobile that was to be given away by Lackey Brothers, for a large number had from one to twenty tickets. It is said one had one hundred and forty odd for many were secured by cashing accounts. No such crowd had ever been seen on Main street.

Two tables (one on top of the other) were placed near the auto. Mr. Ollie Lackey and the manager of the sale climbed on top and the box into which all the duplicate numbers had been deposited was opened by prying off the top. Then the contents were emptied into a sack while the crowd looked on with bated breath. The sack was tied up, the contents well shaken. Then the holders were told to face toward the ten cent store. There standing high up was Marchant with his big camera. There was a blinding flash, a deafening noise and a flashlight picture had been taken of the crowd.

A child was called for, a little girl secured, and the first card drawn from the bag by her was duplicated by Mr. R. M. Riggan, of Ohio. There was a standing offer by the sales people of four hundred dollars for the car.

A short while after the drawing Mr. Riggan sold it to Mr. Ben F. Fesle, near Gibson, for about four hundred and fifty dollars. Mr. Riggan and his brother own a Ford together, so he preferred the money.

The number that drew the car was 6961 and the numbers ran to over 22,000, the managers having started at 1000.—Hamlet Messenger.

DR. ROSE ILL.

Has Been in Charlotte Hospital—Is Better Now.

Rev. J. M. Ross, D. D., pastor of the Laurinburg Presbyterian church is ill and is in Charlotte undergoing treatment. This announcement brought much regret and sorrow to all the people of Laurinburg and vicinity.

Less than a year ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and has never been entirely well since.

The first of last week he went to Charlotte to consult a specialist and intended returning to Hamlet Saturday where he was to have assisted in an installation service. Upon reaching Charlotte, he found it necessary to enter a hospital and was not able to meet his appointment at Hamlet.

He is yet in Charlotte, but we are glad to note is very much improved and has been enabled to leave the hospital and go to the home of his son, Mr. Hugh McAden Ross.

WOODMEN TO HAVE BIG DAY IN LAURINBURG

Class Initiation of More Than One Hundred Members—State Manager to Officiate—Prize-Winning Team to Give Degrees—First Regiment Band Coming.

The Woodmen of the World are planning for a great big occasion in Laurinburg—the date is Thursday, June 15th, and the occasion is the introduction of more than one hundred new members to the mysteries and benefits of the order.

State Manager, E. B. Lewis, of Kingston, will have charge of the affair and the local organization will be joined by large delegations from the surrounding country. The exercises will be held in the opera house, and the liberal invitation has gone far and near urging every Woodman from everywhere to come to Laurinburg that day.

The degree work will be done by the prize-winning team of both North and South Carolina. This team holds a silver loving cup given to the best degree team in both states.

The First Regiment band from Kannapolis will accompany the team to Laurinburg and furnish music for the occasion, and there will be a number of distinguished Woodmen visitors.

Mr. John Troutman, of Concord, and Mr. C. W. Yancey are in the territory making final arrangements.

Programs showing the work to be done are soon to be printed and will be sent to each Woodman in the territory.

Married in Charlotte.

The announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Lena M. Willford, daughter of the late Mark Morgan, to Mr. Alexander M. Malloy, a prominent business man of Ferris, Texas, a brother of our townsman, Mr. H. W. Malloy, and one time a citizen of Scotland county, reached Laurinburg Thursday evening.

The marriage took place at the Central Hotel, Charlotte, and was performed by Rev. A. A. McGeehy, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of that city.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Malloy have many friends and relatives in Scotland county who are very much interested in their happiness, and join the Exchange in sending many happy congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Malloy are spending a short while in the western part of the State.

Laurel Hill Notes.

Well, the farmers about here are on a rest spell—the cotton is planted and not enough rain to bring it up.

The Sneed's Grove school will close this week.

Mr. Henry Love is making preparation to repaint his store.

Mr. Oscar Monroe, a new barber, is a new addition to our population.

We hear it rumored that the old Richmond Cotton Mill is to build an addition and that several new cottages are to be erected.

It is talked that we may have a bank at Laurel Hill. We hope this is true.

Mr. Erskin Yarborough, of Godwin, has come to Laurel Hill for a while. He will do carpenter and paint work.

Dr. J. W. Wilcox has opened a drug store here and this addition to the business of Laurel Hill is generously welcomed.

In Politics.

Mr. W. T. Covington, a former Laurinburg citizen, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Covington, of this city, who took up his residence in what is now Hoke county several years ago, and is really one of the big farmers of that section, is a candidate for election to represent Hoke county in the General Assembly.

Mr. Covington is our friend, and we naturally and sincerely hope that he will be elected, not merely because he is a former citizen and our friend, but because he is entirely worthy and will make a good representative for that progressive county.

Enoch McIntosh Hurt.

According to reports brought here Monday night from Albemarle by parties who were there Sunday, Enoch McIntosh, colored, one of the able preachers carried there last week to serve terms on the roads, was hurt by an explosion of dynamite some days ago.

It is not known whether this report is accurate or if true, to what extent he was injured.

CONVENTION CALLED OFF.

Important Event Postponed for Indefinite Period—Program Could Not be Completed.

Those in charge of the promotion of the Interdenominational Sunday School Convention, which was to have been held at Laurel Hill church Tuesday last, found it necessary at the last moment to postpone the event for an indefinite period.

Arrangements had been made whereby an interesting and helpful program would be offered. Several speakers of prominence in Sunday School work in the State, had been secured to deliver addresses on the different phases of the work and it was thought that there would be one of the best conventions ever, but it was discovered at the last moment that these speakers could not come, and it being too late to make satisfactory arrangements to complete an attractive and helpful program, it was determined best to call the convention off until some future date, which will be announced later.

Wins Prize.

Gastonia, May 3.—Mrs. Zoe Kincaid Brockman has been awarded the first prize for the best short story offered annually by the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Her story is entitled "The Great White Law," and won this prize in competition with a large number of others. She was also awarded the third prize for poetry by the State Federation.

She submitted four poems in the contest and the other three were given honorable mention by the committee of judges, which was composed of the professors of English in the State University.

Mrs. Brockman, while quite young, has had her poems published in a number of magazines and has exhibited a talent for literary work. Gastonia is proud of her achievements and looks for larger things from her in the future. (Mrs. Brockman is a sister of our townsman, Mr. I. U. Kincaid.)

Musical Recital.

The musical department of the graded school will give a musical recital tomorrow, Friday night, May 12th, at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. Following is the program that will be rendered:

Dance—Excentrique—Morrison—Loula McLaurin.

Duet—Autumn Idylls—Pierre Bernard—Jewel Whitaker and Ruth Falls.

Melody in F—A. Rubenstein—Annie Bell Jones.

Pierrette—air de Ballet—C. Chaminade—Carolyn Patterson.

Duet—Gittans—C. Heins—Mildred McLaurin and Eloise Jones.

Spring Song—Mendelssohn—Eugenia Fairley.

Murmuring Spring—C. Bohm—May McArn.

Duet—Sextette from Lucia de Lamermoor—Donisetti—Martha Fairley and Annie Bell Jones.

Sonata—Allegro con brio—no. 4—op. 7—L. Von Beethoven—Agnes Lynn Buchanan.

Duet—Invitation to the Dance—von Weber—Eugenia Fairley and Mary Fields.

Le Chant du Ruisseau—Theo. Lack—Mary John.

Quartet—Grande Valse Brillante—Schulhoff—First Piano, Mary John, Marion Clayton. Second piano, Agnes Lynn Buchanan, May McArn.

Auto Trip to Winston-Salem.

Messrs. W. T. Crump and E. E. Cooley, of Wagram, made an automobile trip to Winston-Salem last week, returning to Wagram Friday about noon. They report a delightful trip and great evidence of prosperity everywhere.

Both are Better.

We are glad to note that both Dr. D. M. Ince, of Laurinburg, and Dr. W. G. Shaw, of Wagram, two of the county's most prominent physicians, who have been quite ill for the past two weeks, are somewhat improved at this writing.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Happenings All Over the World in Paragraphs.

The British battleship Russell struck a mine in the Mediterranean and was sunk, causing the loss of 124 lives. The admiral, captain, 24 officers and 678 men were saved.

George B. Siler thought fellow employees were joking when they warned him of a fire in a factory in Mississippi. O. Siler refused to leave the building and was burned to death.

Joseph Peery, 50 years old, a farmer living near Bonne Terre, Mo., committed suicide the other morning by setting off 50 pounds of dynamite which was kept in an outhouse. His body was blown to bits.

The opening of clean-up week in Columbus, O., was marked by a parade in which 2,000 schoolchildren and hundreds of men clothed in overall suits participated. At the end of the parade was a steam-callops which cheered the workers.

State and Federal sanitary inspectors have found that out of 1,000 California miners examined approximately 40 per cent are infected with hookworm. The unsanitary condition of the mines is said to be responsible for the spread of the disease.

John Hood, long lost heir to a portion of the \$200,000 estate of the late John Hood, of Arcola, Ill., has returned to his home after an absence of 14 years. During his absence Hood was declared legally dead and the money was awarded to his wife and children.

A \$2,000,000 appropriation for aeronautics was agreed to this week by the House Naval committee. The committee also agreed to an appropriation of \$700,000 toward a \$1,400,000 projectile factory. Chairman Padgett said that the bill probably would be reported early next week.