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NEGRO WOMAN SAYS SHE KILLED WILL COUSER

Confessed to Slaying of Negro Man Last Week, Says He Tried to Break Into Her House

Nellie Woods, colored woman who lives on the McKee farm near Caladonia, confessed Wednesday afternoon to the killing of Will Couser, colored man who was shot to death on the night of August 20. Couser was found dead on the side of the road near the house in which Nellie Woods lives.

Her story as related to Sheriff J. W. Odum and his deputies is that Couser came to her house Wednesday night of last week and attempted to break in. She says he first came to a window and tried to raise a sash. She called to him not to come in the house and he went away, but came back in a few minutes and it was while he was trying to gain entrance through the window that she fired at him through the window. She heard him say, "I believe that woman has shot me." She says she then took the pistol outside and hid it in some grass. Thursday morning of this week she went to the scene with the officers and made an effort to locate the pistol but somebody had evidently found the gun and had taken it, as it was not there.

The woman is in jail here and it is believed that she is telling the truth, or at least a part of the truth, about the killing of the Couser negro. She will probably be given a hearing in recorder's court Tuesday of next week.

MAKING PLANS FOR BUILDING & LOAN DRIVE NEXT MONTH

Committee at Work on Preliminary of Campaign for New Members and Shareholders

A special committee of the chamber of commerce is at work on plans for the forthcoming campaign for new members and shareholders in the Scotland County Building and Loan Association, which will be put on in September. The third series of the building and loan shares will become operative September 22, exactly one year from the date of the initial series. It is the plan to secure a large number of new members and to sell many new shares of stock in the association.

Announcement will be made soon of the plans for the campaign and the date of the special canvass. A special effort will be made to secure the building and loan, which has already proved its worth and which promises to be a great factor in the future development of the city and county. Building and loan towns are the best towns, and experience has proven that wherever these organizations thrive there results inevitably a substantial and steady town and city growth and home building gets a stimulus that is supplied in no other way. To make Laurinburg a town of home-owning people it is only necessary to boost the building and loan association.

LAURINBURG SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 3RD

As announced last week, the Laurinburg public schools will open the new session on Wednesday, September 3. A list of the books to be used in the elementary grades and in the high school appears in The Exchange this week. Mr. Kahl, the superintendent, asks that you lock over this list and make arrangements to get the necessary books, which may be had at the D. O. & W. D. Wright store or at the high school. A list of the teachers appeared last week. The work is expected to start promptly and the superintendent asks the cooperation of parents and pupils in getting things into shape for real school work.

CO-OPS RECEIVE FIRST BALE OF NEW COTTON

(News and Observer)

Thomas Adams, of Morven, delivered the first bale of new crop cotton to the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association at the Morven warehouse Saturday, according to announcement from headquarters here. He drew his first advance of 60 per cent of the value. This is the first bale reported for the state.

MR. GIBSON MOVES OFFICE TO BLUE'S DRUG STORE

Mr. E. H. Gibson has moved his law office from the State Bank building on Gravelly Street to the second floor of Blue's Drug Store. This building has been recently remodeled and the office rooms are attractive, well lighted and admirably suited to the needs of their occupants. Mr. Gibson has a suit of offices that front on Main Street, with the stairway entering from the sidewalk. Another office fronting the same way will be used by the Scotland Realtors, local real estate dealers. Handsome awnings have been placed over the windows with the names of this firm and of Mr. E. H. Gibson on them clearly designating where the offices are located.

Agriculture represents more than one-third of the total national wealth of Canada.

FOX HUNTERS MUST PAY \$25 PER EACH MAN

Law Gets Strict Interpretation and Non-residents Fined That the Chase Comes too High

Non-resident fox hunters must pay a hunter's license tax of \$25 per man for the privilege of giving chase to Sir Reynard in Scotland county. That decision was given at the court house Tuesday morning after Judge T. C. Everett and Attorney George T. Goodwyn of the county court had been in conference about the cases of a number of would-be hunters, who lately pitched camp in the Sandhills and unleashed their fox hounds, let the hills echo with blasts from their horns a few times and prepared for a day of real fun.

It was Rural Policeman Dudley of Wagram who laid down the law to the hunters Tuesday, and Wednesday to Laurinburg to see what could be done, and the hunters from Rutherford and Cleveland counties who had calculated to get a season of real joy from fox hunting, decided they did not want to hunt foxes nohow and moved on to other parts of the county. Heretofore it is said that the license law has not been interpreted strictly, and hunters have come in maybe only one man in the party had a hunter's license. They have given chase to the foxes that inhabit the Sandhill country and have gone their way unmolested. This year they thought to do that way again. But there were difficulties in the way, and they say that the \$25 per man is prohibitive and that foxes are not worth that much.

It is said that foxes are becoming more and more scarce in many sections of the State and Scotland is one of the few counties that have large hunting reservations and large fox populations. The hunters naturally look at home who like fox hunting just as naturally have an interest in the situation. It is said that the license law when strictly enforced will keep the non-resident hunters away and perhaps prevent the total extinction of foxes in this county, which would no doubt result if hunters were permitted to chase them indiscriminately.

It is also said that hunters often kill deer and other game while fox hunting and those interested in the preservation of wild game think the law should invoke to protect game of all kinds. It is said that the extinction of foxes.

NEGRO BORROWED MURPHY DEATON'S CAR AND NOT THE POLICEMAN'S

Through error last week we stated that one Gaston McArthur, colored, suspected at that time of having some knowledge of the murder of Will Couser, another negro, "rented" or borrowed a Ford roadster from Policeman Sandy Deaton and went away.

The negro did not borrow Policeman Deaton's car, but that of Murphy Deaton and he came back. The officers do not now believe that he had anything to do with the murder of the Couser negro and he has not been arrested. We were misinformed when we said that he rented a car from Policeman Sandy Deaton, when we should have said Murphy Deaton.

THOMPSON-COVINGTON MARRIAGE WEDNESDAY EVENING

A beautiful and brilliant wedding ceremony was that of Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church when Miss Gladys Covington became the bride of Mr. J. Ralph Thompson. Rev. Carl B. Craig, pastor of the church, officiated. The church was beautiful in its decorations of ferns, native evergreens, with the soft light of candles throwing a charm over the scene. Immediately following the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Covington, on Church street. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left by automobile for a honeymoon of several days. A more complete account of the marriage of this popular young couple will appear next week.

MURDERERS STILL AT LARGE

Cooper Green, wanted for the murder of Andrew Goins in this county two weeks ago, is still at large. The officers are working on the case and developments may be expected soon. Responsibility for the murder of Will Couser, negro who was found dead on the side of the road near Caladonia Thursday morning of last week, has not been fixed. No arrests have been made in the case but it is expected that new information in the case will be had soon.

DR. JOHNSON WRITES OF OLD SPRING HILL

Spends Vacation at Riverton, Records Some of the Delights of the Summer There

Dr. Livingston Johnson, editor of The Biblical Recorder, has been spending his vacation at Riverton, among "the Lord's royalty in this Scotch section," and he writes interestingly of the delights of the summer season in a recent issue of his paper, from which we reprint the following:

We are now nearing the end of the most pleasant vacation we have ever had, down at Riverton. Perhaps it was because my wife and I needed the quiet and rest more than ever before that it was so delightful. My folks have been down here since the first of July, while I have made rather frequent trips to Raleigh to see how things were going in the office.

August is the month which the young people down here give to social pleasure. They work hard all the year, some of the boys on the farm, and others in business at Wagram, the little town nearby. Some of the young ladies teach school, others aid in housekeeping, while still others hold positions in business houses. Very few of the young people go elsewhere for their vacation, though a few do. Most of them take their vacation here, which adds to the pleasure of the visitors. The gentle folk in this community are uniting in their efforts to make the visitors happy while sojourning here.

The Lumber river is the gathering place in the afternoon. People from the surrounding country come every afternoon, except Sunday, to enjoy a dip in the clear waters of this old stream. Hardly an afternoon passes that there is not a picnic party at the river. Sometimes two of these are held the same afternoon. After enjoying the sport in the river these parties have their supper on a long table which the boys of the community have erected for the convenience of the picnickers.

One morning Miss Martha Watson, with her sister, Mrs. James Powers of Thomasville; Wingate Johnson, of Henry Jones, of Riverton, and Mrs. J. L. Jenkins of Florida, gave a nice o'clock breakfast to the visitors. Eight was the hour appointed for an early morning dip in the river, and after that came the delicious breakfast which these young ladies had prepared on the banks of the river.

GIBSON SCHOOL BOYS TO STUDY NEW SUBJECTS THIS YEAR

Subjects of Animal Husbandry and Shop Work to be Added to Course in Agriculture

The boys who choose to take agriculture this year at the Gibson high school will be given animal husbandry and shop work. These subjects are both very important in connection with farm life and it is hoped that students electing agriculture will like this work even better than that given in crops and soils last year.

The work in animal husbandry will consist of work in types and breeds, stock judging, feeds and feeding, care and management and sanitary measures. Some time will be given to all kinds of live stock but the most stress will be devoted to swine and poultry as these are the most important so far as quantity is concerned at least in this community.

The shop work will consist of making drawings, sharpening tools, skill in the use of tools, making tool boxes and other things in connection with the work being taught in the class room. Also repair work on the home farm. In fact all the work given will be of a practical nature and such as will be of practical use on the home farm.

Surely we can see from the past year and from numerous other years of poor cotton the necessity of a purely cash cropping system. It is evident that we shall be compelled to grow more feeds, produce more or at least better and more economical livestock. Hence we must gradually change our system of farming to meet the present and future conditions. It will be more of an undertaking to farm successfully in the future due to the insect and disease pests which are constantly increasing in numbers and destructiveness. But for the boys of today who train themselves for the work of tomorrow it will not be past but difficult a task.

We hope to have a large enrollment of boys taking agriculture in the high school this year, and that the boys and their parents will avail themselves of any service the agricultural department can render them from time to time during the year.

LAUREL HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT SNEADS GROVE

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Laurel Hill circuit Sunday school institute will be held at the Sneads Grove church. A good program has been planned and an interesting and helpful meeting is expected. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MARKS HIS WAY TO THE TOP BY WORKING HARD

Once a 'refect' boy in Laurinburg, Now Heads Great Corporation

Once a 'refect' boy in Laurinburg, speaking the English language with difficulty, beginning life in a most humble way, and through hard working rising to the very top of successful business achievement, is the inspiring story of Gus Schachner, who recently became president and general manager of a largest leather belt manufacturing concern in the country.

The Schachner family will remember the Schachner family that lived here more than 80 years ago. The father came in the old railroad shops to family was German, spoke the German language and with difficulty mastered the English tongue sufficient to get along in a social and business way with their American neighbors. Young Julius attended the public schools here and lived the care-free life of the average boy. While still in the trousers he moved away with the family, following the removal of the railway shops from Laurinburg some 30 years ago.

Julius Schachner went to work for a leather belt concern. He mastered the business, he got to the bottom and going up to the top. Some years ago he became general manager for the Charlotte Belt and Strap Company. He occasionally visited Laurinburg during the summer and held to a number of manufacturing plants here. Later he came to Chicago as sales manager of a large leather belt concern in that city. Recently he was made president and general manager of the largest leather belt concern in the state of New York, and he writes Mr. Mac Donnell of this city, an old school friend and fellow in Texas, I am glad to hear you have reached the height of your ambition, after working hard for many years.

This story will be of interest to our readers because of two things. First, Gus Schachner came to Laurinburg and got all the schooling he ever knew here. But the second and perhaps the more important thing is the fact that he made good in spite of difficulties. He didn't have the best education and he didn't have powerful and influential friends. He was just a willing worker and he worked hard and made good. He is a man who has proved to himself and to us that the years have brought to him their full measure of success as a reward for hard work and over-riding industry.

RURAL LETTER CARRIERS TO HAVE THEIR PICNIC SEPTEMBER 1ST

Commissary W. C. Hammer and Others to Make Address, Meet at Stewart's Falls

Monday, September 1, Labor Day, the rural letter carriers and their families of Scotland, Richmond, Anson, and Union counties will have a big picnic at Stewart's Falls. At 11 o'clock in the morning Congressman W. C. Hammer of the 13th district will make an address. Following Mr. Hammer's address dinner will be served in picnic style.

At 3 p. m. a representative of the Postoffice Department at Washington will make an address, and this will be followed by a general discussion. The president of the State Letter Carriers Association has promised to be present at this meeting. Every rural carrier and his family in the four counties is urged to attend this picnic and enjoy the day.

MUSE FAMILY WILL REUNITE AT LAKE VIEW THURSDAY

In honor of the birthdays of Mr. J. A. Muse and Mrs. Muse, their children, grandchildren and close kin gathered at Lake View Thursday of this week for a family reunion. On August 21 Mr. Muse was 82 years old, and on August 25 Mrs. Muse was 79. Each year the children and grandchildren come together for a picnic and family reunion, doing honor to their aged parents who have lived long and happily. Mr. Muse is a veteran of the War of the States and one of the best citizens of Scotland county. Those going to Lake View Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Muse and children; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Muse and children; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Regan; Miss Beattie Muse, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Muse and family of Hamlet, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan of Rastford, and others.

LAUREL HILL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SENDS \$117 FOR COLORED WOMAN

In the last number of "The Scotland Courier," official bulletin of the Scotland County Chamber of Commerce, an appeal was made in behalf of a colored woman who is suffering from tuberculosis. The first response, amounting Mr. Fox, secretary of the chamber of commerce, comes from the Laurel Hill Christian Endeavor, sending \$117 as a special collection for this case.

WOMAN WINS NOMINATION IN TEXAS PRIMARY

Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, Wife of Former Governor, Wins Over K. K. K. Candidate

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, wife of former Gov. James E. Ferguson, was the Democratic nominee for governor of Texas today, returns from Saturday's run-off primary giving her a victory by a majority of more than 20,000 over Felix D. Robertson, of Dallas, endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan.

Latest available returns tabulated by the Texas election bureau, gave Mrs. Ferguson, 408,000; Robertson, 224,297. These figures were from 230 of the 252 counties in the state, 97 being complete.

Mrs. Ferguson received a telegram yesterday from Robertson congratulating her on her victory. She also issued a statement in which she said the chances for a Democratic victory would be increased manifold if the people could be made to understand that the Democratic platform "condemning religious intolerance, means, as everybody knows it does mean, emphatic opposition to the Ku Klux Klan."

Judge Robertson in a statement declared that he "fought the best fight I could and have preserved my self-respect, which is essential to my future."

"I gave blow for blow and never struck below the belt," he added. "No malice lingers in my soul and I hate no man."

"Where men have misjudged and slandered me, I let that rest with their conscience. Where intolerance has struck, I hold the flag of tolerance. Where ignorance stalks, I throw the spotlight of wisdom."

"To my thousands of devoted friends and followers in Texas, I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude and to all the people, I say with hesitation my motive was pure and lofty and inspired with the single desire to render great service to my native state."

"To my homefolks in Dallas county, who accorded me the signal honor, I am deeply grateful and appreciative, and with my devoted wife, who has stood by my side so nobly, may God bless you."

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LOCAL POSTOFFICE MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS THURSDAY

Complete Corner Room in New Building, New Equipment

The local postoffice was moved Thursday from the room in the First National Bank building to the new quarters in the new building built by Mr. John F. McNeil on the same street. The office occupies the corner room in this new building, which was designed especially for the needs of the postoffice. The floor space is ample with accommodations for all the departments. The city letter carriers and the rural carriers have separate departments for their use.

The office power is most conveniently and splendidly equipped. There are 500 lock boxes for the use of patrons. Most of these have already been rented. There are 50 of the large lock boxes or drawers, and Postmaster Carl McLean said Thursday morning that 45 of these had been rented before the office was moved. There are separate windows for the money order and parcels post clerks, and a general delivery and stamp window. There are bulletin boards, glass enclosed where important bulletins may be posted without danger of molestation by vandals.

Entrance to the new postoffice is from the sidewalk on Roper street, while the carriers and others have separate entrances at side doors. All delivery of mails to and from trains will be at the side doors. The room is heated by a modern steam plant, with furnace located right in the room. The radiators are suspended from the overhead ceiling and the plant is automatic and may be regulated to produce heat at a uniform temperature.

BAPTIST PICNIC WEDNESDAY AT RIVERTON

The Baptists of Laurinburg had their annual picnic at Riverton Wednesday. The day was ideally suited to the occasion, delightfully bright and warm. A large crowd gathered at the river to enjoy swimming and the big spread under the trees. Invitations were extended the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday schools to join the Baptists in the big picnic at Riverton, and there was quite a number who went along to get a taste of deep water.

NEW FURNITURE STORE WILL OPEN FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH

At 9:30 on the morning of Friday, August 29, the new furniture store of the Stevens & Barnes Company will open its doors in the new building on Roper Street next to the postoffice. Mr. T. B. Barnes of Lumberton was in the city Thursday and said that arrangements are being made for the opening and he expects to have everything in readiness by that date. Mr. C. A. Moore will be manager of the new store here and Mr. Lamar F. Smith will be assistant manager. Watch for special announcement in The Exchange next week.

GIBSON SCHOOL OPENS THE NEW SESSION MONDAY

Staff of Teachers in Complete, Superintendent Grand Grigg Pertinent Organization

The Gibson public school will open the new fall session Monday, September 1. Preparation for the beginning of work in all the departments is being made and everything is expected to be in good working order early next week. Mr. Grand Grigg, the superintendent, has been on the scene for several days. The teaching staff is complete and the prospect is most promising for a successful year's work.

Mr. Grigg announces that books are on sale at the T. V. Pate department store and urges that pupils arrange to get all books needed promptly so that the school work may be carried right along without delay or interruption for most of the year. Pupils are urged to be present at the opening day in order that class assignments may be completed and the work lined up for real school work. Parents and patrons of the school are invited to attend the opening exercises on Monday morning.

The Gibson school is a special charter school and covers a large section of the county, as well as the town and community of Gibson. There are two modern brick buildings, a complete equipment for all the departments. It is a standard high school and an institution that the entire community is proud of, and rightly so.

The teachers of the different grades are as follows: First grade—Mrs. Marie Linsberger, of Lenoir; Mrs. Clara Grigg, of Lenoir; Second grade—Miss Martha Lide, of Georgetown, S. C.; Third grade—Miss Miss Beattie, of Scotland county; Fourth grade—Miss Nettie Gibson, of Gibson; Fifth grade—Miss Ruby McLean, of Scotland; S. C. Sixth grade—Miss Rose Hamilton, of Furman; Seventh grade—Miss Gladys Hamilton, of Furman; High school—Miss Marie Humphrey, of Red Springs; Miss Alta Rank, of High Point; Miss Viola Saltz, of Mt. Oland; Mr. W. D. Yarbrough, of Gibson; and Mr. Grand Grigg, superintendent.

ONE MAN SAYS HE WANTS THE STREETS PAVED NOW

A Property Owner Who is Willing to Pay His Part of the Cost for These Improvements

There is one man in Laurinburg who says he wants the streets paved, and that he is ready to pay his share of the taxes. He is a large property holder and he is not in the habit of throwing money away. The man's idea here is that this man took it upon himself to seek out members of the board of town commissioners and tell them about it. He wants the streets paved and he does not object to the taxes or the cost.

"We can't keep up with the other towns around us if we don't pave our streets, and we can't have a town that will be proud of as long as we neglect this work," says this property owner. "And for my part, I want to see it done just as soon as I can. I know it will cost some money, but we've got to do it and we just as well get busy. The sooner the better."

That is one man's view, and he is interested enough to make it known. If you want his name we've got it, though he said he rather not see it in the paper and for that reason we are not giving it here. What do you think about paving the streets? It is known that many people think the streets should be paved. There are others who think this is not the time to do it.

If we put it off will we gain anything by so doing? Will the cost be smaller next year or year after next, or some other future time? Will we have more money then than we have now? Really can we expect to gain anything by waiting, or will we lose by putting off this important work to a later time?

THINKS COUNTY COULD PAY EXPENSES OF OLD VETERANS TO STATE REUNION

The suggestion has been made, and we think it a good one, that the county could do well to follow the example of a number of other counties by paying the expenses of its aged Confederate veterans to the state reunion at Charlotte September 16 and 17. It has been the custom for many years in other counties and even in other states for the county to pay the expenses of its Confederate veterans to state and national reunions. Entertainment is always provided free of charge for all veterans who attend the reunions and the only actual expense attached is the railroad fare and possibly a little pocket change in addition. The fare to the Charlotte reunion in September is one first class fare one way for the round trip, or from Laurinburg a little more than \$2. There are possibly a dozen or more soldiers of the Confederacy now living in this county. Of these a few will probably attend the state reunion at Charlotte. Would it not be a fine thing for the county to spend a few dollars in paying their expenses? A very few more years and there will be no more Confederate reunions. The glorious record of the Men in Gray will be but a memory. May we not show our appreciation of their valor and their sacrifices for the South by such an expression at this time?