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A Mysterious Affair

Much excitement prevailed in town Monday, when about 1 o'clock, a phone message was received by Sheriff Page from Poplar Point, saying that an attempted criminal assault had been made on Clara Edwards, a 17-year old white girl living at the home of W. F. Nicholson at the Ballard farm. By 2 o'clock, there were about 50 people on the scene, most of them armed with rifles.

The story of the girl is that she went to a tobacco barn to get some letters which she had left there, and while standing and reading same, some person slipped up behind her, threw his hands over her face, and at the same time cutting her with a knife or some sharp instrument over the right eye until it bled, the only skin-deep. She avowed that she was not able to distinguish whether it was a white or colored person. She further stated that on Saturday night August 18th, and on Wednesday night, Aug. 23rd, that some one attempted to enter her room, and threw written notes in, and on Wednesday night they succeeded in removing the screen from the window beside the bed, and reaching in cut her forehead with some rough or blunt instrument.

About 4 o'clock, Sheriff Hyatt, Mr. Martin, Road Supt., the Chief of Police of Tarboro, Mr. Leggett and several citizens of Edgecombe county came with a blood hound, which was unable to run any trail, as so many people had been on the grounds.

If the girl's statement is true, it is quite a mystery. But many people seem to doubt her statement, and think that there was no assault, but for some reason, she did the cutting herself.

White-Bennett

Friends and relatives of Miss Mae Bennett were surprised on Tuesday when a telegram was received announcing her marriage to Dr. James Allen White, at the Ghent Methodist Church, at 2 o'clock on that day, Miss Bennett with Miss Anna Pope, Joseph Bennett and little Miss Gladys Bennett motored to Hobgood about 11 o'clock Monday, where Mr. Bennett and daughter were to board the cars for Norfolk and from there to Welch, W. Va. Dr. White was there and it was decided that the entire party go to Norfolk. En route, the contracting parties decided to get married, after reaching the city all arrangements were made. The wedded pair accompanied by Miss Pope left on a late train and returned to Hobgood and went out to the home of the groom, where they will reside.

The bride is one of the most popular and estimable young women in this section, and has a host of friends who will rejoice with her in her new-found happiness. For a number of years, she has been in the office of the Williamston Telephone Company, and the patrons of the company will regret to lose her service, which has been of the most diligent kind.

Dr. White is well known here, where for a number of years he successfully practiced dental surgery. Possessing several farms in Halifax county, he decided to give up his practice and devote his time to farming, and is one of the largest planters in Halifax.

The union services closed here on Sunday night at the Christian Church, and with next Sunday the usual services in all the churches will be resumed.

Begin To Save Now

Never have there been so many sermons preached from the pulpit, the platform and by the newspapers as in this year of 1917. While people spend money, they are also appreciating the saving habit, and getting into it. But still there are many who have not formed the habit of systematic saving, and to this class the Building and Loan Association should especially appeal. The Martin County Association opens another series of shares tomorrow, and those who have no share should invest right now. The Association has had remarkable success, and many shareholders have built homes in this way. It means systematic saving every week in the year at 25 cents the share, and most people can take two or more shares if they would only consider the matter from a business point of view. Very few small counties have as prosperous Association as the Martin County one with headquarters at Williamston. It is one of the big assets not only of the town but of the county, and was organized to extend its benefits to every part of Martin. If you have not bought a share, see John E. Pope at the Martin County Saving and Trust Company's office, or C. H. Godwin, President, at the Peoples Bank, or Wheeler Martin, Sec. Treas. Don't miss this opportunity to begin to save for the proverbial rainy day.

Sale For Scuppernongs

For the first time in years, there is a sale for scuppernong grapes. Garrett & Co., will purchase a large number of barrels, extract the juice and ship to New York, where it will be made into wine. People in this County who grow these grapes can find a good market for them this year. They should be carefully handled and in good condition before selling. Garrett & Co., have an ad in these columns each week now asking that the crops be sold to them. Last year, many grapes were allowed to ruin or were given to hogs, because they could not be consumed and there was no market for the luscious fruit. Read ad.

Will The Merchants Close?

September begins tomorrow and with it comes the question of closing the stores at 7 o'clock throughout the winter. It must be settled quickly or not at all. In places no larger than Williamston, the stores close at noon Friday and do not open until Saturday morning, and the hour for closing each day is 6 o'clock. Why not prevent the waste in light and fuel, not to mention the drain on the strength of the clerks and the proprietors? Why cannot Williamston get in line with other towns? As much business could be done, and the work would be lighter and the saving in dollars great.

The 36th Annual Session of Littleton College will begin on Wednesday September 26th. We have an ideal plan by which pupils may at their own charges in our main dormitory building, thus saving about \$75 during the scholastic year. For further information address J. M. Rhodes, Lake Junaluska, N. C. till September 5th and after that at Littleton, N. C.

Don't forget to bring your tobacco to Williamston, where the very highest prices remain, and where it can be taken care of.

LOCALS

The heat and tobacco prices are racing to see which can reach the greatest height right here in Williamston.

Bring your tobacco each day to Williamston, where the high prices are still climbing. Come to a real live market every time.

The dimensions of the trash cart should be increased threefold for there is something to haul off in this town, and then some more.

It was pleasing to note that many of the visiting women and children enjoyed the rest rooms in the F. & M. Bank building on Wednesday.

The town was almost depopulated on Sunday for so many people went out to Smithwick Creek Church for the Yearly Meeting. Most of these remained for dinner at the house of some friend, and as the high cost of living does not affect the folks in Griffins, feasts were spread fit for a king.

Asa J. Mning, Supt. of public instruction of Martin County, attended a meeting of the superintendents of the State at Manteo last week.

Watson Sherrod, of Enfield, and Dick Perry, of Hamilton, have been installing more fixtures in the postoffice this week.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the church of the Advent (Episcopal) will hold its regular meeting at the home of Miss Mayo Lamb on Monday afternoon at 4:30, September 3.

I desire immediate correspondence with four young men who wish to work their way through school either here or at Littleton, N. C. J. M. Rhodes, Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Warning.—Daniel and Staton wish to warn the public that they are not responsible for parties picnicking and bathing at the Big Mill. The dam boards are unsafe.

"September Morn" next, and cotton will be whitening in the fields, where the merry songs of pickers will be heard throughout the day.

Busy Day In Court

Wednesday was the busy day in Justice's court here, five cases having been disposed of during the morning by Justice Manning, who gave each offender what was coming to him. The cases mainly were scraps between negroes, whose fighting blood is always up unless you say "war," then the temperature goes down to zero. However, the participants in some of the cases were women. The case of Eugenia Rice and husband where one used a razor and the other his foot, was sent up to the Superior Court, which convenes next month.

Shooting At Night

Citizens of town are being annoyed by shooting at night around the town; whether some one is practicing for war or not has not been determined, but the chances are that such is not the case. The night police should investigate whenever he hears the sound of gun or pistol. For a long time, this nuisance has not existed but it is becoming frequent again. It may be that some folks who ride late coming into town on streets remote from Main, may be turning loose some surplus ammunition. The question is, why do people slip into town so late at night?

In Honor of Misses Speir

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph House, was the scene of much pleasure on Monday evening from 8:30 to 11:00, when their sister Miss Jefferson House and Miss Virginia Martin, delightfully entertained a number of their friends in honor of Misses Fannie Lee and Elizabeth Speir of Winterville, N. C. who are visiting Mrs. B. M. Worseley.

The guests were met at the door by Miss House, who ushered them into the parlor which was decorated with potted plants. There were five tables arranged for the purpose of entertaining the guests by playing progressive cards and rook. At the close of the game Mr. Skyles proved to be the prize winner, and received a beautiful box of handkerchiefs which he presented to the guest of honor, The Misses Speirs. The consolation prize was won by Mr. James Rawls, which proved to be a small box of powder, this afforded guests much fun.

The guests were then invited to the porch where they were served with water-melon. The guests left promptly at 11:00 voting Misses House and Martin very charming hostesses.

"By one of the guests." Oak City, Aug. 28

A Valuable Book

The Peoples Bank is giving away a book of valuable information that any farmer will profit by reading as it contains over 100 practical suggestions that will save both Time and Money. The next time you are in town go by and get one as they are Free for asking.

Miss Ethel Britt is visiting in Tarboro this week.

John Cherry and little daughter and Miss Lillie Whitfield, John Barnhill and son went to Washington Thursday.

Extremely cool weather has prevailed for several days this week, and summer clothes had a scared look, tho most people wore them as fall goods are not prevailing yet.

PERSONAL

F. K. Hodges went to Baltimore Monday.

Henry Gardner, of Suffolk, visited his parents here Sunday.

Vance Bunting, of Bethel, spent Sunday in town.

Hon. J. B. Coffield was a visitor here here Monday.

A. D. Mizelle went to Ashville this week on business.

Fitzhugh Robertson went to Suffolk Tuesday on business.

Lieut. Elbert S. Peele left Monday afternoon for Columbia, S. C.

Miss Lalla Wynne spent Tuesday night in Plymouth.

Walter Shepherd, of Farmville, was a visitor here last week.

Miss Hattie Lou Ward is at home from a visit to Clayton. Dr. John D. Biggs went to Wilson yesterday on business.

Miss Mary Wadsworth, of Greenville, is a visitor in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovett Harrison and children left yesterday for Atowah, Tenn., to visit relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Burras went to Tarboro Tuesday to visit relatives.

W. Slade Roberson, of Hopewell, is visiting relatives here and in the county this week.

Mrs. Joseph L. Robertson and daughter, Minnie, left Wednesday for Dunn to visit relatives.

Miss Julia Jordan, who has been visiting Miss Lalla Wynne, left for Plymouth Tuesday.

Mrs. James Elmore and little son have been visitors in town this week.

Miss Mary Louise Carstarphen was in town a short while Monday afternoon.

Stanley Horton, of Seattle, Washington, is visiting friends here this week.

W. T. Ward and Miss Della Kate Ward left Tuesday for Raleigh.

Rev. Edward Burrell is in town this week after a visit to relatives in Virginia.

Mrs. Thomas Whitfield, of Goldsboro, visited her sister, Mrs. Vernon Godwin, here last week.

J. Gus Godard, of Dunn, has been the guest of Joseph G. Godard this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Highsmith, of Enfield, were the guests of Miss Lela Hadley the past week.

Jack Biggs spent several days in Norfolk this week, where he visited his brother, Robert Biggs, who has enlisted in the Navy.

Leroy Anderson left Saturday afternoon for Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to enter the training camp there.

C. D. Carstarphen, H. W. Stubbs and Louis C. Bennett have been visiting Northern cities for the past week.

H. Irvin Coffield, of High Point, who is visiting his father in the country, was in town Monday.

Joseph Bennett and daughter with Misses Mae Bennett and Anna Pope went to Norfolk Monday.

Mrs. James Grist Staton left this morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Gilbert Chase, at Kew Gardens, Long Island.

Miss Elsie Respass, who has been visiting near here, left yesterday for her home in Pantego accompanied by Miss Lillie Belle Hardison.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
RALEIGH

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

North Carolina is about to send twenty-five thousand men into battle. These men are making the supreme sacrifice that forever hereafter the wisdom of the many shall determine the decrees of nations. They go to make war on war. They go to destroy with the sword the government that maintains that the sword is, and of right ought to be, the final arbiter of a nation's rights.

When the government that defies the war shall perish in war then war will come no more upon the earth.

It is fit that these guarantors of the world's peace should be sustained by the love and prayers of all good men.

Now, Therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do request the people of the State:

First. To assemble on Saturday, the first day of September, in township and school district meetings, and hold patriotic exercises in honor of the men we are sending to the front;

Second. On Sunday, September 2nd, let special religious services be held in all the churches in the State, and let all good men pray for the safety and success of the men who are going into battle that lasting peace may come upon the land;

Third. That on Labor Day, September 3rd, appropriate patriotic exercises be held in every county seat in the State and let the men who have been drafted into the public service be the guests of honor at these exercises.

Done at our city of Raleigh this the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-second year of our American Independence.

T. W. BICKETT, Governor.

(Great Seal Of The State Of North Carolina)
By the GOVERNOR:
SANTFORD MARTIN,
Private Secretary.

Hamilton Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edmonson arrived Monday to visit relatives here.

Mrs. M. W. Ballard and Mrs. Harry Waldo and daughter have returned from Ocean View.

Gordon Hines and Leroy Everett went to Suffolk Sunday.

Misses Maggie B. Jones and Martha Council have returned from Norfolk.

Mrs. S. D. Matthews is at home from Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edmonson, Misses Lillie and Hattie Floyd went to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mrs. Martha and Miss Della Purvis have returned from a visit to relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle are at home from Va. Beach.

Dr. and Mrs. M. I. Fleming and children are spending a week at Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Chas. Calhoun and family left Tuesday for their home in Rocky Mount after a visit to relatives here.

Miss Thelma Taylor is the guest of Miss Maggie J. Davenport.

Misses Pauline and Louise Johnson are visiting in Rocky Mount.

Miss Elizabeth Davenport has returned from a visit to relatives in Robersonville.

Mrs. Everett, of Belhaven, is the guest of Mrs. B. B. Sherrod, Jr.

The store to be occupied by Rutenberg & Adler is being put in proper shape for them. Large show windows with plate glass front will add greatly to the building and give a fine display of the goods therein. Read ad in this issue.

Scuppernong grapes are ripening in this section, and soon shipping will begin.