

CLAUDE GENTRY DEAD

DEPUTY SHERIFF OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY DIES OF WOUNDS

Deputy Sheriff Claude Gentry, of Buncombe County, died at 7 o'clock Wednesday night at the Mission hospital in Asheville, of peritonitis which resulted from several knife wounds in the abdomen, which he received at Woodfin Saturday night when he attempted to arrest John Jones on a minor charge.

The body was removed to the Reynolds Undertaking parlors, where Coroner W. E. Baker will hold an inquest Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until after the inquest.

Four in Jail

Four men, a father and three sons, are held in the county jail without bond. It was stated at the Sheriff's office Wednesday night that the warrants for these will be changed to a charge of murder.

Mr. Gentry had been connected with the Sheriff's department for the past six or eight months in the capacity of civil court officer. He was born at Marshall in Madison county. He is survived by his widow, and an adopted son. His father, W. J. Gentry, with the following brothers and sisters, also survives: Wiley, Arthur, and Luther Gentry, Mrs. T. L. Dockery, Mrs. Oscar Farmer, Mrs. C. E. Stallings and Mrs. O. K. Teague, all of Asheville.

General Brawl

The affair in which Mr. Gentry lost his life happened last Saturday night at Woodfin. Several men ran to Mr. Gentry's home and reported that several men had killed a man and were dragging him away. Mr. Gentry went to the scene near the Mooneyham Drug Store and found a general brawl in progress.

Mr. Gentry attempted to arrest John Jones, one of the men said to be involved in the trouble, and immediately several men jumped upon the deputy sheriff, seized both of his pistols and his black-jack, threw him to the ground, and slashed him with a large knife, laying the abdomen open, and inflicting on him in all seven knife wounds.

Taken To Hospital

Dr. A. L. Mooneyham, near whose drug store the fight took place, took the deputy sheriff to the Mission hospital, and in the meantime somebody had called the Sheriff's office, and Chief Deputy R. H. Luther went to the scene and placed Jones under arrest.

Deputy Sheriffs M. E. Fox, Don Davis, Willis Mitchell, Horace Ingram, and Luther, together with Sheriff J. J. Bailey, made an investigation immediately following the affair, and in addition to Jones, placed Creed Honeycutt, and Vallo Marlow under arrest. Later John Jones, brother of James, went to the sheriff's office to try to make bond for his brother, and, after a search of his person, during which brass knuckles were found on him, he, too, was held for investigation.

Arrest of the father and Sam Jones was made Sunday.

SCHOOL STUDIES

Raleigh, N. C. Oct. 3.—"English" appears to be the subject most universally pursued by white boys and girls in North Carolina high schools, according to the records compiled in the office of the State Department of Public Instruction. A total of 89,302 or 98.4 per cent of the total white high school enrollment include this subject in their course of study during the school year 1927-28.

The study of Mathematics ranks second among the subjects pursued by these students—85,806 or 95 per cent taking that subject. The Social Studies, including Civics, History and Economics, was desired by the next largest number, 70,395 or 78.4 per cent of the total enrollment. Science comes in as the subject of fourth choice by having 57,165 students, or 63.7 per cent of the total, pursuing it. General science leads in this field with 23,800 students in such classes. Then follow in order Biology with 18,301 students, Geography with 7,924 students, Physics with 4,144 students, Chemistry with 2,548 students, Physiology with 319 students and Botany with 134 students.

The languages, not including English, are studied by about 50 per cent of the total high school children enrolled. A large number, 26,252, study French but Latin or any other language. Only 78 pupils studied German.

More than 10,000 girls took courses in cooking and 9,027 in sewing; and 3,610 boys pursued courses in Art.

The following number of boys and girls pursued courses in respective subjects: Commercial subjects including Bookkeeping, Stenography, Typewriting and Business Arithmetic, 7,991 or 8.9 per cent of the total Manual Training, 1,959, or 1.9 per cent; Mechanical Drawing 937, or .7 of one per cent; Bible 335, or .3 of one per cent; Art 891 or .4 of one per cent; and Music 1,579 or 1.8 per cent.

BAKER BOY KILLS SISTER

The five-year-old son of Mrs. Ky. Baker of the Big Pine section of Madison shot and killed instantly Wednesday his eight-year-old sister. It seems that the gun was left lying on the floor loaded and when the older members of the family went out for something, the children were doubtless playing with the gun, when it went off instantly killing the little girl, the entire load taking effect in the upper part of the head. It will be recalled that their father died two or three weeks ago, said to be the result of being thrown from his horse.

92 MARRIAGES IN MADISON LAST YEAR

According to a recent report from the Department of Commerce at Washington, N. C., there were 92 marriages in Madison County in 1928 and seven divorces, and in 1927 there were 94 marriages, 10 divorces, and one annulment. In Buncombe in 1928 there were 545 marriages, 114 divorces, 5 annulments; in 1927 there were 402 marriages, 100 divorces, and three annulments.

Preliminary Report on Marriage and Divorce for North Carolina, 1928

There were 21,373 marriages performed in North Carolina during the year 1928, as compared with 22,204 in 1927, representing a decrease of 831, or 3.7 per cent. In 1916, there were 21,337 marriages performed.

During the year 1928, there were 1,609 divorces granted in the state, as compared with 1,642 in 1927, representing a decrease of 33 or 2 per cent. In 1916, there were 668 divorces granted. There were 229 marriages annulled in 1928, a similar number to that reported for 1927.

The estimated population of the state of North Carolina, on July 1, 1928, was 2,938,000, and on July 1, 1927 2,897,000. On the basis of these estimates the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 7.3 in 1928, as against 7.7 in 1927, and the number of divorces per 1,000 of the population was 0.55 in 1928, as against 0.57 in 1927.

The number of marriages was reported by the Register of Deeds and the number of divorces by the Clerk of the Superior Court, of each county. The figures for 1928 are preliminary and subject to correction.

FREE ADVICE FROM RANGER

Dear Ed: You will remember you requested me to lend a hand toward getting money from subscribers. Recommend you make a rule to say something nice in the paper about every one who hands you money, regardless of their true character. Believe if you will cultivate this policy right along you will come to find that your conscience will grow less and less resistant and in the end the money will be like a balm to said tortured conscience. We will hand you a sample piece, like this:

Tribute to a New Subscriber
Every other Wednesday is a special day in Marshall; Mr. L. Y. Biggerstaff of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Asheville, comes to town. "Bigger" is a happy pet name for this young gentleman. Every time we see him we marvel at the continued development which lures the eye. This man grows upon you while you are shaking his hand; he is Bigger by night. Without strutting himself, he is Bigger day by day. A very engaging type, physically, because the increment is not visible in regions or departments that would tend to mar the symmetry of his figure. To make this more plain, he demands with the passing seasons a more ample coat in chest dimension but he uses the same old belt in the same old notch. Such men are to be envied. Bigger is a prime favorite in Marshall. Some of our young lads have been overheard in the question "Is that good-looking man married or is he receptive?" He is both.

Welcome to our sub. list, L. Y. B.!

Moral: It pays to be a Cash Subscriber to the News-Record.

S. T. RANGER.

TO TEACHERS

The Extension Class for Teachers will meet Saturday, October 5, at 10 o'clock A. M. Dr. Morrison, associate member of the faculty of the University of N. C. will be in charge. We have arranged for these classes to meet every Saturday instead of Friday. All teachers interested in extension work please be present.

NEGRO SHOT NEAR ONCE LIVED IN MARSHALL TENNESSEE LINE SUNDAY

IMPROVING AT HOSPITAL IN ASHEVILLE

Considerable excitement was in Marshall last Sunday afternoon when a car containing a Negro badly bleeding from gunshot wounds drove up and asked for a doctor. It happened that no doctors were in town at the time, hence the wounded man was driven by Emmett Ramsey to a hospital in Asheville. The man and woman, said to be his wife, were alone in the car, and the wounded man had to drive from where he was shot to Marshall, the woman frightened out of her wits for fear the man would die while driving before medical aid could be obtained. They claimed that he had been shot by an unknown party as they were approaching the North Carolina line from Tennessee. Their story was corroborated by another car of Negroes riding along near them. At first it was thought that the shooting occurred in Madison County. Our officers went to investigate the matter and were pleased to find that the shooting was on the Tennessee side. The wounded Negro's name was Burch Williams. Williams' car, one of the two cars of Negroes, bore Ohio license tags, and the Negroes were said to be in the show business. A report in an Asheville paper was to the effect that the Negro was improving.

TEACHERS MET LAST SATURDAY

County Wide Teachers Meeting In Marshall Last Saturday Quite A Success

The Teachers' Meeting held last Saturday in Marshall for the benefit of all the teachers in the county was largely attended and proved quite interesting and helpful. Miss McDougall, State Supervisor of Teacher Training, was present and made a most inspiring talk. Superintendent C. M. Blankenship complimented the teachers on the progress being made in the schools. Miss Clemmie Casey, who has charge of Teachers' Training course, which is a new department in this county and is being conducted at the old school building in Marshall, demonstrated some methods that will make for effective teaching. Objectives for the year were outlined, such as improvement in attendance and promotion. Group meetings will be held at Hot Springs, Mars Hill, and Marshall, the first being held at Mars Hill next Saturday, Oct. 5. Interested patrons are invited to attend.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

The State of North Carolina has made wonderful progress along many lines but it has to its credit no more striking achievements than the results attained by the efforts of its firemen, teachers, editors and other public-spirited and forward-looking citizens who have carried on for years a relentless warfare against fire waste and its attendant loss of life and property. I am glad to be able to say that there has been improvement year by year for the past seven years. While the records of our State Insurance Department covering the seven years between January 1, 1922, and January 1, 1928, show a total fire loss of \$44,799,499, a truly staggering amount, the loss was well below the national average and the fire loss for the year ending December 31, 1928, was \$4,912,925, a million and a half of dollars under the seven years' average.

I attribute much of this improvement to the educational work done throughout the State annually during "Fire Prevention Week" which falls this year in the week of October 6th to 12th. While we are proud of the progress made, the fire loss of 1928 was much too great for an enlightened citizenship, such as ours, and I appeal to all good citizens to become vitally interested in lessening this economic waste.

But the property loss in North Carolina last year, heavy as it was, was not our greatest loss from fire. The Bureau of Vital Statistics of our State Board of Health reports that two hundred and seventy-one lives were lost by fire in North Carolina last year. These appalling losses were caused by carelessness and ignorance of the fire hazard.

I, therefore, set aside the week of October 6th to 12th as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK in accordance with Section 6080 of the Consolidated Statutes, which provides that the Governor of North Carolina shall, each year, in October, issue a proclamation urging the people to a proper observance.

During this week I also urge that fire drills be held in schools, factories and stores, and that they be continued at regular intervals.

ONCE LIVED IN MARSHALL

After tying a toy balloon to his arm, Frank L. Lilly, 40, former banker, walked off the Holston river bank into 20 feet of water Friday, September 27, and was drowned. The balloon floating on the surface, led to the recovery of his body shortly afterwards.

Lilly had been talking to several fishermen at Rotherwood, three miles below Kingsport. He left them and after going about 100 yards, walked into the stream within the fishermen's view. They went to his aid but arrived too late to save him. The balloon bobbing up and down on the water enabled them to find the body.

Friends said Lilly had been in ill health for several years. His hat and coat were found under a tree on the bank, and with them was an envelope containing his name and address and the name of a Kingsport undertaking establishment.

Lilly formerly was connected with the Farmers and Merchants bank in Kingsport, and for a number of years previously was cashier of a bank at Bluff City. He also had served as secretary of the Kingsport Retail Merchants' Association.

His widow and two children survive.

Mr. Lilly was assistant to A. Mahone at the R. R. station in Marshall about 1904 and had many friends here who will be sorry to learn of his death.

PET SUGGESTION

Dr. M. M. Leonard, of Asheville, was with us last week and we had a happy contact with this well known citizen of Bunc. County. The genial Doctor readily parted with the cash which admits into good standing new members of our growing Subscription Family. In addition to his professional work, Dr. Leonard conducts a "Pet Shop" in Asheville, a place called a "Pet Shop." This name is a throwback to the time when all similar establishments were so-called. Yet his place is much more than ordinary; the visitor is at once impressed with the good taste displayed in the place. In the line of pet things you will find there a complete collection from tiny goldfish to Belgian Police Dogs. Cats and Canaries are kept in the same cages so happy is the environment. We believe, however, that Mrs. Leonard is the chief inspiration in this Eden-like corner of the world. When you go into Asheville again with the kiddies, take them around to the corner of College and Penland and report to us if you do not come away with renewed interest in cats and dogs and birds—and children!

STRIKE AT MARION WORSE THAN BEFORE

Three Men Dead And Quite A Number Wounded And Troops Ordered There To Restore Order

Another strike took place at Marion early Wednesday morning when the Sheriff and his deputies interfered and as a result three men are dead and at least six in a serious condition at the Marion hospital. Governor Gardner ordered troops to the scene and every effort is being made to restore order. The dead and wounded are as follows:

George Jones, 63.
Randolph Hall, 23.
Sam Vickers, 48.

Injured:
George McCombs, 36, shot in neck, finger and wrist; John Wycle, 44, shot in arm; James Roberts, 18, shot in chest; Eddie Ballard, 18, shot in leg; Kermit Fender, 18, shot in knee; Luther Bryson, 22, shot in chest; W. S. Black, 45, shot in abdomen and left shoulder; L. S. Long, 37, shot in leg; Bob Minish, 41, shot in face and neck; W. M. Sparks, 59, shot in neck and chest; A. M. Koon, 28, shot in thigh; T. L. Carver, 54, shot in neck; James Mills, shot through stomach; Mrs. Lucy Sparks, shot in hand; Mrs. Addie Hollar, struck over head; T. M. Green, deputy sheriff, hit by glancing bullet; T. K. King, injured thumb; R. E. Cannon, struck over head.

CALVIN FERGUSON DEAD

HAD BEEN IN POOR HEALTH SOME TIME

About eight o'clock Thursday morning, October 3, 1929, Calvin W. Ferguson died at the home of his son, Mr. S. B. Ferguson, in Marshall. Mr. Ferguson was seriously ill a few weeks ago, but had recovered from that attack, but his heart was weak, for which he had been taking strychnine tablets recently. Thursday morning, he was up as usual and ate breakfast. After eating, he complained of feeling somewhat bad and was led to his bed by his son. As this was nothing unusual, his son, S. B., went on about his work. Soon S. B. was called by his wife and when Mr. S. B. reached the bed his father was dead and lying in the same position in which he was left.

At the time we go to press, funeral arrangements have not been made. However, a wire from the two sons in Pennsylvania, was to the effect that they were on the way. If they arrive in time, interment will probably be Friday afternoon. Mr. Ferguson leaves six sons, as follows: C. O., of Columbia, Pa., S. B. of Marshall, Oliver of near Marshall, Lee W. of York, Pa. Romeo and Norman of Marshall. Mr. Ferguson was perhaps the oldest merchant in Marshall, having been in the mercantile business for more than 30 years. Prior to entering the mercantile business, he was engaged in the tobacco business and is said to have been quite wealthy at one time, losing at one time about one hundred thousand dollars when a tobacco warehouse broke. He came to Madison County from Richmond, Va., about 60 years ago, when he was 21 years of age. His wife died about 15 years ago.

JESSE HENSLEY DEAD

90-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT OF HOT SPRINGS BURIED TUESDAY

Mr. Jess Hensley age 90 years, died at his home at Hot Springs last Sunday afternoon about four o'clock. Funeral services were from the Hot Springs Baptist church Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. I. H. Garenfo, and Rev. P. T. McFee.

Active pallbearers were: D. G. Church, C. G. Paris, W. T. Davis, Ira Plemmons and Fred Holder.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jobe Paris, Lon Brooks, J. A. Brooks, O. W. Grubbs, Thomas Frisbee, and Ed. Huff.

The deceased was the grandfather of Jesse James Bailey, Sheriff of Buncombe County and former sheriff of Madison County. He was a native of Union County, Tenn., but moved to Hot Springs about 37 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nancy Hensley, 88, and five sons, J. H. Hensley, of Charlotte; W. H., of Horsehoe; J. D., of Hot Springs; Arthur, of Marshall; and C. T., of Skyland; and two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Bailey, of Marshall, and Mrs. Martha Gurley, of Monroe.

"Uncle Jess," as he was familiarly known, was the oldest Union veteran of the Civil War.

Yes—For What Comes Out One of our neighbors paid four hundred dollars for a saxophone. That's a lot of money to blow in!—The Editor.

Registration Gratifying To Officials At Mars Hill

Larger Number Arrive Than Expected—Registration Statistics Not Yet Complete

With the completed figures on the total number registered not yet complete and with late arrivals coming in every day the number officially on the roll surprised the authorities of the college by its size. With many schools suffering severe decreases in number on roll Mars Hill opens the term with between 420 and 440 actually on roll. There is to be noticed, however, that the first year college class is not so large as that of last year, but the Senior class, with over 115 expecting to graduate, is the largest in the history of the school.

The Junior class with something like 200 is slightly smaller than last year's class but is in proportion to the other colleges and to the number that was expected. The pre-school opening survey showed only a small registration, but the boys and girls flocked in on the two opening days and are still coming. The dining hall is filled and the dormitories also, with many students boarding in town.

The vocations of the many new and old students are not available for publication at this time. Although a number of them are undecided, quite a few expressed a desire to follow in the footsteps of their profs, while the profession of law, medicine, and the kindred trade drew a goodly number. The ministerial group is of about the same size as of other years.

After undergoing a period of orientation the freshmen have about become accustomed to this place and are beginning to take an interest in the various student activities. The two literary societies have both taken in large numbers of the new students and are hoping to enroll every student in either one or the other of the societies.

Coach Roberts is recruiting a number of his football men from among the ranks of the new students, many of whom are from outstanding high schools and prep schools.

It is indeed with a spirit of optimism that the new year is begun. There have been quite a few changes in the social system as well as in the scholastic schedules, and it is expressed that these changes are for the better. The social system this year will permit the first as well as the second year men the privilege of more dates a week than they have hitherto been able to have.

It is expected that by the time the next issue of the Hilltop comes from the press we shall be able to have more complete statistics regarding the registration as well as a few lights on the activities of the new students.—The Hill Top.

N. C. Leads
Of the states represented, North Carolina leads with 305; South Carolina comes second with 87; Tennessee third with 19. Other states and countries are as follows: Alabama 5, Central America, 1, Cuba 1, District of Columbia 1, Florida 4, Georgia 4, Kentucky 3, Louisiana 1, Maryland 3, Mississippi 2, Pennsylvania 1, Virginia 9.

Those from Madison County this year number 70, and Buncombe, 29.

NICE TRIP

Steve Roberts, George McKinney, Everett Tweed and possibly George Pritchard are planning an extended auto tour North and into Canada. They will visit Washington, New York and other cities on this trip. They expect to enjoy some menu fishing and hotel bathing. The tour is so arranged that it will not clash with the Congressional program; Congress will meet as planned and go ahead with tariff revision. While in Washington these local boys will pay their respects to another Big Republican whose initials are H. F. S. They may also have time to meet President Hoover and some other so-called Republicans. When they are back home we shall expect to have some real news for our readers.

LATER: The above is premature; the trip has been abandoned. The budget would not balance!

We Fall for This

Man calling bluff: "Here, Chief! Here, Chief!"—The Pathfinder.

They Know Their Halitosis

News item says Listerine has made \$25,000,000 for the inventor. Wouldn't that take your breath away?—The Pathfinder.