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NEGRO WOMAN SHOT

FOUND DEAD ON LAST FRIDAY MORNING.

Eugenia Davis, Wife of Furney Davis, the Victim—Load from a Shot Gun Taking Effect in Left Side.

Quite a little excitement was raised in our little town on last Friday morning when the dead body of Eugenia Davis, colored, was found fastened up in an unused room in an out house in the rear of Mr. C. T. Stokes' residence on Main street. Eugenia cooked for Mr. T. D. Tysek and after she had been missing since Wednesday night he began to look for her to find out the trouble why she had not returned. He went to this room as she and her husband had formerly occupied it, found the door fastened with a wire from the outside and upon opening it he saw the woman leaning over on the bed with a gun shot wound in her side. He immediately informed the officers and Mr. J. A. Turner was appointed a special coroner to investigate the finding. Coroner Turner selected Messrs. J. H. Best, K. K. Allen, M. C. Pleasants, B. G. Hicks, D. F. McKinnie and R. C. Williams, as a jury and proceeded, with Dr. J. E. Malone, county physician, to the scene of the dead body and there made a thorough examination. It was found that she had been shot in the abdomen from the left side and all indications showed that she had been dead since Wednesday night. The inquest was then called to meet in the court house and upon the examination of several witnesses a warrant was issued for Furney Davis, her husband and the inquest adjourned to meet again at 3 o'clock that afternoon. Coroner Turner called his court to order at 3:15, and in the presence of Furney examined several other witnesses who had been summoned in the meantime, after which the jury retired to the jury room and in a few minutes returned a verdict to the effect that the woman came to her death by the effect of a gun shot wound at the hands of her husband Furney Davis, who was placed in jail without bail to await the April term of Franklin Superior Court. Cleo Yancy, a colored barber, who was summoned as a witness, was also ordered to be placed in jail without bail, as the evidence so far received seemed to show that he was a very important witness.

Play at Mapleville.

On Friday night, March 3rd, 1911, there will be a play entitled "The Old Maid's Club," given at Mapleville Academy for the benefit of Maple Springs church. The public is cordially invited. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

To Deliver Literary Address.

We are requested to state that Prof. F. C. Brown, of Trinity College, will deliver the literary address at the College tonight, it being the occasion of the Twenty-first Anniversary of the Sea Gift and Neithian Societies. The public is invited.

Mrs. T. E. Roberts Dead.

The many friends of Mrs. W. T. Hughes in Louisburg will learn with regret, of the death of her sister, Mrs. T. E. Roberts, which occurred at her home at Chase City, Va., on February 5th, 1911. Mrs. Roberts had visited her sister while she lived in Louisburg.

Appointments.

I will be at the following places on the dates mentioned for the purpose of talking to the members of the Farmers Union upon matters of business. See that every member of

your local is present on the date named:

Pine Ridge, Friday, February 24th, at 12 o'clock and at Bunn at night at 7:30

Seven Paths, Saturday, February 25th, at 12 o'clock.

Gatesville, Monday night, February 27th, at 7:30

Bab Rock, Tuesday night, February 28th, at 7:30

J. B. FULGHAM,
Business Agent.

At the Opera House.

The famous character, St Elmo Murray, that has always been an imaginative personality, will step from within the pages of Augusta Evans' novel, and appear on the stage of the Opera House, in this city next Saturday, February 25th, and relate in person his most interesting and dramatic experiences.

If you have enjoyed reading about the romance of St. Elmo Murray and Edna Earl, you can imagine the enjoyment in seeing these characters moulded into real human beings.

The best talent available has been obtained to interpret the leading roles in the play edition, which will be seen here.

Reports True Bills.

We are informed that the grand jury of Warren county, at Warrenton on February 15th, returned true bills in five separate charges against W. A. Connell, of Inez, for alleged violations of the state quarantine laws against Texas fever in cattle. These alleged violations are for buying and selling cattle in and out of quarantine territory.

This quarantine is the one known as the "cattle tick quarantine" and it looks as if the government expects to control the situation. It would be wise for the farmers in Franklin county to co-operate with the authorities and get this trouble remedied, thereby adding to the value of their cattle and saving themselves trouble.

Orphan Singing Class.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following card and take pleasure in making the announcement:

To THE EDITOR: We take pleasure in stating that the Singing Class from the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the Opera House at Louisburg at 8:30 o'clock p. m., Friday, March 3rd, 1911.

This is a most worthy enterprise and we doubt not will meet with your heartiest co-operation, in bringing it prominently to the attention of the public.

The program, we understand, is fully up to the high standard of excellence of former concerts by the Class.

We enclose you some paragraph notices, which we will be glad for you to use if you think best.

The cause of our Orphanage at Oxford rightly appeals strongly to the people of our State and any service you may render this concert will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

IVEY ALLEN,
J. S. LANCASTER,
J. A. TURNER,
Committee.

Clifton-Hall.

W. T. Clifton, assistant cashier of the Provident National Bank this city, and Miss Margaret Hall of Merkel were married in that city yesterday morning. Their honeymoon will be spent in Galveston, San Antonio and other Texas cities. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton will reside here.

The bride, who has a very extensive acquaintance throughout the State, is a most popular young lady, whose winsome disposition and many admirable characteristics have won for her the esteem of all coming within the scope of her influence.

Her charming personality has gained for her many friends.

Mr. Clifton is one of Waco's prominent and highly respected citizens. His ability has been manifested to the satisfaction of all. By close application he has familiarized himself thoroughly with every feature of the banking business. Cordial and courteous to others, discharging faithfully every obligation imposed, his success is deserved reward for his efforts—Waco (Texas) Times-Herald.

Mr. Clifton has many friends in Louisburg who will learn of his marriage with much interest. We join them in extending best wishes and congratulations.

Making New Books.

We are having a new set of subscription books made this week and should any of our subscribers miss their paper we will appreciate a notice from them to that effect, as it may be possible that we have lost some few names in making the transfer.

Burned to Death.

Charlie Strickland, colored, of Louisburg, was arrested in Nashville the past week, and placed in jail for burglary. On Tuesday night he set fire to the mattress in his cell and as a result he was so badly burned he will die. Several other prisoners suffered from the smoke.

Trial of Lewis West.

Governor Kitchin yesterday announced that there would be a special term of criminal court held in Wilson for one week, beginning on March 13th. The especial reason for the calling of the special term is for the trial of the desperado, Lewis West, arrested in Maxton after a long chase. West is charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Mumford, of Wilson, and direct statements of his murder of Deputy Mumford have been made by Chief of Police Glover, who saw West deliberately shoot Mr. Mumford as the latter lay wounded on the ground.

St. Elmo.

One of the most interesting announcements of the present theatrical season in this city is the ever popular "St. Elmo" which is scheduled for one performance only at Opera House next Saturday night February 25th.

This is the Neil Twomey version of the Augusta Evans novel, the same that is seen this season with much enjoyment. Great pains have been taken by the dramatist to present in an interesting manner the original narrative of the book, bringing in all the principal and favorite characters.

A special carload of scenery with production and an especially competent company of metropolitan players interpret the various roles.

The Minstrel.

The minstrel show given by local talent in the Opera House on last Friday night for the benefit of the M. S. Davis Memorial building at the College, was a grand success. Those taking part were Messrs. H. L. Candier, J. A. Turner, A. H. Fleming, B. T. Holden, Malcolm McKinnie, W. D. Jackson, J. H. Best, Wiley Joyner, Henry Joyner, Stephen Holden, S. P. Boddie and F. R. Pleasants, each of whom did their respective parts well. The jokes and local hits were good and created much amusement for the many present who composed the audience. The songs were excellent and especially were those in burlesque. The entire play was splendid and a large number witnessed its presentation—proceeds amounting to about \$85.00.

An invitation from Bunn has been extended them to go down and perform at that place, however no definite arrangements have yet been made.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere For Business or Pleasure.

R. Y. McAden spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

G. B. West left this week for a trip to Florida.

Mrs. J. S. Lancaster visited in Raleigh the past week.

J. E. Thomas paid Norfolk a business visit the past week.

Senator B. T. Holden spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. B. D. Stith left one day the past week to visit at Raleigh.

C. K. Cooke returned the past week from a trip to St. Louis.

Mrs. J. E. Malone returned Monday from a visit to Henderson.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett spent several days in Raleigh the past week.

Misses Maude Hight and Clara Young, of Kuttrell, visited Mrs. J. A. Harris, the past week.

J. O. Sledge and S. C. Foster left Wednesday for Wilson county to organize local orders of the Farmers Union in that county.

J. S. Lancaster, W. A. McGlohon, C. C. Hudson and Dr. A. H. Fleming went to Raleigh Wednesday night to see "the cow and the moon."

Mr. Bryant Pace Dead.

News was received here yesterday to the effect that Mr. Bryant Pace, in Hayesville township, killed himself by hanging himself to the joist in his shed house on Wednesday morning. He and his family have many friends here who will regret to learn of his death.

Mrs. Alfred Jackson Dead.

Mrs. Alfred Jackson died at a ripe old age at her home near Mapleville on last Sunday morning and her remains were interred in the family burying ground on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Jackson was a good christian woman and had many friends and relatives who will regret to learn of her death.

Senatorial Troubles.

The only business thoroughly attended to by the United States senators the past week has been holding caucuses. There has been a Democratic caucus, Republican caucuses, and Insurgent and ramp caucuses; the Progressive Republican League has been in constant session with Senator Cummins and without him. All parties are split with reciprocity; and the nine senators of the Progressive Republican League are no more united than are Aldrich and LaFollette! The Democrats seem nearer agreement than the Republicans and will hold another caucus in a few days to decide the fate of Canadian reciprocity.

The Senate Finance Committee is in such a state of chaos that the darkest messenger does not know which party to adhere to over night, and some of the Republican senators are in a similar state of primordial confusion. They go to the White House in the morning and if President Taft promises to "shake the plum tree" they feel that reciprocity is the only thing that will save the party, and perhaps, incidentally, the country. But after a special caucus with some esteemed colleagues they are convinced that it is politically indiscreet to vote and consort with Democrats. Only Senator Depew is happy and confident, for he has the united though discouraged Republican of his state supporting him for reelection; there is no other candidate because a Republican can't be elected. And over all this, hangs the threat of a special

session; but that holds no sway over the dead ducks.

Matthew Davis Literary Society Meets.

After another postponement the society met Tuesday evening Feb. 7, Miss Pauline Smith presiding as president. The business on hand was quickly disposed of and the main issue, the debate, was begun. The very interesting Query, Resolved, That:—Woman has more influence over man than money, was read by the Secretary, and just from the query it may be judged that it was hotly contested by both sides. The affirmative side was ably represented by Messrs Harris, and Strickland and others, their main argument being man's love for woman and the crazy things that he will do while under the influence. While the negative side headed by Mr. Smith and Miss Allen earnestly showed to the judges many incidents where the love for money overbalanced that of woman. They also argued that most of the crimes are committed in the name of money.

Mr. Smith's basis in fact being the bible or this verse in the bible, "The love of money is the root of all evil." On the rejoinder a small counter debate was held over this one verse concerning whether the bible said, that the love of money is the root of all evil or a root of all evil. The participants in the debate became so interested that almost everyone took advantage of their constitutional right to speak for the third time. Like all good things the debate at last came to an end. The Judges retired and the critics report was read. The decision of the Judges was, The Affirmative side won, Mr. Ruffin having the best debate. We of the society are glad to know that the interest in our work both by members and by outsiders is growing by leaps and bound and that some day in the near future everyone in Louisburg will be proud to point out to visitors "The Matthew Davis Literary Society" a monument in itself to the great man whose name it bears.

MEMBER OF TENTH GRADE.

Kearney-Greene.

On Wednesday February 15th, at the noon hour a very impressive marriage ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. I. M. Greene, a prosperous farmer of the Epsom neighborhood, the contracting parties being Mr. David Lee Kearney, of Franklin county and Miss Ethel Gill Greene, of Epsom. Numerous friends of the contracting parties were in attendance and judging from the display of valuable presents such friendship must be of a substantial kind. The parlor was tastefully decorated with evergreens and gay flowers both natural and artificial and was lighted by Japanese lanterns which seemed to harmonize sanity and gaiety. The aisle of ribbon extending from the outer door to the altar was calculated to remind one of the extremely narrow way in which "man and wife" should walk and yet broad enough to exclude all selfishness. The marriage vow was administered by Rev. C. E. Newman, of Henderson. The ribbon girls were Misses Helen Wicker and Beth Fuller, neices of the bride. In the dining hall the effect was not only tasty but tasteful as well, constituting a feature of the occasion not to be overlooked. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Greene and is a young lady of lovable disposition. The groom is the son of the late Shem Kearney, of Franklin county, and manifest by his demeanor many of the sterling qualities of his puritan forefathers having already won for himself a reputation for keen business foresight and square dealings with his fellow man. In the afternoon the young couple boarded the north bound train for Lawrenceville,

Va., which will be their future home, for a while at least, departing amidst a shower of ice and a flood of good wishes.

THEIR FRIEND.

Still They Move.

J. P. Winston is moving his stock of goods from the W. P. Neal building on Main street to his store on Nash street formerly occupied by the Alston Co.

J. A. Turner has moved his family to his new residence on Main street.

Dr. A. H. Fleming has moved his dental parlors to the room under the hotel formerly occupied by a barber shop. He has recently had a lot of work done to this room and has converted it into a very neat and convenient office.

Mrs. Winston Entertains.

On Monday, "The Current Literature Club" spent a most charming afternoon with Mrs. John P. Winston in her home on North Main street.

The course of study now being "The Waverly Novels", the story of "Woodstock" was clearly outlined by the president, Mrs. T. W. Bickett; then followed a biographical sketch of Cromwell, prepared and read by Miss Allen, of Goldsboro, making more impressive the picture painted by Sir Walter in this thrilling romance.

The interest of all had become fully attuned to "The Ghost Story" which was read by Mrs. Robert H. Davis in such a manner as to make one feel the spooks were near; but ere the chill caused by the seeming proximity of these weird guests had abated, those present were called to the realization of more substantial things by the dainty and palatable refreshments placed before them; after partaking of which a book of ghost stories was presented to each by the gracious hostess, whose sparkling wit and appreciation of the humorous renders her a most desirable social condiment in all circles.

The programme for the entertainment of her guests could not have been more fittingly chosen, and all departed with regret, that the afternoon must be a memory, instead of a delightful anticipation.

Alert Items.

As I haven't seen anything from the old mountain hill lately I will send in a few items.

We are glad to say that Mr. Albert Pernell, who has been very sick is up again.

Mr. Roy Tharrington and Sidney Burnett, of Schloss, visited Mountain Grove Sunday School last Sunday.

The regular singing services were held at Mr. C. F. Faulkners last Sunday night.

Misses Rosa and Onnie Murray, of Schloss, spent last Sunday with their uncle, Mr. R. T. Tharrington.

Mrs. Ella Pernell had the misfortune of falling down stairs one day last week bruising her face up right bad.

Mr. Joe Hunt and Sidney Burnett were visitors at Mr. Jack Pernells last Sunday.

Misses Lessie Foster, of Laurel, and Susie Williams of Ingleside, teachers of Alert school, went to a big dance at Mrs. Nettie Faulkners on the fourteenth.

Sam Tharrington was a visitor at C. F. Faulkners last Tuesday night.

C. F. Faulkner, Eddie Merrit and Walter Pearce went turkey hunting one day last week. They had a nice hunt, killing a fine Turkey.

Miss Lelia Hale visited her friends Misses Annie and Essie Faulkner, last Sunday night.

Misses Annie and Essie Faulkner spent Tuesday evening with their cousin, Mrs. Melissie Burnett.

BLISS BELL.