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WAKE FARMERS SHOOT TO DEATH THEIR WIVES FOR UNKNOWN REASON

S. P. Shadrick Is In Jail a Gibbering Maniac.

CHARLEY DAVIS IS DRUNK

Shadrick Blew Half the Head Of His Wife Off and Put It In Stove—Slain Early on Monday—When the Sheriff Reached Shadrick's Home He Found the Man and His Children Sitting in the Kitchen Watching the Corpse.

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—Charles Davis is lying in Wake county jail paralyzed drunk and S. P. Shadrick is gibbering accounts of his domestic madness while neighbors are searching for any reason that led Davis, a farmer, and Shadrick, a tenant in northern Wake, to shoot to death their wives this morning.

Davis fired five pistol shots at his wife and three bullets went through her head. She was still living late this evening. Shadrick blew half the head of his wife off and it fell in a stove, he says. Others declare it was wrapped in paper and placed there. Davis has lain on the jail floor without twitching a muscle for 16 hours. Shadrick declares he shot his wife when he found a man with her."

Shadrick is a discharged inmate of the state hospital and, of course, there is nothing against his dead wife. He has gone crazy again. He is far above the average of the tenantry in intelligence and talks at times luminously. Mrs. Shadrick's people live near Mullins, S. C., he says. He has seen 16 living at home and a daughter three years old. The infant is named Neil Cropsey, after the Elizabeth City girl whose drowning sent Allen Wilcox to prison for 30 years.

The two farmers killed their wives early this morning. Nobody seems to have any light to throw on Davis, who has monkey run enough in him to make drunk every prisoner who breathes the maudorous fumes. The coroner went out 15 miles to the home of the sheriff and held an inquest over Mrs. Shadrick. The sheriff says it was necessary to batter in the door to enter the house. Shadrick, he says, was sitting in the kitchen with the children and watching the body.

Davis and his wife never had any trouble of which the neighbors knew. Shadrick was several months in the state hospital. He was not "right" this morning, he says. But he thought he was well when he left the hospital. He believed in his wife until he found her untrue, and he tells his fantastical story only to destroy it with another hallucination.

The sobering of Davis tomorrow may give some light on his affair, which has amazed the county beyond measure.

LATER

Charles Davis, recovering in Wake county jail from a stupor caused, it is thought, by excessive drinking after killing his wife Monday morning at their home in New Light Township committed suicide some time early Wednesday morning by hanging himself in his cell. In taking his own life Davis used his undershirt which he took off his body.

Found At 3:15

Tying the sleeves of the shirt around his neck and the base over a cross bar, he sank to the floor on his knees and was found in this condition by Charlie Patterson, a prisoner who together with three others, was attending to Davis' wants. The prisoners found the dead body at 3:15 o'clock and immediately notified Jailer Jordan, who in turn telephoned to Coroner Owens of the occurence.

In Care of Prisoners

Davis was last seen alive shortly after 11 o'clock when he walked up the front part of the row of cells presumably to see if all prisoners were asleep. Charlie Patterson told him to go back to his cell and then followed Davis to his bunk. Patterson, Cecil Pearce, Priestly Pearce, and George Lloyd were entrusted with the care of Davis' during his condition, and for two days and nights they administered medicine and other wants to Davis. They dozed at times and always went to Davis' cell when they awoke. It was about 3 o'clock when Patterson awoke and took a peep into Davis' cell to see if the prisoner was asleep. He discovered the gruesome sight of the dead body.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SUNDAY.

The regular service at St. Paul's church will be Morning Prayer and Sermon and Administration of Holy Communion at 11 A. M., the rector Rev. N. Collin Hughes, officiating. All are cordially welcomed.

METHODIST CHURCH.

We are requested to state thas there will be services at the Methodist church at the usual hours on next Sunday. Pastor Smith extends a special invitation to everybody to attend these services.

LITTLE HELEN HUDSON DEAD.

Little Helen Holmes, the four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hudson died early Monday morning at their home on Church street after a short illness from pneumonia. The funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. T. D. Collins, and the interment was made in Oaklawn cemetery. Large numbers of relatives and friends attended both services. Special selections were sweetly sung by a choir at the home. May God's purest Angels guard her slumbers.

Only the memory of the lovely child is left yet how sweet, how uplifting its influence. For, after all, death is but the slipping off of the outer body. The taking away of this child has left a sad home, but the memories thereof can fancy her awaiting them in the place prepared for her, a little apart from the innumerable company in bright array; perhaps in one of the

"—Palaces of Ivory
Its windows crystal clear."

of which old Bonar quaintly sung. In the light, not of the sun, neither of the moon, we see her beyond the fields of fadeless asphodel, under the waiving palms, beside the still waters bordered with silver lillies. These may be merely figures, but they bear a precious meaning to yearning hearts made for the deep household loves; hearts that will not be comforted because the Angel of the House is missing.

"Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom
A shadow on those features fair and thin;
And softly, from that hushed and darkened room
Two Angels issued where but one Went in."

The sympathy of the entire community is extended the bereaved family in this their sad hour.

The pallbearers were: Active—H. W. Perry, S. C. Holden, W. D. Egerton, F. W. Hicks. Honorary—B. T. Holden, J. P. Timberlake.

The floral tribute was profuse and beautiful completely covering the new made mound with the most beautiful of flowers.

MR. C. D. HALE DEAD.

Mr. Charles Devinne Hale, son of Mr. George S. Hale, died at his home on Middle Street in Louisburg on Saturday night after an attack of pneumonia in his twenty-third year. He leaves to survive him a young wife and little child besides his father, mother and a number of relatives and friends. Mr. Hale was a consistent and faithful member of Louisburg Baptist church. He was a young man of strong character and possessed a personality that won the confidence of those in whom he came in contact.

The funeral was held from Central Baptist church at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. T. D. Collins, of the Louisburg Baptist church. The little church was crowded with sorrowing friends of the family. The interment was made in the church cemetery nearby. The pallbearers were T. W. Ruffin, L. J. Pernell, S. Z. Downey, Lee Strickland, Myron Pleasants, Arthur Goswick.

The bereaved family and parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

P. S. & K. K. ALLEN BUYS PICTURE SHOW

B. D. Pridgen and Family Goes Back To Wilson.

On last Saturday the Star Theatre changed hands the second time within about sixty days, this time Messrs. P. S. & K. K. Allen, the original owners who sold to Mr. B. D. Pridgen about sixty days ago, purchasing it back. Mr. Pridgen, not being satisfied with the amount of business, a falling off of which was caused by the heavy drop in prices for farm products and too on account of his wife's health, decided to return to his former home in Wilson.

Messrs. Allen informs the TIMES that they will close the Theatre indefinitely—probably opening again in Spring.

JUDGE PRITCHARD IN HOSPITAL VERY SICK

His Friends Are Worried Over His Condition—Confined To Bed For a Week.

Asheville, Nov. 29.—Friends here are worried about the condition of Judge Josiah W. Pritchard, presiding officer of the United States circuit court of appeals for the fourth circuit, who was today removed to the Mission hospital. Judge Pritchard has been ill for some time but had sufficiently recovered to be able to get out, until about a week ago when he was again confined to his bed.

His condition grew worse and he has now been taken to the hospital, where he will receive treatment. It was stated at the hospital tonight that he is resting easier but it was understood that he is very sick.

Potatoes on the farms are said to be crying their eyes out because they lack transportation facilities for getting to the city to view the sights.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TOBACCO GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

Called to Meet To Get Association in Working Condition—Every Tobacco Grower in County Urged To Attend.

The Franklin County Tobacco Growers Association has been called to meet in the Court House in Louisburg on Tuesday, December 14th, 1920 at 11 o'clock by District Agent T. D. McLean, who will assist the members to perfect their organization. This action is in keeping with the adjournment of the Franklin County Association, as Mr. McLean is an official of the State Organization and will bring directly to Franklin County the plans and opinions of the State meeting. To this meeting not only all the members are expected to attend, but every tobacco grower in Franklin County, every land owner who allows tobacco to be raised on his land, every merchant and every banker are urged to be present. The letter of Mr. McLean follows:

Aberdeen, N. C.
Nov. 27, 1920.

Dear Sir:

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association has ordered a meeting to be called for Franklin County on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Louisburg, for the purpose of furthering the organization of the Tobacco Growers Association of Franklin County.

I have been appointed to attend this meeting and to explain the purpose of the organization, and to encourage its completion at as early date as possible. I am a tobacco grower myself, and this organization appeals to me as the only way by which we may first control the production of tobacco and afterwards provide a better system of marketing, so that the cost of production and a reasonable profit may be obtained by the farmers for the tobacco crop.

We have no County Agent at present in your County, but we are going to place one there as soon as a competent man can be found. We expect to require him to assist the farmers in every way possible not only in the production of crops etc., but in providing for marketing as well.

Please see this meeting on Dec. 14 all the publicity possible and have all of the farmers who are not already members of the Association, if possible, to attend the meeting. We want to organize the last tobacco grower in North Carolina. Wherever we go, you may expect to see improvements made in marketing the crop.

BOUND OVER TO COURT.

Reuben Hagwood, Clay Hagwood and Carl Hagwood were given a hearing in Louisburg on Wednesday evening of last week before squire B. L. Perry, of Bunn, charged with breaking into J. H. Weathers store and the theft of shoes. Clay and Carl Hagwood submitted and were placed under bonds of $5,000.00 each. Reuben Hagwood waived examination and was placed under a bond of $3,000.00. Failing to give the bonds all defendants were placed in jail to await the January term of Franklin Superior Court.

What has become of the old-fashioned manifest destinarian who thought that America would eventually annex all the world.

NEW BAPTIST PASTOR

Rev. W. R. Burrell, of Williamston, Becomes Pastor of Louisburg Baptist Church and Will Preach Sunday.

Rev. W. R. Burrell, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Williamston, and who has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Louisburg Baptist Church to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. T. D. Collins, who has accepted the position of Secretary to the Wake Forest College Alumnae, will arrive in Louisburg this week to take up his duties. A message from Dr. Burrell stated that his furniture was shipped Wednesday and that he would be in Louisburg in time to conduct services Sunday. He expects to bring his family to Louisburg as soon as his household goods arrive.

Rev. T. D. Collins moved his family and household goods to Wake Forest, his new home, on Tuesday. He and his good wife take with them the best wishes of the many friends they made during their stay in Louisburg.

BIG HOGS.

Among the number of big hogs killed in Franklin County and reported to us the past week were the following:

W. L. May, Harris township, four weighing 384, 374, 360, 320.

CHANGES SCHEDULE.

The Louisburg Branch of the Seaboard Air Line Railway has put on a change in schedule, becoming effective on last Monday. The change only effects the morning trip however—the latter two trips remaining the same. Instead of 8:30 as heretofore the first train leaves Louisburg at 10 o'clock in the morning, returning at 11:45 instead of 10:20.

AT NEW HOPE.

There will be a Box Party at New Hope Academy on Friday night, Dec. 10th. We assure you a good time so come and bring somebody else with you. Proceeds go for the benefit of the school. The public is cordially invited. Don't forget the place and time. New Hope, Friday night, Dec. 10.

Mr. R. L. Whitaker visited Henderson Tuesday.

LOUISBURG STILL LEADS.

From information given The Times man Wednesday by farmers and warehousement the Louisburg Tobacco Market still leads in high prices, as the instances related below will show:

A farmer reported a sale to us in Louisburg Wednesday bringing $275.00. This same tobacco was sold on another market for $205.00.

Another instance reported to us that a farmer selling a load of tobacco in Louisburg on the same day for $122.00 that was sold the day before on another market for $82.06.

Still another instance where a grower moved a lot of tobacco from another market in Louisburg and sold Wednesday got 12 cents a pound more on one lot and 7 cents a pound more on another lot.

These facts speak for themselves and can be verified at the Louisburg Tobacco Warehouses.

ALL HONOR TO THE 30TH DIVISION.

On Friday and Saturday nights of last week, the public was accorded a rare privilege, in being allowed to see pictures showing something of the work of the 30th Div. in France. First let me say that we had a real treat in the music furnished by Miss Ruth Hall and Mr. Berkley, and we enjoyed it to the fullest.

In the pictures we were made to realize, as perhaps we had never done before the inestimable value of the cinema in making history and our hearts were thrilled with pride to know that, among these heroes on the screen, were our own boys of North Carolina and of old Franklin. And through the coming years, they shall live not only in memory, but in the sight of all who shall look upon these films.

We are proud that the world should look upon these men, for we saw no haggards in these troops, no skulking, or shirking, they were not driven by force to do their duty either with rifle and pack or with pick and shovel, on the tiresome march or in the comfortless trenches, as they moved to the deadly battleline, or as they tenderly lifted and carefully bore their wounded and dying comrades. In many there was a reckless nonchalance that laughed at danger in some a set determination that would not flinch in the hour of peril, and in all there appeared to be a spirit of cheerfulness, an utter absence of sulkiness or discontent. Even after "seventeen days in the trenches," we saw, in the pictured faces, no sign of unhappiness. And we are so glad that some of these boys could be recognized by their friends. One was especially plain, he was a boyish looking fellow a private I think, and I can imagine how the hearts of those, who loved him, must have throbbed when they saw, beneath the battered helmet that he wore, that his eyes could still hold their brave, sunny smile.

When the familiar figure of our townsman, Major Boddie was flashed upon the screen, the cheering and applause were spontaneous, but we remembered with heartache that he was soon to pass through an ordeal of most intense suffering, for the picture was dated Sept. 28th, and we think that was the day on which he was so terribly wounded.

We would have these men of Franklin know that we honor and love them for the part they played in the World War, and, as time goes by, we will understand more and more fully our indebtedness to them for the glorious history they have made for their native County. And for those dear boys whose sacrifice was supreme, whose hearts are lying pulseless 'neath the poppies and lilies of France—their "glory shall never fade," and they shall live in our hearts forever.

A Daughter of the D. D. C.

FIRE SATURDAY NIGHT.

The home of Major Stegall, a colored barber in Louisburg, was burned on Saturday night with a total loss of building and contents of about $2,000.00, with no insurance.

The house was located about three or four hundred yards back of the colored Baptist church near the Graded school, and is supposed to have caught from rats and matches. The alarm was turned in about 11:30 o'clock and the fire department answered promptly, but could not save the building.

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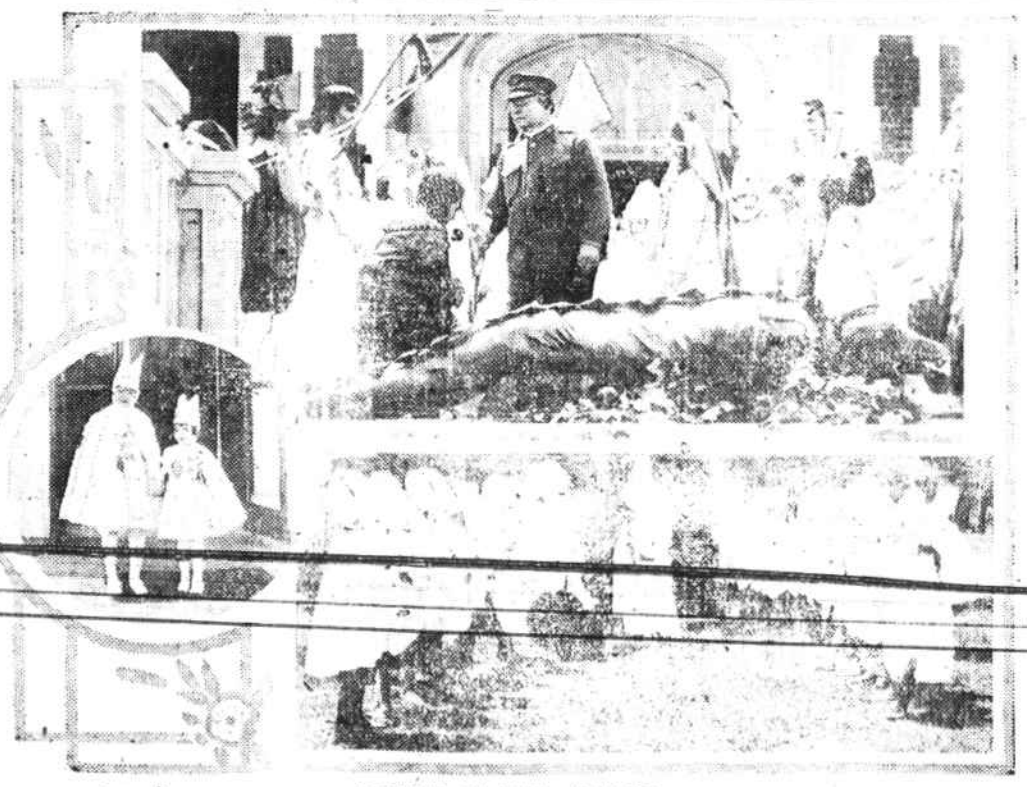

KNIGHTS OF GOOD HEALTH

Seventy thousand North Carolina school children are learning to be Modern Health Crusaders. By cleanliness, proper care of the body, and correct knowledge of health, they are slaying the dragon of disease.

The Sale of Tuberculosis Chrristmas Seals provides funds to organize and teach these children. They will make the health of the next generation.

WHITAKER'S GIN BURNS

BIG FIRE IN LOUISBURG FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Damage to Building, Machinery and Cotton About $8,000.00—No Insurance—Matches Left By Gamblers.

Louisburg was thoroughly aroused on Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock by the fire alarm announcing the fact that Whitaker's gin just across the river was ablaze and burning rapidly. Large crowds gathered to assist in saving the large amount of cotton under the shed while the Fire Department, which was promptly on the job, proceeded to extinguish the flames. At one time this looked almost impossible but the firemen fought with a bull dog tenacity which soon resulting in drawing the flames under control, although the entire top was ablaze when they arrived on the scene. In a short time the fire department had smothered the fire, leaving the framing intact, though damaged by the fire. Practically all the machinery was in the second story, in which the fire started and is a total loss. The fire was confined practically entirely to the second story in which it originated. The origin is supposed to have been matches in cotton as they were ginning cotton that had been stored in the gin and had found cards and other evidences of gambling buried in the cotton. The property is owned by Mr. L. L. Whitaker and was not insured. The loss is estimated at about $8,000.00.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL.

The Fourth Red Cross Roll Call has been on now for three weeks. Posters everywhere have advertised it, ministers have announced it from their pulpits and the newspapers have given it wide publicity. In many places it has been a reasonable success; in Louisburg it has been a reasonable success, but not what it should have been.

Our Chapter decided not make a single personal appeal, and so far this has not been done. Practically every one in the town and county know the Red Cross and what it stands for, and they know that its peace time program is as important as its war program was. Because of this and also because our people have been solicited for so many causes we felt it was up to them to decide.

Besides the great work being done all over our country, in a general way by the Red Cross, half of every dollar you contribute is being spent right here at home for charitable purposes. During the past year more than $500 has been spent by this organization in the county for assistance to needy and worthy people. The cases have been varied and too many to enumerate. At the present time we are having a bright and promising young man restored to health at Sanatorium. He has left a wife and two small children at home to whom his health means everything. In August a poor man and a stranger in our midst fell sick. A kind doctor and neighbors did all they could, but when it was found he had to go to a hospital, (because of your past generosity) the Red Cross was ready with available funds to send him. Two worthy families were found that because of unexpected losses could not send their children to school for lack of proper clothing. The children were given good warm garments by this Chapter and since then they have attended regularly. The oldest boy of a widowed mother had his right arm infected during the spring, and consequently it was useless for several months. Necessary bandages, dressings, etc, were furnished the health officer, and in connection with the Public Welfare office assistance of every kind was given this family until the boy was able to work again. These are only a few of the many instances in which the Red Cross has met the community needs, and all these cases are aside from the great work done during the influenza epidemic last winter.

It is not too late for you to renew your membership. You will not be approached and asked to join.—It is a matter of conscience. Can you afford not to give a dollar to become an active agent for good in your town, state and nation? See any of the following officers at once and renew your membership for the coming year.

Mrs. J. A. Turner, Chairman.
Mrs. H. H. Johnson, Vice-Chair.
Mrs. H. S. Clifton, Treasurer.
Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Secretary.

A Dissimilarity.

Love, said the ready-made philosopher, is a lottery.

I can't see it that way, commented Miss Cayenne. A lottery never leaves so many people in doubt as to whether they have won or lost.

The Feminine Way.

I guessed from the way the girl was using the deaf and dumb sign language that she was happy.

I suppose she was telling a secret she had on hand.

Necessity may be the mother of invention, but people manage always in some way to invent a way to get the luxuries.