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## A Monstrous Crime—The Law or The Mob?

Charlotte Observer.

As the details of the event at Salisbury Monday night are unfolded, the greater appears the enormity of the crime there and then committed. Memory does not recall another time in North Carolina when defendants were taken out of the hands of a court in which they were being tried and visited with death. The apology offered for some lynchings is that so many murderers escape conviction that the people have lost confidence in the courts. No such excuse can be offered in this instance. These defendants were without friends or influence to help them to defeat justice. The people of Rowan know well the judge who was sitting on the case—they had voted for him a number of times; they had heard him as solicitor prosecuting criminals; their votes had helped him to that office and to elevate him to the bench; they know that he is able and upright. The solicitor had prosecuted in their courts for more than four years. His associates in this case are their own fellow-citizens, members of the Salisbury bar, and their case had been most carefully prepared. The jurors are their fellow-countymen, presumably intelligent men and regardful of their oath. What possible chance of escape from death, if guilty, had these defendants? No truthful man will claim that there was one in ten thousand. No prompting of the murder, other than pure wantonness, can be conceived. Apology or excuse for it there is none. Our State may be taxed with lawlessness, with contempt for law and authority, with barbarism, and we must be dumb. We stand naked before our enemies. To this extent the affair is the concern of us all, for the great public, contemplating and recoiling from the recital, will remember not Salisbury, not Rowan county, but North Carolina. We wish there were a peg upon which to hang an excuse for the crime but there is not. We wish it could be said that the defendants were guilty but the evidence against them was so shadowy that they could not have been convicted; that they were so rich and powerful that their influence could have paralyzed the arm of Justice, but not so; that if they had been convicted it was certain that they would have been pardoned, but no; that if convicted their friends would have rescued them between conviction and execution day; but that will not do. The fact stands out and is indisputable that but for the work of the mob these negroes, or such of them as were guilty, would have died at the hands of the law within thirty days. The demands of justice would have been fulfilled and no man would have imbrued felonious hands in their blood. Everybody knows this. Then why the lynching except the pre-eminence of the criminal instinct in those who made the mob? No subterfuge will cover the case. It is an instance of wholly unjustifiable blood guiltiness. If Lord Pembroke had lived this day he might have done this tragedy as he did of the doing to death of the young Prince Arthur.

"All murders passed, do stand excused in this."

It is not our business to undertake to place the responsibility for it, if any one failed in his duty. Governor Glenn is being criticised on account of it. It is but fair to say that he is not guilty. He cannot order out troops, except upon call, for occasions of this kind. But it was a time for troops and for troops who would shoot to some purpose. There is a man in command of those at Salisbury now who would have avorted the lynching Monday night by the adoption of simple method which would have converted the purpose of the members of the mob to take the lives of the prisoners into a purpose to save their own. This they would have done by flight. Fifteen or more years ago a mob threatened the jail at Birmingham, Ala., with intent to lynch a prisoner. The sheriff repeatedly warned it but it would not heed. He told it his deputies would shoot unless it dispersed, but it would not disperse. The deputies did shoot and sixteen of the assaulting party fell dead. There was no lynching. Very dreadful it was, to be sure; but desperate diseases demand desperate remedies.

Nobody cared anything for the negroes lynched at Salisbury. Nobody cares if they are dead.

But for the moment the majesty of the law was by chance incarnated in them. Except incidentally it was not a question as to whether or not they should live but a question as to whether the law or the mob should reign in Rowan. This is of all the gravest questions now before the county, especially before the South, specifically before North Carolina. Shall we have the courts or the mob mete out justice for us? If the latter, whose life is safe? If the latter, then is anarchy in full bloom among us. It will not do to try to laugh or wave aside or to whistle down the wind this event of Monday night because its victims were guilty negroes, for this is a solemn period in the life of North Carolina, and men of serious minds should take account of the fact and become impressed with the gravity of the situation.

## "Vox Populi" For Col. McLean.

To the Editor of The Robesonian.

I have seen in the last two issues of your paper, communications from Reel Springs and White House townships advocating Col. Neill Archie McLean for the State Senate from Robeson county. The suggestion is most excellent one. Col. McLean is one of the ablest men in the State and Robeson county can do herself and also the whole State a great service by sending her able and popular son to Raleigh to represent the people in the Legislative body. Other counties in the State are sending their best men to the Legislature and these counties and the State of North Carolina are gainers by it. Let Robeson send Col. McLean to the Senate and she will be the gainer. It has been suggested that he will not be willing to make the sacrifice to his business, that will be necessary in order to accept the place. I have not talked with him on the subject, but I have confidence enough in his loyalty to the people of Robeson to believe that if the convention will nominate him, of its own accord, he will accept the nomination and serve his people, even if it is some business sacrifice to him. He may not want the place, but that makes it more important to the people that he should be nominated. I have often heard judges say that the best jurors were those who did not want to serve. It is equally true as to members of the Legislature. The Scotch in the upper end of the county, from whence he and his ancestors came, are demanding his services, and all the people in the lower end of the county, irrespective of class or creed, are calling for him, and he is not the man to ignore the call of his friends. Let us all with one accord select him to head the Legislature ticket, and when the convention meets, nominate him unanimously.

## "VOX POPULI"

Rowland, N. C.

## Mr. Fisher for the House.

To the Democratic Voters of Robeson County:

At the solicitation of many of my friends I have decided to be a candidate before the Democratic county Convention for re-nomination to a seat in the house of Representatives in the next general assembly of North Carolina. If nominated and elected I pledge myself to the best of my ability to walk and work for the best interest of my fellow citizens of Robeson county and the State of North Carolina. I am in favor of such legislation as will prevent rich corporations from oppressing the people by unjust discrimination and oppressive rates. I will not favor any backward step in temperance legislation, but will at all times read and vote in favor of further restricting the liquor traffic.

Thanking my fellow citizens for the honor conferred on me two years ago I respectfully submit my claims for your due consideration. Respectfully,  
GEO. C. FISHER,  
Alfordville township.

## Social.

Miss Cammie McNeill entertained Thursday evening in honor of Miss Jennie Evans, of Fayetteville, the guest of Miss Leslie Proctor. Among those who spent a most pleasant evening with Miss McNeill were: Misses Jennie Evans, Leslie Proctor, Banks Ingram, Jean Hutchinson, Courtney Nunn, Flora Wishart, Sadie Harrison, Agnes McLean and Virginia Whitfield; Messrs. Walt Bethune, J. C. Fuller, S. F. Caldwell, C. P. McAllister, R. M. Norment, Jr., Elwood Whaley, David Fuller, Wallace Norment, Norwood Nunn, Douglas McLean and Eugene Aydtette.

## Maxton Notes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The Maxton Guards returned from the encampment at Morehead City on the 8th inst. The boys all report having a fine time and the company made a record of which they might well be proud of.

Misses Mabel Wooten and Minnie McNair spent several days in Bennettsville last week with friends.

Mr. A. T. McLean, of Lumberton, spent a day in town recently.

Mr. Ernest Wooten has gone to Raleigh, where he is taking a business course. When he completes the course he expects to go to Camden, where he will accept a position.

Mr. Dan McKinnon and Mr. L. McKinnon, wife and child, who have been visiting here for some time, returned to their respective homes in Florida Tuesday.

Messrs. Hector McLean and J. G. McCormick left Tuesday afternoon for Tate Springs, Tenn., where they will stay for some time.

Mr. W. S. McNair is at Jackson Springs this week.

Dr. J. D. Croon, Jr., returned last Wednesday from Jackson Springs, where he has been for several days.

Miss Bessie McNair left Wednesday night for Lumberton, where she will visit friends.

Miss Clarkie Belle McNair returned home Tuesday afternoon from Kinston, where she has been attending a house party at the home of Miss Sallie Shaw.

Prof. A. S. Webb has returned to the city and is busy making preparations for the fall opening of the school.

Mrs. Judge Hammond, of Thomasville, Ga., is here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Frank Moss and children, of Washington, N. C., are here this week visiting at the home of Mr. J. A. McLean.

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## Ashpole News Letter.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Miss Alice Grantham, of Iona, is spending the week with relatives in town.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Jones is suffering with a severe attack of exzema.

Little Misses Gaynell and Myrtle Barnes, of Barnesville, spent last week with Mrs. R. A. Pitman.

Mrs. Neal Smith is visiting her father, Mr. Frank Lewis, on the Lumberton road.

Capt. Clyde Devane's charming young sister is visiting him.

D. W. Galloway and family returned home from Smithfield last week.

Mr. T. F. Reeves attended the funeral of Joab Burch at Durham last week. Mr. Burch's untimely death is greatly lamented by many friends here. He was the most popular buyer who was ever on this tobacco market.

A crowd from here attended a picnic at Pages Mills last Friday.

We understand that Messrs. Milton Thompson, Archie Griffin and Gus Mitchell will build homes in town this fall. They will all be welcome citizens.

Dr. Brown leaves Saturday for a two-weeks stay in the mountains of North Carolina, Hendersonville being his main stop.

Mr. G. T. Rouse has had the great pleasure of a visit from his mother, sister, brother and cousin—last week. They are from Duplin county.

We are all proud of our new post office.

Ashpole, N. C., Aug. 11th.

## W. J. McLeod for House of Representatives.

To The Editor.

In looking over the good material suitable to represent the grand old State of Robeson in the next general assembly I don't think there is a better man to be had than that good old Scotchman, Mr. W. J. McLeod, of Red Springs. It will be remembered that he was very prominent before the last convention, missing the nomination by, I think only one vote. The writer has never in his life spoken to this gentleman on the subject but knows something of the man and believes that with his energy, ability, broad mind and good judgment, will represent Robeson county in a manner that will be an honor to himself and satisfactory to her entire citizenship. Britts Township. Voter.

## Marlboro in Robeson.

Fee Dee Advocate.

Saturday morning, August 5th, the writer, accompanied by his friend, T. C. Weatherly, the efficient bookkeeper for the McColl-Weatherly Co., and the untiring Sunday school worker, left Bennettsville for Lumber Bridge, Robeson county, N. C., 18 miles this side of Fayetteville, for the purpose of attending a union picnic, in the interest of education and Sunday school work.

The picnic was held at Rex schoolhouse on the Wilson A. C. L. short cut, two miles from Lumber Bridge. Miss McDuffie, a beautiful and most highly accomplished Scotch lady, is the teacher of this school. Our friends, Messrs. A. O'Tuel and Ellis Stubbs, also were of the Marlboro contingent.

Three years ago Mr. Joseph Breeden, of the Bethel section, noticed a plantation being advertised for sale, near Lumber Bridge. He went down to see it, and purchased the entire 600 acres, which is better land than any of the fine land in the Moore or Adamsville sections. One year later Mr. Joseph T. Odom visited this section, and being so favorably impressed, induced Messrs. Dudley Odom, Julius Odom, Phillip E. Odom and Pat O'Tuel to move down there. Messrs. Breeden, Joe Odom, Dudley Odom, Julius Odom and Phillip E. Odom have divided this large six or seven hundred acre tract between themselves, nearly all freshly cleared land, have built new comfortable residences, and indeed now own valuable and productive and beautiful farms.

Rex school house is two miles from Lumber Bridge. Brother Weatherly and myself were met at the depot by friend Joe T. Odom and rapidly conveyed over the elegant roads to the academy, the place of the picnic. A very large crowd was present, and the entire assemblage were almost one solid body of "Mac's."

The McIntyres, McDuffies, McGougans, McDonalds, Shaws, Monroes and all the other Macs. I never saw a more orderly audience, never saw people pay better attention to public speaking. A long public table had been prepared, on which the ample and superabundance of provisions were placed, and I know that enough provisions were carried away to have fed a similar crowd. They have about 50 pupils at this school, and this is the place patronized by all of our Marlboro people, who have formed a little colony of their own.

At 11:30 J. P. Gibson, who had been invited to deliver an educational address, was introduced by the Superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. Hall, and for fifty minutes talked modern education, after which dinner was served. Free and large quantities of ice cold refreshments were dispensed to all present. After dinner, friend Weatherly gave one of his characteristic good Sunday school addresses—he can get down among the children, and has a "winning way" of causing all the "Scotch women" to fall in love with him. His speech was most appropriate.

I spent Saturday night with friend Joe T. Odom, and took dinner on Sunday with friend Joseph Breeden, all of them are doing well. Joe Odom has nearly 300 acres of as fine land as you will find anywhere in Marlboro, his cotton crop is equal to any yet seen in Marlboro; while those of Joe Breeden, Dudley Odom, Phillip E., and Julius Odom are also equal anything seen in Marlboro this year. Dudley has cotton in five foot rows, as high as my head, in places "lapping up" in the rows, Pat O'Tuel is on Elijah Gibson's place of 400 acres, and has a magnificent farm and elegant crop.

Since the Marlboro boys went to Robeson, lands have advanced 50 per cent. Birch Newton, Hector Newton, Breckinridge Gibson, Walter Gibson, Charlie Usher and several others from our section have settled in that locality of Robeson county and are doing well. My friend Joe T. Odom has one of the finest places I ever saw, and today can get double what he paid for his place two years ago. They all are well satisfied. Arthur Breeden, Mr. Joe Breeden's son, recently married a beautiful young lady, a daughter of Mr. Hall, of Lumber Bridge. She is intelligent, refined and accomplished. My visit was a revelation. I enjoyed it hugely, and am anxious to go again. We all returned to Marlboro Sunday night.

Respectfully,  
J. P. Gibson.

## Mr. Bruce Morrison Dead.

Fee Dee Advocate.

"Bruce Morrison just fell dead" was the sad news that spread rapidly here about 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening, coming as a distinct shock to his friends and relatives.

Mr. Morrison had left the main part of town a few minutes before, in company with two of his friends. The latter left him at the opera house corner and he went to the artesian well in the hollow. On his return from the well Mr. Morrison walked by the jail and was walking along the street a few yards from the jail when the sudden summons came. In a few minutes the sad intelligence of his death had spread over town and his friends hurried there to find his lifeless body lying across the sidewalk. It was removed to his home.

Mr. R. Bruce Morrison was a son of the late J. H. Morrison, who died a few years ago. Besides his mother, three brothers—Messrs. Howard, Archie and Frank Morrison—and a sister, Mrs. Geo. French, survive. Mr. Morrison had a bright mind. He took an academic course at Davidson College, after which he studied law at the University law school at Chapel Hill, and secured license to practice law. He opened an office in Lumberton and practiced here about five years. For the past year he had done little practice.

Mr. Morrison had many friends. He was about thirty years old and took great interest in the social life of the town. During the past week he was present at several social gatherings and took an enjoyable part.

The funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the Baptist church. The interment followed in the Lewis graveyard. The attendance at the exercises was large.

## Mr. McRae Will Accept.

Mr. Editor:

I desire through the medium of your valuable paper to inform my friends throughout the County of Robeson that while I am not a candidate in the sense of seeking the nomination, yet if the Democrats in Convention assembled at Lumberton on Sept. 6th next, see proper to nominate me for State Senator from this county I will gratefully accept the honor; and do hereby pledge my best and most faithful services to my entire constituency. I stand for all that is Democratic, and for all that tends to the greatest good to the greatest number of people.

More I do not deem it necessary to say at this time. For the success of Democracy and all its attending blessing I am

Yours truly,  
E. F. McRae.  
Maxton, N. C., Aug. 11th.

## Mrs. Correll Entertains.

Mrs. R. E. L. Correll was "At Home" Thursday evening from 9 to 12 o'clock complimentary to her guests, Misses Tedder and McQueen. The following account of the reception is from the Lumberton Social correspondence of the Charlotte Observer:

Beautiful ferns and other pot plants, combined with Japanese lanterns, made a most pleasing effect. The invited guests were: Misses Ethel Williams, Nettie Beverly, Pearl Cobb, Virginia Whitfield, Rebecca Ward, Gean Hutchinson; Messrs. E. J. Britt, Dennis W. Biggs, Dr. F. D. Castlebury, Charles McAllister, Woodie Lenoan, John Fuller, Edmund Ward, F. P. Gray, Walton Bethune, P. A. Bryant and Lester Rivers.

The contest for the evening was a guessing of characters—each person having a name of some prominent character pinned upon his or her back and they were recognized by the questions or remarks which would suggest the correct answer. This was a little difficult, but finally there was a tie between Miss Tedder and Mr. Edmund Ward. Mr. Ward presented the prize to Miss Tedder. The booty was awarded to Mr. F. P. Gray. The dainty refreshments, consisting of fruit-cream, nabisco wafers and cocoa-nut macaroons were thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Correll is always a charming hostess and has the pleasure of her guests foremost. She is very popular with the young people. Misses Tedder and McQueen have made many acquaintances during their short visit and it is hoped that they will be frequent visitors to Lumberton.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

The National Cotton Mills let the contract for their steam plant last week.

A party or parties have rented the old Columbia hotel and will open it to the public soon.

Two more candidates announce themselves in this issue—Mr. E. F. McRae for the Senate, and Mr. G. C. Fisher for the House.

The farmer's picnic at Ten Mile church will be Friday, 24th, instead of Saturday, 25th, as announced in our Thursday's issue.

The report of Treasurer J. A. McAllister of the monument fund shows that \$1,631.75 has been subscribed, \$495.25 of which has been paid in.

Deputy Sheriff Barker went to Cheraw, S. C., and returned here Friday with Lawrence Alford, charged with killing Ed McKeller, as told in our last issue.

There was a fair crowd at the picnic at Dial's grove, five miles from town, Thursday. The speakers were Messrs. R. W. Livermore and Hamilton McMillan.

Mr. J. Pope Stephens returned from Fayetteville Saturday night where he has been employed on the N. C. Baptist. His friends are glad to welcome him back.

The town commissioners met Thursday and revoked the order granting the Seaboard Air Line railway privilege to remodel or rebuild their station with wood.

The county commissioners are in session today. Among other business before the board will be the election of a superintendent of roads to succeed Mr. Allen.

Miss May Moore, of Warsaw, Duplin county, has accepted a position as stenographer with Messrs. McLean, McLean & McCormick. She began work yesterday.

Mr. H. P. Kesley, of Boston, Mass., a landscape architect, is here to confer with the committee appointed by the town board in regard to laying out the new cemetery.

Mr. W. M. Warwick, of Allenton, left Saturday morning, accompanied by his family, for Charlotte, where he will reside in the future. He has accepted a position with the Southern railway.

Will Wall, colored, prompted by too much liquor, was doing promiscuous cursing around the depot Sunday. Policeman Floyd arrested him and started to the calaboose with him. On the way Wall broke to run but was recaptured. His home is in Kingsdale.

At a meeting of the board of trade Friday night the matter of a road from here to Bladen county by the most direct route was discussed. An amount sufficient to construct the road is practically secured and it is expected to undertake the work before long.

The injunction proceedings of the L. T. Cottingham Lumber Co. vs. the Board of County Commissioners, which were to be heard by Judge W. R. Allen at Goldsboro tomorrow, have been continued on the absence of the judge. The lumber company alleges that the commissioners are trying to break a contract with it and has instituted proceedings to prevent it. The action is in regard to the county convicts.

A party of young people from Lumberton spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. B. Stansel, at Allenton, Friday. Those in the party were: Dr. John Knox and Miss Mary G. McNeill; Mr. R. McAllister and Miss Cammie McNeill; Mr. J. C. Fuller and Miss Leslie Proctor; Mr. Bunyan Stansel and Miss Jennie Evans, of Fayetteville; Mr. R. M. Norment, Jr., and Miss Virginia Whitfield; Mr. C. P. McAllister and Miss Jean Hutchinson.

Mr. A. W. McLean brings us an opened boll of cotton that was pulled from his farm near town. Mr. McLean says that the cotton on the land from which this boll was pulled will not make more than 300 or 400 pounds of seed cotton to the acre this year. The same land yielded a bale to the acre the past year. From all reports there will be a general falling off in the cotton yield this year. There has been an excess of rain and the farmers have had very little chance to work their crops as they should be.

## Col. McLean for the Senate.

To the Editor.

The next session of the legislature will be the most important held in this State in many years. This county being the largest, and one of the wealthiest in the State, is entitled to have some influence in shaping legislation. In order to accomplish this end, Robeson should send some man who is not only a good speaker, but one who is familiar with the custom and usages of legislative bodies, and one who above all else, has a large and wide acquaintance with men of public affairs in this State. This would result in giving our county prominence and place her in the position to which she is entitled.

I know of no man in the county better equipped to fill these requirements than Col. N. A. McLean. An ex-senator, a profound lawyer, a courteous gentleman, an eloquent orator, widely acquainted with bench and bar and public men throughout the State—he is the ideal man for this position. Let us nominate him unanimously. He is not a candidate as I am informed, but I do not think he could well decline this honor if the people wish him to have it. "Public Opinion."

Ashpole, N. C., R. F. D. Aug. 10, 06.

## News Items From Boardman.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. T. C. Howell left last week for Ivanhoe, where he has accepted a position in the telegraph office.

Miss Ruth Williamson, of Evergreen, visited her sister, Mrs. F. M. Stephens, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ira Burney returned to her work here last week after spending some time at home.

Mr. R. Frank Covington is all smiles. "It is a girl."

Mrs. Geo. Carpenter and little son Ralph, of Vineland, are visiting Mr. R. W. Carpenter.

Mrs. L. P. Belongia went to Ashpole last week to visit her mother, Mrs. Ashley.

Mr. and Mrs. George McDaniel attended Mr. E. J. Britt's sale last week.

We are glad to see Mr. A. H. Williams in our little town again. His many friends are glad to give him a good handshake when he returns.

Mr. A. S. Holden, the Mutual Benefit man, called in this town a few days ago.

Miss Correna Williamson has resigned her position with Mr. F. M. Stephens and accepted a position as stenographer for Evergreen Lumber Co., at Evergreen.

Mrs. W. E. Stone made a flying trip to Ashpole Wednesday.

Mrs. C. S. Case of Chadbourne, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Nance, this week.

Mr. N. C. Stubbs spent a few days in Lumberton this week.

We were glad to have one of our old Sunday school members, Little Miss Agnes Britt, of Evergreen was in Sunday school last Sunday.

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## Teachers for Barkers School.

We learn that arrangements have been made with Miss Bertha Lakey and a Miss Cooper, of Surry county, to take charge of Barker's High School. They will teach all the branches necessary to be taught in the school. Miss Lakey has attended Trinity College and Miss Cooper has attended the Greensboro Normal School.

Miss Lakey's mother will have charge of the dormitory, and school will open on Monday September 10th. These ladies all come highly recommended by Prof. J. H. Allen, county superintendent of public schools of Surry County.

## Run-away Marriage.

Miss Minnie Edmund, of Lumberton, and Mr. Charlie Parker, of Kingsdale, were married by Squire J. T. Phillips last Friday afternoon near town. It was a run-away affair and had been kept very quiet.

Miss Edmund is a daughter of Mr. Dock Edmund. Mr. Parker is foreman of one of the departments of the Kingsdale Lumber Company.

Fayetteville Observer: Mr. S. R. Townsend, a well-known citizen of Red Springs, was painfully injured this morning. He was walking in the woods on Puppy Creek, when a tall tree fell on him, breaking one of his legs and otherwise injuring him.