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MURDER STALKS ABROAD.

Three Men Killed in Robeson County Since Saturday Noon—One Said to be Suicide but Circumstances are Suspicious—White Man Killed in Alfordville Township, Negro Killed Near Rennett, Indian Killed Near Pembroke—Another Indian Shot and Wounded Near Lowe—Only One Man So Far Arrested.

Since noon day before yesterday three men have met violent deaths in Robeson county, each of a different race—white, negro and Indian—and another Indian has been wounded, a suspender buckle being the only thing that saved him from the fate of the other three.

SUICIDE OR MURDER?

Will Small, about 20 years old, son of Mr. Gaither Small of Alfordville township, was killed Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock at Gaddy's Mill, same township, at the home of Harley Quick. He was shot with a shotgun and the lead took effect just above his eyes, blowing the top of his head off. Coroner G. E. Rancke held inquest yesterday and the testimony was to the effect that at the Quick home at the time was Mr. Quick, Mrs. Clarence Grooms and two daughters of Mr. Quick, girls about 18 or 20 years old. These testified that Small was in a room alone with the two girls and that he shot himself. The jury gave as its verdict that deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound at hands of some person unknown to jury.

Wm Fields, about 35 or 40 years old, was shot and killed about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Wm. H. Locklear, about 30 years old, at the latter's home near old Prospect church, 7 miles from Pembroke. Both Indians. Locklear made no effort to escape and was arrested and brought to jail last night by Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes. He admits killing and claims self-defense. He says that yesterday morning about 11 o'clock Fields came to his home. He went out to feed hogs. Later Fields followed him and said he was going to shoot him—Fields had his gun with him. Locklear slipped around through a cotton patch and got away. He went back to his home about 1 o'clock and was in the kitchen building a fire when Fields came to the house again and said he would get him now. Locklear got his gun from over the door and shot at Fields started to enter, killing him instantly. The load took effect in Fields' breast and he fell over on the porch. What was back of the trouble has not been learned. Mr. J. A. McCormick of Pembroke was appointed special coroner and the jury rendered its verdict in accordance with the testimony outlined above.

Jim Jackson, colored, was shot and killed yesterday morning about 1 o'clock by Jas. Porter, also colored, at the latter's home at Denny's Siding, on the Coast Line Ry. near Rennett. A shotgun was used and the load took effect in Jackson's face, killing him instantly. Sheriff McNeill and Dr. W. L. Grantham went to the scene of the killing yesterday in the latter's auto. Dr. Grantham held inquest as special coroner. Both men had been drinking and the trouble seems to have been about a woman. Porter has not been captured.

Sammy Locklear, Indian, was shot twice and wounded, though not seriously, yesterday by Nathan Bruce, Indian, a son of Carson Bruce, near the home of Locklear, who lives on a place belonging to Mr. L. E. Tyner near Lowe. The first shot drilled a hole through Locklear's left forearm and the second shot struck a suspender buckle directly above his heart, driving the buckle just beneath the skin. The buckle was all that saved his life. Locklear ran and said afterwards that he expected to fall dead every second, but presently he felt the bullet in his pants and stopped and found that his wounds were not so serious as he thought. He was brought to Lumberton by Mr. Ed. Baxley and his wounds were dressed by Dr. W. A. McPhaul. Locklear says he was unharmed and that he accused Bruce of trying to

THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

Special Meeting of Commissioners to Settle With Sheriff—Jailer's Salary Under New Law—New Cells For Jail—Lumberton Tax Valuation.

The county commissioners were in special session Friday to settle with Sheriff McNeill. They passed on insolvents and made allowances for taxes that could not be collected and the sheriff will settle with the county auditor as soon as the matter can be reached. Other business was transacted as follows:

Mack Patterson was reinstated on the pauper list. Geo. G. Fisher was allowed \$2 for holding investigation of lunacy. Dr. D. W. Harris was paid \$2 for examining lunatic. County Physician W. A. McPhaul was allowed \$44.50 for salary and supplies.

Under the law formerly the jailer was paid 30 cents a day for each prisoner and was allowed turnkey's fees. Under the law placing county officers on salary the jailer is appointed by the sheriff and the commissioners fix salary. Jailer J. H. Floyd was reappointed by the sheriff and his salary has been fixed at \$50 the month and 20 cents a day is allowed for feeding prisoners.

A committee was appointed to test the cells put in some time ago at the jail on the side for negro prisoners. They were found not tool-proof and the company that put them in has been notified to replace them with tool-proof cells or refund money. They were guaranteed tool-proof but prisoners have been able to cut through them.

Messrs. A. R. McEachern and E. J. Britt were appointed a committee to determine whether or not the tax valuation in Lumberton township should be decreased ten per cent in order to put it on an equality with other townships. It will be recalled that it was first stated that there had been a decrease in this township of 11 per cent, but later it was reported that the first estimate was on a wrong basis and that in reality there had been an increase of 65 per cent. This committee will determine which estimate was correct and act accordingly.

Superior Court.

A week's criminal term of Robeson superior court convened this morning, Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville presiding and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville being present to represent the State. The grand jury was duly empaneled and charged. J. E. Carlyle is foreman and A. S. Wishart officer. Several jurors who did not answer when called were fined, but they were delayed by a late train and their fines were remitted. The following cases were disposed of up to noon: Oscar Thompson, colored, carrying concealed weapon, \$25 and costs; O. D. Grimsley, assault with deadly weapon, \$25 and costs; N. S. Gillespie, larceny, nol pros, with leave. The following out-of-town attorneys are attending court today: Messrs. G. B. Patterson, J. A. Shaw, B. F. and S. B. McLean of Maxton, A. P. Spell of Red Springs.

Special Term of Court—Jurors

While somebody "slept at the switch" Brunswick county got a civil term of court that Robeson county should have gotten for October and to make up for same the Governor has heard the prayer of the county commissioners and has appointed a special one week's civil term to be held the week beginning Monday, September 25. At a special meeting of the commissioners held Friday the following were drawn to serve as jurors for this term: D. K. Atkinson, M. S. Baxley, J. T. Hamilton, J. D. Croom, Jr., O. W. Williamson, J. F. Pitman, C. K. Flowers, A. McL. Morrison, G. S. Page, A. B. Lewis, C. P. McAllister, Thos. Kinlaw, F. W. Huggins, J. T. Herring, J. H. McLean, J. D. McCormick, Ed. Humphrey, W. P. Jenkins

rape his stepdaughter, when Bruce pulled his gun and began to shoot. Bruce has not been arrested.

TAR HEEL BIG DAY.

Thursday Perhaps Biggest Day in Town's History—Barbecue and Picnic in Interest of Good Roads and Education—Good Speeches, Good Music, Good Dinner and Baseball Game—A Bladen County Village That is Destined to Become a City—How the Town has Grown in Two Years.

Tar Heel, a little village in Bladen county on the southern bank of the Cape Fear river, is destined to become a city—the activities essential in such development are in evidence on every hand. Things are being brought to pass in those parts and the people in that portion of Bladen, as well as other portions, are waking up to the opportunities of the day and are making themselves acquainted with the things that mean progress; and as a "waker" Thursday was a big day for the village. The occasion was a big barbecue and basket picnic given in the interest of good roads, education, etc., and one only had to witness the great crowd assembled and the interest manifested in the doings of the day to know that Bladen is coming—which certainly means a city for the place that has had the name of Tar Heel for so many years, and prosperity for the people that have been fighting poverty.

But that barbecue and basket picnic, speeches, etc., are to constitute the principal subject for the scribbles of this scribe. About 11:30 o'clock, immediately after the arrival of a special train from St. Paul, operated over the Elizabethtown branch of the V. & C. S. railroad, the execution of the program was begun. The Parkton band was there and with music that makes walking easy it led the line of march from the depot to a place, some few hundred yards away, called Tar Heel proper, where in a grove of many oaks a table, a long table, had been arranged for dinner, and a box placed for the speakers. Mr. O. L. Clark of Clarkton was the principal speaker of the day and after an introduction by Mr. J. Elmer Kinlaw, of Tar Heel, he mounted the box and, glancing over a crowd that was variously estimated at from 600 to 1,000 people, said that he was glad to see this interest that is being manifested in the question of good roads. Mr. Clark spoke for about an hour and his argument was of the kind that convinces. He said that he hoped to wake up those that sleep, if any such there be, to a realization of the necessity of better public highways. In his line of argument he had much to say about education and how the future largely depends upon the education of the children. He explained how good roads aided in education and development of the rural districts. Good roads enable the farmer to haul his fertilizer and market his crop with much less expense. He cited several instances where farmers were able to haul loads six times as heavy over improved roads as they were able to haul over the same roads before they were improved. Mr. Clark said that he would not suggest any method of improving the public highways, but that he did not approve of the old way of working the roads. He said that he was in favor of making the improvement by taxation or a bond issue. He explained how good roads could be built with very little expense by issuing bonds. In conclusion he said that Bladen was often called a pauper county because it receives more money from the State for education than it pays, and he wanted to see it stopped, and the way to clear it up is to build good roads; for the county has the people and the resources. There was some music by the band and then dinner—barbecued pig and cow-yes, and chicken, besides other good things in proportion. That long table was full.

At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon Mr. E. Shaw, of Ivanhoe, county superintendent of public instruction, was called on for a speech; and while he had not intended speaking he responded to the call and made an interesting talk on education. He said that he was a strong advocate of good

roads and that he approved of all that Mr. Clark said in his speech. Mr. Shaw said that the progress in the county along educational lines during the last few years had been good but that he expected it to be greater in the future than it had been in the past.

A game of baseball between Edonia and Tar Heel was called at 3 o'clock and was the attraction for about an hour and a half. Tar Heel was the winner by a score of 5 to 2. The winning team was assisted by several of the Lumberton ball players and the game was umpired by Mr. Lacy McKenzie, of Lumberton. A number of the ladies of the Presbyterian church of Tar Heel sold refreshments during the day and a handsome sum of money was realized which will be used for the benefit of the church.

In conclusion, the day was a large one for Tar Heel and several were heard to express themselves as believing it to be the biggest day in the history of the place, unless it was the day of the big auction land sale there about two years ago, when Tar Heel first began to open its eyes to the light of day, being aroused from its slumber by the noisy whistle of a train. And Tar Heel has grown, and continues to move along. Two years ago there was practically no business done at the place and now it has several mercantile establishments, in addition to many other enterprises. Messrs. James Robeson, A. H. Sloumb and E. L. Singletary each do a mercantile business, and the Tar Heel Trading Co. and Young & DeVane are concerns that do mercantile business. Mr. I. E. Brady operates a sawmill plant, and a big cotton ginning plant is being erected there by the McEachern, Johnson & McGeachy Co. of St. Paul.

MEETS OCTOBER 4.

Woman's Missionary Union of the Robeson Association Will Meet in Maxton.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Robeson Association will meet in Maxton October 4. Exercises will commence promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. All the churches of Robeson Association are cordially invited to send delegates to the meeting, whether they have societies or not.

All delegates who expect to attend will please send their names as early as possible to Mrs. O. C. Nicholson, Maxton. Please state the name of church you represent, also which railroad you will go over. It will be more convenient for some to spend the night in Lumberton going and returning. All such will please send their names to Mrs. H. T. Pope, Lumberton, and homes will be provided.

Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, Vice-Pres. W. M. Union of Robeson Association.

Howard A Foushee Gets Judgeship.

Raleigh Dispatch, 9th. to Charlotte Observer.

Howard A. Foushee of Durham was this afternoon named by Governor Kitchin as judge of the ninth judicial district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge J. Crawford Biggs, who has accepted a professorship in Trinity law school. Judge Foushee will serve until the next election in 1912, when his successor will be elected. Other candidates were Messrs. Jacob A. Long of Graham, A. Wayland Cooke of Greensboro and A. A. Hicks of Oxford.

Mr. Foushee is a native of Roxboro, Person county, but has for many years been a resident of Durham, being a partner of ex-Judge J. S. Manning. He was married to Miss Annie Wall of Rockingham, Richmond county, several years ago. Mr. Foushee is 40 years old, is a lawyer of unusual ability and has served several terms in the State Legislature.

—Mr. J. G. Tolar, the victim of the murderous assault at McDonald on the night of the 2d inst., is still at the Thompson hospital and his condition is thought to be improving somewhat, though it is still serious.

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—Ethel Leveta, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Newton, of St. Paul, died Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The child had been in bad health for some time. The funeral was conducted yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the Presbyterian church at St. Paul by Rev. S. J. McConnell, assisted by Rev. J. McI. Wicker. The interment was made in the cemetery at the church.

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\$550 IN REWARDS.

For Man Who Committed Murderous Assault on J. G. Tolar and Attempted to Assault His Wife.

Governor Kitchin Saturday announced that the State offers a reward of \$250 for the capture of the person who on the night of September 2 committed a murderous assault on J. G. Tolar at his home near McDonald and attempted to criminally assault his wife. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the county offers \$200 reward for the capture of this assassin and Mr. N. S. Tolar of Lumber Bridge offers a reward of \$100, so that rewards offered for his capture aggregate \$550.

A Rowland Thief Captured.

Constable Frank Henderson of Rowland brought to jail here Saturday Neill Brown, colored, who was committed to jail in default of bond on the charge of receiving stolen goods. Brown was formerly considered a good citizen, but whiskey and bad company dragged him down. Chief of Police Strange, who went to Rowland recently from the Lumberton police force, received a tip and went to Brown's residence and found more than \$100 worth of goods in his house—a new \$6 hammock, belt of homespun, and other things; and Brown was found to have in his possession a number of keys that fit stores in Rowland.

Educational Rally at Maxton Wednesday of This Week.

An educational rally is being advertised to be held at Maxton Wednesday of this week, the 13th. Circulars advertising this occasion state the object thus: "The destiny of Carolina College may be settled. Some interesting speeches will be made. Certain responsibility rests with each individual in this section of the State. No matter who you are or where you live, we need your advice and assistance. Come and bring your neighbors. Place, Maxton Methodist church; date, September 13; hour, 11 a. m. We think there is a movement on foot that means success. Be present and get your share of the glory in the victory." This is signed by J. E. Underwood, president, and A. J. McKinnon, secretary.

—Messrs. Nash Barker and J. E. Morris have opened a wholesale grocery business on Elm street in part of the building recently vacated by C. M. Fuller & Son, the other part being occupied by Mr. C. B. Redmond. They began business last week.

—Mr. W. R. Murphy, who for the past two years had charge of plumbing for the McAllister Hdw. Co., has moved to Atlanta and has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a dental supply house, in which line he has had about two years experience.

—Misses Jean Pratt of Bennettsville, S. C., and Ethel Dorsey of Marion, Md., arrived yesterday from Baltimore, where, and at New York, they spent some time studying fall millinery styles, and will be trimmers this season for Miss Josephine Breece. Miss Pratt was with Miss Breece last spring.

—Mr. E. E. Daily, who resigned recently the position he held for several months as auditor of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. Co., left Saturday for his home at Cary. Mr. Jno. A. Beckwith, who succeeds Mr. Daily, has moved his family from Wilmington to Lumberton and they are occupying the Redmond house on Elm street.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

—Quite a number of farmers were in town early this morning with wagons looking for hands to pick cotton.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Lizzie Nye and Jasper Walters; Catherine Hammons and T. B. McLean.

—Mr. A. R. Phillips began last week a grocery business in the store on Fourth street recently vacated by George Smith, colored.

—A handsome brown matted sign bearing the name of the bank has been placed on the front of the building by the main entrance of the First National Bank. The sign is a beauty.

—Miss Ida McKenzie entertained her Sunday school class and other invited guests Friday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie, Elm street. There was music and refreshments and a pleasant evening was spent.

—Charlie Lowrie, daughter of Calvin Lowrie, and Ben F. Chavis, son of McE. Chavis, both of Burnt Swamp township, near Buie, were married Saturday afternoon at the court house in the office of the register of deeds by Justice A. E. White.

—Mrs. A. E. White delightfully entertained at her beautiful home on Eighth street Friday evening in honor of her guest Miss Rosa Murchison, of Charleston, S. C., and she will entertain again this afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock in honor of Mrs. D. E. Maxwell of Jacksonville, Fla., who is also her guest.

—Mr. Strong Wishart, who moved to Lumberton recently from his farm on route 3 from town, brought to The Robesonian office Friday a bunch of huckleberries that are very different from the huckleberries usually found in this neck of the woods. It is a special variety that Mr. Wishart thinks came from New York State.

—Mr. W. W. Carlyle has let the contract to Mr. Sam Branch for the erection of three brick store buildings on the lot now occupied by the old livery stables on Chestnut street recently vacated by Mr. Odell Edens. The stores will be 22x80 feet and will be single story. The work of clearing the old stables away was begun this morning.

—Mr. A. Weinstein expects to leave this afternoon for New York, where he will spend a week or so purchasing goods for his big dry goods store on Elm street. He will stop in Baltimore for a day or so on his return. Mr. Weinstein expects to buy an unusually large stock of goods for his fall and winter trade and he hopes to have the goods in his store by the last of this month.

—Rowland Sun, 7th: The school here opened Monday with a large attendance. This session promises to be a very successful one. No school has a more splendid faculty, and it is fortunate that there were so few changes made this year from last. Prof. Stacy is a worker, and so are his six lady assistants. Fortunate are the children who come under their instruction.

—Miss Amelia Linkhaw returned Friday evening from New York, where she spent about ten days purchasing goods for the millinery department of Caldwell & Carlyle's department stores. Miss Anna Beck, expert trimmer of New York, who has been in this department with Miss Linkhaw for the last two seasons, arrived Saturday and will be one of the trimmers again this season.

—Mr. A. T. McLean has sold his home on the corner of Eighth and Water streets to Mr. Geo. L. Thompson, of Burnt Swamp. Mr. Thompson will occupy the house about the first of January. Mr. McLean expects to purchase a lot and build somewhere in town soon, though he has not yet decided where he will build. He has secured an option on a vacant lot on Elm street belonging to Mr. A. E. White, adjoining the property of Messrs. C. B. Townsend and W. H. Humphrey, though he may not build there.