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TWO BOYS DROWNED.

Lumber River Claims Two Bright Young Victims, William Linkhaw and Harold Jones—Were in Swimming Below Wooden Bridge—Bodies Remained in Water 30 Minutes and Efforts to Resuscitate Were in Vain—Entire Community Shocked by Terrible Tragedy—Funerals This Afternoon.

A horrible tragedy occurred yesterday morning when, at about 10 o'clock, little William Linkhaw, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Linkhaw, and Harold Jones, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones, Jr., were drowned in Lumber river.

The little boys, with James Pope, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Pope, and Alfred Pedneau, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pedneau, were swimming in the river below the Sea-board trestle some 35 or 40 yards from the saw-mill plant of the Carolina Lumber Co. Howard Vaughn, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Vaughn, was also with them but was not in swimming.

The three little survivors of the swimming party became so excited and frightened when William and Harold went down that they didn't know what to do and after it had happened they could hardly tell how it was. The saw mill, which is not more than 50 yards at most from where the boys were, was running, but there are some small oaks and undergrowth that breaks the view, therefore the attention of the saw-mill force was not attracted; and when the little fellows went down the little Pope boy put on his clothes and ran all the way home and told his mother without saying a word to anyone else, and the Vaughn boy left the river with Pope, both running by the mill; but after going some distance Vaughn turned back, went to the mill and told William Roberts, colored, what had happened. During this time the Pedneau boy remained on the river's bank near the place where the boys had gone under.

Roberts is an excellent swimmer and he sailed right into the river to rescue the boys, but was unable to locate them. They had been in possibly five minutes and the water is some 10 or 12 feet deep.

The news went over town like a flash and within a few minutes several hundred people had gathered at the river and 8 or 10 young men and boys were in the water diving for the bodies. Mr. James Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barker, located and brought up the body of William after it had been under the water, from the best information obtainable, not less than 25 or 30 minutes; and about 10 minutes later Mr. Marvin Barker, brother of James, located the other body but several vain efforts were made in diving for it. Marvin finally bringing it up. Two or three physicians arrived before the bodies were found and just as soon as they were brought out work was started. Drs. T. C. Johnson, W. A. McPhaul, N. A. Thompson, John Knox and W. L. Grantham worked with the bodies for about an hour trying to resuscitate them, but there was no evidence of life in either. There was but little water in the lungs of William and it is thought that he died from exertion and excitement.

William was an unusually good swimmer for a boy of his age, but Harold couldn't swim at all and was trying to learn. From the best information obtainable from the three little boys, the only eye-witnesses, it seems that they had only been in the water about five minutes. William was the first in and after telling Harold to stay near the edge and learn how to swim he started out and went nearly across the river and was nearly back when Harold got in water to his shoulders and began to cry for help and went under. William went after him and when he came up grabbed him but Harold caught around William and both went down together. This was all within 10 or 12 feet of the

bank and the Pedneau boy says that he pushed a crosstie, which was in the edge of the water, out for them to catch but they didn't come up. He said that he saw them come up to the top of the water but they didn't get their heads out. William's body was found within a few feet of where they went down and Harold's was found some 10 or 12 feet farther down the stream.

The parents of the children didn't know that they were in the river. William had asked his mother to let him go and ride his horse, which request she granted, and the horse was hitched near where the boys were swimming.

The funerals will be conducted this afternoon from the homes by Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church. The two homes, from which the two little boys are taken, are at the foot of Third street and are directly across the street from each other. Harold's funeral will be at 2 o'clock and interment will be made in Meadow Brook cemetery in North Lumberton; and William's will be at 4 o'clock and interment will be made in the Norment cemetery on Fifth street. A vehicle has been trimmed in white to be used in carrying the remains of both, one at a time, to the cemeteries and it will be drawn by William's little white pony, which he rode to the river. The pallbearers to act at both funerals, active, are: Guy Townsend, Wayne Caldwell, Eli Wishart, Braxton Branch, Knox Proctor and Furman Biggs. Both of the boys were members of the Sunday school of the First Baptist church and the members of William's class, consisting of 16 members beside himself, will be honorary pallbearers. It was intended to have the members of Harold's class to act as honorary pallbearers also, but it was decided that they are too small.

The floral tributes have been coming in all the morning. They are numerous and beautiful. Among the out-of-town relatives here to attend the funerals are Mr. J. R. Clark of Columbus, Ga., grandfather of Harold, and Mr. T. W. Fenegan, of Latta, S. C., an uncle of William.

ANOTHER NEGRO KILLED.
Trivial Incident Results in Fatal Shooting Near Fairmont Among Negroes—Victim Went to Bed Without Saying Anything and Murderer Escaped.

Coroner G. E. Rancke and County Physician B. W. Page held an inquest Tuesday morning at Fairmont over the body of Hiram (Bud) Byrd, colored, about 25 years old, who died Monday afternoon as the result of a shooting affray at the Beaufort County Lumber Co's camp, in the edge of Fairmont, Saturday night. The verdict of the jury was that Byrd died as the result of a pistol-shot wound received at the hands of Wm. Thomas Brown, a middle-aged negro.

It was in evidence that Brown stepped on Byrd's foot and from that some words passed and as Byrd was stepping backward Brown fired a pistol at him, the ball taking effect in Byrd's stomach. It is said that after the shooting Byrd went to his home, which was but a short way from where the quarrel took place, and went to bed with Chas. House, colored, with whom he slept, without saying anything about being shot; and House didn't learn that Byrd was shot until some time after he had gotten up next morning. Brown made his escape.

Leesville Doings.
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, R. F. D. 2, July 1.—A large crowd from here attended the quarterly meeting at Long Branch church Sunday.

Mr. Clide Martin of Boardman, spent Saturday night here with his uncle Mr. W. G. Lewis.

Mr. W. H. Lewis made a short visit to Orrum Monday.

Little Rosa Floyd will leave Wednesday for Marietta, where she will stay a few days with her aunt Mrs. Charlie Oliver.

The farmers of this section have had a long lasting fight with "Mr. Green."

Wood's Violet.

WILSON AND MARSHALL.

Governor Wilson of New Jersey for President, Governor Marshall of Indiana for Vice-President—Work of Democratic Convention Completed.

Baltimore dispatch, July 3d.

For President—Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey.

For Vice President—Gov. Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana. This was the ticket completed by the Democratic national convention at 2:30 a. m. today.

The nomination of Governor Marshall for Vice President came something as a surprise for when the night's balloting for Vice President began it seemed that the Bryan-Wilson contingent in the convention had definitely settled upon Governor John E. Burke of North Dakota.

There was not much of a fight, however, and when the two ballots disclosed Marshall easily in the lead, Governor Burke's name was withdrawn and Marshall was proclaimed the nominee by acclamation. A minute later the convention had adjourned sine die. The delegates, worn and weary, made their way out of the big convention hall singing and happy to be started for home.

Baltimore, July 2—Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey was made the presidential nominee of the Democratic national convention at the afternoon session today when on the forty-sixth ballot he received 990 votes to 84 for Champ Clark. The Missouri delegation, which had remained faithful to Clark to the end, then moved that the nomination be made unanimous. There was a great chorus of approval and the long fight was over.

Only four ballots were necessary today to reach a nomination. When the convention adjourned last night the convention had seemed to be in an all but hopeless deadlock. Wilson had begun to lose ground on the last few ballots, and Champ Clark had made a few temporary gains. This encouraged the Speaker to rush over to Baltimore from Washington this morning in the hope of still further turning the tide and rallying his forces to a final stand.

When he reached here, however, he learned that the Illinois delegation at an early morning conference had decided to switch from Clark to Wilson. This meant a change of 58 votes and was as fatal to Clark's chances as it was inspiring to the Wilson forces. Illinois had been expected to "break" all day yesterday and there was deep gloom in the Wilson camp when it failed to do so.

Figures Tell the Story.

Wilson jumped from his final vote of 494 last night to 602 on the first ballot today. The figures told their own story. The Wilson delegates were jubilant as Chairman James directed the second call of the day—the forty-fourth of the convention. The most important change on this ballot was in the Colorado delegation which had been voting 11 for Clark and 1 for Wilson. This time Colorado divided 10 to 2 in favor of Wilson. Altogether the ultimate nominee gained 27 votes on this ballot. Then came the forty-fifth. It was disappointing in a way, for Clark held his own and Wilson made a gain of only four.

The forty-sixth ballot had been ordered when Senator Bankhead of Alabama was seen making his way to the stage. Word flashed over the great armory that his purpose was to withdraw Mr. Underwood from the race and release his delegates to vote for whom they saw fit. The delegates, wearied by the long sessions of the past week, realized all at once that this was indeed the climax. There was a confusion of cheering applause and calls from one delegation to another. The galleries caught up the discord and added to the din. Senator Bankhead stood for a long while before he could proceed. He had uttered but few words when the meaning of his remarks became clearer and there were frequent interruptions of applause and noisy demonstration.

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what the result would be as the last call of the States began.

Alabama, which had started every other call with 24 votes for Underwood changed to Wilson and State after State followed suit. It was just 3:15 p. m., when the solid 76 votes of Pennsylvania carried Wilson over the winning line, making his total at the time 733 votes.

It was 3:35 p. m. when Chairman James officially declared Mr. Wilson the nominee of his party. There was an attempt at another demonstration but the delegates were too tired to keep it up long. Then, too, the local appropriation for a band had run out last Saturday night and there was no inspiring music to help along the enthusiasm. In this respect the nomination was unique. Every one in the convention hall seemed in a happy frame of mind that the end had come.

How Wilson Received News of Nomination.

Sea Girt, N. J., dispatch, 2nd.

Twenty newspaper reporters sitting coatless and hatless on the lawn of New Jersey's "little white house" this afternoon saw an operator come out of the telegraph tent with a yellow blank in his hand. He stood for a moment in silhouette against the canvas background and read: "Wilson is nominated."

When he looked up twenty chairs were rocking vacantly in the breeze and the twenty men who faced him a moment before were half a hundred feet away scampering in a straggling line for a spot on the Governor's porch where a short time before a tall, thin man in a gray suit had been sitting.

The chair where he had sat was empty and they burst into the parlor door. "Mr. President," they shouted with one voice, "we congratulate you."

With Wife and Daughters.

They found the man they sought when his life as nominee of the Democratic party was less than a minute old. He was laughing and chatting with his wife and daughters. The news, he said, had come a moment before over the long distance telephone after days of anxious waiting and the few seconds he had spent with his family were his first of real relaxation during the week. "The honor is as great as can come to any man by the nomination of a party," he said, "especially in the circumstances. I hope I appreciate it at its true value but just at this moment I feel the tremendous responsibility it involves even more than I feel the honor."

"I hope with my heart that the party will never have reason to regret it."

The Governor was allowed only a brief respite for there poured in the deluge of callers who had hung about the tickers and bulletin boards for seven days. They cheered again and again. Between bursts of applause they called him "Woodrow" and "Governor" and "Wilson" but most of all they hailed him as "the next President of the United States."

KNOCKED OFF OF DAM.

Two Ladies Knocked Off of Dam by Racing Negroes—Seriously Hurt—Negroes Were Racing and Did Not Stop.

As the result of a collision of vehicles on the Creek road just across the bridge across the river at the Kingsdale saw mill plant Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Andrew Bullard and Mrs. B. R. Small, both of whom live at the Kingsdale mill village, are hurt. Mrs. Small's condition being serious.

Mesdames Small and Bullard were driving a mule hitched to a buggy and had been over the river and were on the dam near the bridge, when two negroes who were racing with each other, one on a mule and the other driving a horse to a wagon, ran into the buggy occupied by the ladies and knocked the ladies, mule and buggy off the dam. It is said that the unknown negroes kept on going and of course there is great indignation over their outrageous conduct, and every effort will be made to bring them to justice.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Many Cases Disposed Of—Three Trials for Murder Set for Next Week—No Court This Afternoon on Account of Funerals of Boys Drowned and Death of Wife of a Member of the County Bar.

The 2-weeks' term of Robeson superior court for the trial of criminal cases which convened Monday, Judge Stephen G. Bragaw of Washington presiding, Solicitor N. A. Sinclair representing the State, ground out a number of cases up to the noon hour today, when court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock on account of the funeral of the boys who were drowned in Lumber river yesterday and also on account of the death of the wife of Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton, a member of the county bar.

Geo. Swann, colored, charged with the murder of Mr. C. C. Gibson at Red Springs on the 1st ult., was brought to jail here last night by Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes from the State prison at Raleigh, where he had been for safe keeping since his arrest, and his trial has been set for Wednesday afternoon of next week. A special venire of 100 men has been ordered. Messrs. W. H. Kinlaw and Woodberry Lennon have been appointed by the court to defend the prisoner.

[In the following report of cases disposed of, carrying concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon have been abbreviated to c. c. w. and a. d. w.]

Wm. Rozier, c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$10 and costs.

Leslie James, Oliver Suggs, gambling; plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs as this was their first offense.

Joe Wall, a. d. w.; plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and defendant to give \$50 bond for his appearance at September term and show good behavior.

David McDowell, gambling; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jerry Bowen, larceny; plead guilty of forcible trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Albert McDuffie, a. d. w.; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ivey McLean, removing crop; verdict of guilty rendered by the jury.

J. H. Parker, enticing employees; plea of nolo contendere accepted by State; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jud Wright, forcible trespass; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Patrick Locklear, assault; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Daniel and Hector Brown, retailing; plead guilty.

Jno. Henry Clark, house-breaking and house-breaking and larceny, two counts; plead guilty; 12 months in jail with leave to commissioners to hire out for costs.

A. L. Stone, malfeasance; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs. Four counts, not pro entered as to three of them. Defendant was presented by the grand jury at the February term for failure to turn in fines and report to the clerk of the court.

Kellie Whitted, larceny; plead guilty; 3 months in jail with leave and recommendation to commissioners to hire defendant to Dr. T. L. Northrop for costs of the action.

Carl and Rhoda Price, a. d. w.; not guilty.

Wm. McMillan, larceny; plead guilty of forcible trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Dock Phillips, Mack McRimmon, gambling; McRimmon called and failed; Phillips plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

P. J. Faircloth, resisting officer; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Alex. Pough, forcible trespass; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jno. and Gaddy McNair, a. d. w.; plead guilty; \$5 each and costs.

Henry Johnson, a. d. w.; plead guilty; judgment suspended on

payment of costs.

Van Walters, assault; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Lovett Petty, larceny; plead guilty; 4 months on roads.

A number of cases have been not-prossed, with leave or otherwise, and others have been continued.

A true bill for murder was found against Wm. McCallum for the murder of Artelia Morrison on February 12 last and his trial was set for Monday of next week at 2:30 p. m. A special venire of 50 men was ordered.

The trial of Walter Whitaker for the murder of Aaron Lewis near McDonald last November was set for trial Wednesday morning of next week.

Lewis Walker, a. d. w.; 6 months on roads.

Hans Dreyer and August Pascal, larceny; plead guilty; judgment suspended.

Colonel Cole, c. c. w.; not guilty.

Fred Graham, retailing; guilty; plead guilty on another charge of retailing.

Sanford Prevatt and Fowler Prevatt, affray; Nol. Pros. as to Fowler; Sanford pleads guilty.

Bentley and Quince Oxendine, Redden and Will Locklear, Henry A. Berry Ellis, Archie, Giles and Bob Hunt, Duck Lowrie, disturbing religious congregation; not guilty; M. S. Strickland, prosecutor, taxed with the costs.

Virgil Atkinson, removal of crop; not guilty.

Joe Lamb, c. c. w. and a. d. w.; plead guilty; 12 months on roads in first case and judgment suspended in second.

Nathan Bruce, c. c. w.; plead guilty.

Jno. L. Scott, c. c. w.; plead guilty.

Nathan Bruce, c. c. w.; plea of guilty stricken out.

Frank Bethea, a. d. w. and c. c. w.; plead guilty.

Tom Pope, gambling; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ed. Meshaw, attempt to break into store; plead guilty; 3 months in jail.

Walter Bennett, retailing; plead guilty.

Lovett Petty, c. c. w.; plead guilty; judgment suspended.

Henry Pope, gambling; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Tom Lewis, larceny; guilty; 12 months on roads.

COUNTY ROAD MATTERS.

Committee Appointed to Investigate Conditions at Chain Gang and Reports About Treatment of Convicts—Other Matters.

The county road commissioners were in regular monthly session Monday for the transaction of routine business.

A proposition made by Mr. F. A. Prevatt in which he offered that for the sum of \$50 the Fayetteville road might be straightened across certain parts of his property was accepted and it was ordered that this amount be paid Mr. Prevatt.

The bridge fund was charged \$132.30 and a like amount was credited to district 3 for lumber furnished bridge fund.

Supt. Parrish was instructed to investigate claim for damages made by Mr. Andrew Floyd of Orrum and report same at some future meeting.

Messrs. Paisley McMillan and Jas. A. Johnson were appointed a committee to investigate conditions at the chain gang, also to investigate certain reports as to the way in which convicts are treated and report at next meeting of the board.

It was ordered that \$500 be transferred to the bridge fund and prorated as formerly; that district 4 be charged \$506.50 for use of chain gang for the month of June and a like amount credited to chain gang account.

Various bills for the several districts and funds were ordered paid, the totals of these bills being as follows: District 1, \$559.44; district 2, \$201.05; district 3, \$227.48; district 4, \$393.69; district 5, \$118; district 6, \$114.80; bridge fund, \$10.80; chain gang, \$272.57.

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