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SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Jesse Oxendine Was Shot in Richland Swamp Last Night—Bullet Passed Through His Body—Who Fired the Shot Not Known.

Jesse Oxendine, Indian, who lives near Buies, was shot from ambush while passing through Richland swamp about 9 o'clock last night. A pistol was used and the bullet entered Oxendine back, passing through his body. Oxendine walked to his home a mile away after he was shot. His wound is considered very dangerous. Officers went to the scene of the shooting, but no arrest was made.

Mr. E. Odum Kills a Mad Dog.

Mr. E. Odum killed a mad dog in a field at his home near Buie Friday. The dog attacked a goose and when it paid no attention to his repeated yells Mr. Odum gathered up a fence rail and went for it. When he got within about five steps of the dog Mr. Odum saw for the first time that it was mad, a thing he had not realized before, and knew that he had to do some mighty good work with that piece of fence rail or maybe it was goodbye Mr. Odum. He made good. With all his might he brought that rail down across the dog, but Mr. Odum made mighty sure it was a complete job before he let up. And then, after it was all over, Mr. Odum got scared. He had not had time to get scared before, he said, in telling about it when he was in town Saturday.

Somebody Entered Home of Mr. N. D. Smith Last Night.

Somebody entered the home of Mr. N. D. Smith, 2 miles east of Lumberton, last night while the family was at church. Mrs. Smith and children reached the house in advance of Mr. Smith and when Mrs. Smith unlocked the door and tried to turn the knob the intruder held it. This frightened Mrs. Smith and she ran away and the intruder opened the door and made his escape. The building was entered through a window. Mr. Smith says the track of the person who entered his home looked to be that of a man who wore a No. 9 shoe. Nothing was missed from the Smith home.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Angus McKenzie Passes After Long Illness—Remains Interred at Lebanon Church Saturday.

Mr. Angus McKenzie, a well-known Robeson citizen, died at his home, near Rowland, Thursday night, following an illness of 18 months. Deceased was 41 years old and was never married. He is survived by his step mother, Mrs. Alexander McKennon, and two sisters, Misses Kate and Mary Belle McKenzie.

The funeral was conducted from the home Saturday at 11 a. m. and interment was made in the family burying ground at Lebanon church.

Deceased was widely known and popular, loved and admired by a host of friends.

Gilbert Davis, Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. K. U. Williard.

Gilbert Davis, 15 months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. U. Williard, died Friday morning at 1 o'clock, death resulting from tubercular meningitis. The child had been ill three weeks. The funeral was conducted from the home, East Fourth street, Friday at 4:30 p. m. by Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and interment was made in Meadowbrook cemetery. Quite a crowd attended the funeral and accompanied the remains to their last resting place. The grave was completely covered with flowers.

Mr. E. E. Pugh and daughter, Miss Clara Pugh, father and sister of Mrs. Williard, of Charlotte, were here when the child died. Mr. Pugh returned to Charlotte Saturday, while Miss Pugh will spend some time here.

Elizabeth McNeill.

Elizabeth, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. McNeill of the Pembroke section, died this morning of colitis.

MR. VARSER'S APPOINTMENTS FOR THIS WEEK.

Monday night May 31st, Center.
Tuesday night, June 1st, Red Springs.
Wednesday night, June 2nd, Centenary.
Thursday night, June 3rd, Wakulla.
Friday night, June 4th, Lumberton.

Mr. L. M. West of Allenton is among the visitors in town today.
Mr. Leonard Pate of R. 7, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.
Mr. Swain Britt of the Broad Ridge section was in town Saturday.
Mr. D. A. Lee of R. 1 from Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.
Mr. J. P. West of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.
Mr. W. F. Prevatt of R. 6, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.
Mr. J. H. Stone of R. 4, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.
Mr. E. K. Campbell of Parkton, was a Lumberton visitor Thursday.
Mr. W. O. Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

VARSER LAYS GHOST

Effectively Answers Report Started by Divisionists That He Would Cut Off Certain Sections.

COUNTY LINES WILL REMAIN AS AT PRESENT.

Mr. Varsar Shows That Three Counties Cannot Be Run as Cheaply as One and That Taxes in All the Smaller Counties Are Higher Than in Robeson.

In his speech at Philadelphia Friday evening Mr. L. R. Varsar, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate, said that he would give \$500 for each agreement made by Messrs. N. B. McArthur, N. W. Jenkins and himself to the effect that if elected they would divide Robeson by putting certain parts of the county off into other counties. This was in reply to the charge which he understood had been made by his opponent in a speech and had been circulated around where they thought it would do most harm, that if elected Mr. Varsar would give Red Springs to Hoke, Maxton to Scotland and Parkton to Cumberland.

Mr. Varsar said that when he was against division and was running on an anti-division ticket he meant he was against division in any form, and that if elected he most assuredly would not be a party to any plan to change the present county lines.

Thus most effectively was laid a ghost that divisionists have taught to walk in certain sections where the citizens do not want to see the county divided but would rather live in a new county than to go to any other county. Mr. Varsar assured his Philadelphia audience that they could "eliminate" that from their thoughts altogether, that any man could vote for him with the absolute assurance that if he went to the Senate, the county lines would remain as they are.

Mr. Varsar touched upon the same thing in his speech at Wakulla Thursday evening. He said he had no idea of taking revenge on anybody when he went to the Senate, that county lines would remain as they are and no effort would be made to punish anybody by cutting them off into a new county.

It was an enthusiastic crowd that greeted Mr. Varsar at Philadelphia. They heard him gladly and gave evidence of hearty approval. At Wakulla, too, the night before, the voters gave him most attentive and interested hearing.

After Mr. N. B. McArthur announced his candidacy for the Legislature, for an hour and a half at Wakulla Mr. Varsar held the undivided attention of an earnest group of men. He said that it is sometimes reported that joint discussions are to be held at certain places, but that in spite of circulars making such announcements, the dates for those "discussions" are not revealed to him until after they are over.

Mr. Varsar said that when he went to the Senate, if elected he would have his time taken up in reforming the old situation and would have no time for making new counties. He denied having said, as had been reported by divisionists, that he had said anything about cutting off Red Springs or Maxton, that he had never been guilty of doing anything for revenge, that no one need be disturbed, that he would endeavor to represent the best interests of the entire people of the county; that he regarded public office as a public trust to be administered for the benefit of the entire people.

Revaluation.

There must be another act, Mr. Varsar said, before any of the revaluations that had been made on property could become the basis for taxation. All that has happened now is that the people have paid on the expense of revaluation, so that the tax for county purposes was 18 cents in 1918 and would have been 18 cents in 1919 but that the extra cent had been put on to pay the expense of revaluation. He said that the valuations put upon property in Robeson were higher than in some other counties, higher also than in normal times—higher in some instances than the land would sell for—and that the Legislature will have a big job, for Robeson must be equalized with other counties or the taxpayers of this county will pay more than their fair proportion of taxes.

He said he did not know why real estate in Robeson had been put up that way, that strange things are going on. His opponent in a speech at Orrum some time ago had said that the valuation on the lands of the county showed about \$100,000,000 and that he must have got it from the men who put the valuation on, and it had been published that when they got through they'd have enough to run three counties. Heretofore, he said, the Legislature had refused to create a new pauper county—one where the property was not sufficient to bear all the burdens of county government, thus becoming a burden on the State—and yet without adding a cent to the real value they announced they'd have enough. Mr. Varsar said he could never see where it does the man who expects to live on his land and make a liv-

PATTERSON'S STATEMENT INCORRECT.

CHAIRMAN OF ROAD BOARD MAKES AFFIDAVIT THAT STATEMENT ABOUT CULVERT BEING SHIPPED TO LUMBERTON IS INCORRECT.

A statement made by Mr. G. B. Patterson in his speech in Lumberton last Thursday in regard to culvert bought by the county being shipped to Lumberton is proven incorrect in the following affidavit by Mr. I. T. Brown, chairman of the county road board:

NORTH CAROLINA, ROBESON COUNTY.

I, T. Brown, being duly sworn, depose and say that he was in Lumberton on last Thursday and heard Mr. G. B. Patterson speak at the court house, at which time Mr. Patterson made a statement that the road commission of Robeson county had bought culvert from the Dixie Culvert and Metal company to the amount of approximately fourteen thousand dollars, and that every bit of the culvert bought was shipped to Lumberton.

At the time that the aforesaid culvert was bought from the Dixie Culvert and Metal company, this affiant was chairman of the road commission of Robeson county, and he is positive that the statement of Mr. Patterson is incorrect; that there was ordered by the road commission of Robeson county four cars of culvert which cost \$13,940, and that the cars

were shipped to Robeson county as follows: One carload addressed to Robeson county, in care of J. A. McCormick, shipping address Elrod; one carload to Robeson county, in care of J. Brown, Evans, shipped to Rennett; one carload to Robeson county, in care of G. H. Floyd, Fairmont; and one car shipped to Robeson county, in care of J. I. Townsend, Lumberton.

Affiant further says that Lumberton and Lumberton township, according to his recollection, did not get more than its proportionate part of the aforesaid culvert, and in addition to Mr. Patterson's statement being incorrect it was misleading in its inference that Lumberton and Lumberton vicinity had received all the culvert.

Affiant further says that he has verified the statements made in this affidavit from the records and invoices on file with the road commission of Robeson county, of which he is at present a member.

I, T. BROWN.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 29th day of May, 1920.
J. H. BARRINGTON,
Notary Public.
My commission expires Jan. 21, 1922.

COULDN'T SEE A GAP

DIVISIONISTS ARE LIKE A STAGGER-HEADED HOG

Don't Know How to Get Back in Office Without Tearing Up a County.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I see in this week's Scottish Chief that Jenkins said to Sandy and Sandy said to him, that the thing he wanted was St. Pauls, LaFayette; that Varsar said to Patterson and Patterson said back to him that he cared nothing for the size of the county, he wanted Liberty. That Sandy's and Patterson's sweet dreams of LaFayette and Liberty counties will be a thing of the past after June 5th. The good people of Robeson will not vote for a division of the county just to satisfy a few ex-officers, who wanted to divide the county at the expense of the tax payers for their own personal interest.

As hell and destruction are never full, so the minds of the divisionist will never be satisfied.

I've seen a stagger-headed hog get out pen and he didn't know how to get back in unless you tore the pen down. "He couldn't see a gap."

It seems to me that the divisionists don't know how to get back in office without tearing up the county.

I suppose that if my good friend Mr. Joe B. was in heaven he would want to go up stairs.

Varsar will be elected as the good Democrats are expecting; he's climbing up the golden stairs. Patterson will be defeated, his supporters all retreated, and gone to somewhere, I don't know where, after June 5th.

Marietta, R. F. D. May 27, 1920.

Wakulla's Handsome Brick School Building.

Wakulla has one of the handsomest 3-room brick school buildings to be found any where, and it is delightfully located. This was formerly a part of the Harmony school district, but last year the people built this building at a cost of \$5,250, which does not include the free labor that was done on it. It could not be duplicated now for \$10,000. There were about 35 pupils in the school during the term which closed a few weeks ago, with two ladies as teachers. They have engaged a man as principal next term, Mr. Shannon, who taught this year at Shannon.

Harmony School Closing Picnic Tomorrow.

Senator H. E. Stacy will deliver the address at the school closing picnic at Harmony tomorrow. The advanced pupils give an entertainment this evening. The primary grades gave their entertainment Friday evening. The school has had a most successful term, with 45 or 50 pupils. Miss Mary Hugh Stewart is principal. Misses Lena May McEachern and Lula Watson, assistants.

The condition of Mrs. Haynes Ivey of Marietta, who underwent an operation at Thompson hospital two weeks ago, is improving. Mr. Ivey spent the week-end here with his wife.

Mr. A. E. Israel of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.
Mr. Asbury Rice of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.
Mr. J. W. McPhail of R. 2, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.
Mr. G. R. Davis of R. 4, Lumberton, was a visitor in town Friday.

MORE COUNTIES

MORE TAXES

COUNTY DIVISION IS NO PANACEA FOR ILLS

New Court Houses and New Officers Will Not Benefit the Masses of the People Who Have to Pay More Taxes.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

We are now passing through that period of reconstruction which follows all wars. The conditions under which we now live are so abnormal, so strange and unusual that no man can tell what a day will bring forth or even predict what condition will exist a year or even a month from now. The cost of living mounts steadily higher, while production as steadily diminishes. Labor is scarce and high, and the higher the wage the less the labor performed. Strikes and lockouts are the order of the day. Half the world is starving and the other half profiteering.

Our people have enjoyed great prosperity and it seems to have turned their heads. They seem to think that these conditions will last and have quit work and gone joyriding. They have entered upon a life of luxury and extravagance which spells ruin if persisted in. Dealers in automobiles, pianos, talking machines, etc., cannot supply the demand. Merchants cannot sell things that are cheap. The pair of shoes that cannot be sold at \$8 will go like hot cakes if the merchant will mark them up to \$16. The girls all wear silk stockings, not only on Sunday but on week days. Speculation is rife and thousands of acres of land have changed hands on paper. The same land is sold and resold (largely on credit) with increased prices at each sale. The brass bands still play and suckers continue to be born every minute.

If experience teaches anything it teaches that flush times are always followed by periods of low prices and panic conditions. Present conditions simply cannot last much longer. Even now there are indications that the tide is turning. Credits are being restricted and money gets tighter. Thoughtful men should now seek cover, conserve their resources and put themselves into the best possible condition to weather the storm they know cannot be far off.

This is no time for our people to allow the professional politician, or the man with an axe to grind, or personal profit in view, to stir up strife, division and dissension. If there was ever a time when our people should stand together, shoulder to shoulder, and go to work and work every day, it is now. This is no time to talk county division or indulge in day-dreams of political panaceas. I have seen nothing in the arguments thus far advanced by the county divisionists which should appeal to thoughtful men. Appeals addressed either to ignorance, or prejudice should receive no consideration. If the divisionists have any other arguments they have not thus far produced them. County division is not a panacea for existing ills of government if there be any. It is not the county in which you live, but the amount of work you do that determines your prosperity. A man who cannot or does not make a success of life in one county, will not make a success in another county. In every county there are successful men and unsuccessful men. Taxes will have to be paid no matter in what county you live, and the more counties the more taxes, because the office holding class is thereby increased. A new court house will benefit the town that gets it, but what benefit will it be to the farmers in the country who have to pay for it? None. New offices will be nice for the men slated to be appointed to them, but what profit will the farmers get out of the new offices, except the privilege of having to pay the increased taxes to pay the new officers? If, as is said, there is a court house "gang" in the county why create two more counties and thereby have two more "gangs"? The only gang there should be in a county is the chain gang, and they should be building roads. In fact, if the people will go to work and stick to it, there will not even be a chain gang.

A. H. PERRY.
Parkton, N. C., May 25, 1920.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Miss Vashti White returned home Saturday from New York, where she attended the Gardner school for girls.

A case of typhoid fever was reported to the county health officer from the Jennings cotton mill village today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Goodwin began housekeeping Saturday in their new residence, Walnut and Fourteenth streets.

Messrs. T. L. Johnson and E. J. Britt will speak at Mt. Elm school house Wednesday night of this week at 8 o'clock.

Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will meet in the municipal building Thursday of this week at p. m. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. Everett Davis of R. 6, Lumberton, was in town Saturday. Mr. Davis said he had corn silks and young watermelons on his farm.

Mr. Robert McIntyre arrived home Saturday from Wake Forest college. Mr. McIntyre was a member of the graduating class this year.

Mr. J. H. Bass of R. 1, Fairmont, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Bass says all the people in his section are opposed to any carving of Robeson.

Mr. Travis Bass, candidate for recorder of the Lumberton district, will speak at Raft Swamp Tuesday night. The governors are invited to be there in force.

License has been issued for the marriage of Jas. A. Hutchinson and May Belle Williams; J. Fowler and Annie Belle Simmons; O. W. Wentz and Annie Belle Hart.

The Lumberton ball team defeated the St. Pauls team at St. Pauls Friday by a score of 9 to 2. Batteries: Lumberton—Norman and Thomas; St. Pauls—Canady and Johnson.

Mr. H. M. McAllister returned Thursday night from Charlotte, where he attended the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church as a delegate from Fayetteville presbytery.

The guarantors of the community chautauqua are requested to meet in the commissioners room at the court house tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8:30. Wives of the guarantors are also urged to be present.

Mr. John Freeman of the Pope's Crossing section was painfully hurt Saturday when his mules ran away, throwing him out of his wagon. An ugly gash was cut on the top of his head and he was badly shaken up and bruised.

Rev. Paul T. Britt and family of Bolivia, Brunswick county, are Lumberton visitors today. Mr. Britt and family expect to move to his farm at Mt. Elm next fall and Mr. Britt will accept pastoral work in the Robeson association.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will have its annual picnic tomorrow afternoon at Clyborn church, near Lumberton. Members of the school are requested to meet at the church here at 1 p. m. Those who own automobiles are requested to take them along.

Maxton Scottish Chief, One of for Carolina was a subscription by the handsome things done Tuesday Mr. A. E. White, of Lumberton, of one thousand dollars on the college debt, which is in process of liquidation Mr. White also added to that scholarship for a deserving girl. Both of these acts is worthy of high praise.

Mr. R. E. L. Prevatt, who lives out Powers way, who was in town Saturday, says that the devil has been trying to get into the schools and the churches and that now he is trying to get the county. He says this fight to divide the county is just the old politicians trying to get back in power.

Mr. N. C. Stubbs of R. 6 was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. While Mrs. Stubbs and their baby were on a visit at Blenheim, S. C., 6 weeks ago the baby became sick with colitis on the day Mr. Stubbs went to bring them home and did not get well enough to be brought home until a week ago.

The following Lumberton young people have arrived home from the various colleges recently: Misses Wilma Durham, Mary Lee Caldwell and Margaret Pope, Meredith, Raleigh; Miss Evelina Beckwith, St. Mary's, Raleigh; Miss Marion Allen Coker College, Hartsville, S. C.; Messrs. James Pope and W. J. Prevatt, Jr., Georgia military academy, Atlanta, Ga.

DATES FOR TYPHOID VACCINATION

The following dates for typhoid vaccination are announced by the health officer:

Tuesday, June 1—Pembroke 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.; Maxton 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.; Floral College 3 to 4 p. m.

Friday, June 4—Fairmont 10 to 11:30 a. m.; Proctorville 12:15 to 1:15 p. m.; Barnesville 1:45 to 2:30 p. m.; Orrum 3 to 3:45 p. m.; Long Branch 4:30 to 5 p. m.

Every citizen in these communities should do everything possible to advertise these dates and to impress his fellow citizens with the extreme importance of taking the typhoid vaccine.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER
EYE SPECIALIST
Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.