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Wife And Husband Victims Same Bullet

Indian Woman Died Here at Noon of Wound Inflicted by Bullet That First Passed Through Husband—Man Not Expected to Live—Lathard Locklear, Brother of the Woman, Said to Have Fired Shot—Shooting Took Place in Hoke County Yesterday.

Cordievow Locklear, Indian, died today about noon and her husband is in the Baker sanatorium with only a slight chance of recovery as a result of being shot by Lathard Locklear, brother of the woman, yesterday afternoon. The bullet that caused the death of the woman passed through the abdomen of her husband before it struck her. The bullet entered the abdomen of the woman and punctured her intestines in a number of places, it is said.

The shooting took place in Hoke county and the man who did the shooting has not been arrested. Locklear and his wife, who was 22 years old, were returning home from church when the shooting took place. They were walking close together on the road, according to information reaching Lumberton. The two were brought to the Baker sanatorium soon after the shooting.

The Indians were drinking, it is said.

TYPHOID VACCINATION DATES

Following are appointments of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, for vaccinating against typhoid fever:

July 19—St. Pauls 2 p. m., Ermaldson Mill 5 p. m.

July 20—Tabernacle 11 a. m., Regan 12:30 p. m., Tolarsville 2:30 p. m.

July 21—Curtis's store 11 a. m.

July 22—Jennings Mill 10 a. m., East Lumberton 11 a. m. Rex 1:30 p. m., Buckhorn 4 p. m.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Bertha May Thomas Died Here This Morning—Remains Taken to Little River, S. C., for Interment.

Mrs. Bertha May Thomas, wife of Mr. W. L. Thomas, died at 12:30 this morning at the Thompson hospital, of pneumonia. Deceased was 22 years old and is survived by her husband and one small child. She had been ill a week. The remains were taken today to Little River, S. C., where interment will be made in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Russ, Near Barkers.

Mrs. Mary Russ, widow of the late Neill Russ, Sr., died Friday morning at 6 o'clock at her home near Barker's. Deceased was about 68 years old, was only ill a few hours before her death. Four children—Mrs. N. A. Townsend, Misses Katie and Lena Russ and Mr. N. A. Russ—servive, also one sister, Mrs. G. W. Barfield, and two brothers, Messrs. Ira M. and J. W. Barker.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 10 a. m. and interment made in the family burying ground. Deceased was a good woman and will be missed in her community.

J. A. Jacobs, Colored, of Clarkton.

John A. Jacobs, colored, of Clarkton died last night at the Baker sanatorium.

Company L. of Parkton Wins Third Battalion Championship.

From Camp Glenn Cor., July 15. Raleigh News and Observer: The baseball series is progressing and of the two games played Thursday one was for battalion championship honors. Company L, of Parkton, defeated Company I, of Charlotte, in a close game for the Third Battalion championship, by the score of 5 4. The batteries were: for L. Company,, C. P. Jordan and W. T. Herdon, and for Company I, T. P. Boyd and E. D. Spruil.

11-Year-Old Negro Charged With Assault on 7-Year-Old White Girl.

Clarence Granger, negro, said to be 11 years old, charged with attempting to criminally assault a 7-year-old white girl at Fairmont, was sent out of the county by Mr. C. B. Skipper, judge of the juvenile court in Robeson. Judge Skipper disposed of the case Friday and the negro was sent to live with an uncle, near Burgaw. The boy was brought to jail here soon after the alleged attempted assault.

STERLINGS VOTES $25,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Sterlings township voted Friday a $25,000 bond issue for erecting a high school building in the center of the township. The vote was 184 for the bonds and 56 against.

Duffie Ward Not Guilty Violating Fish Law.

In the report of the court proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian it was inadvertedly stated that Duffie Ward was found guilty of violating the fish law. It should have been stated that he was found not guilty.

Miss Ila Graham of Alma spent the week-end here, the guest of Miss Lula Graham.

Chain Gang Got 17 Recruits Last Week

Superior Court Enters Upon Another Busy Week—Many Cases Were Disposed of Last Week.

The second week of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened this morning and indications are that court will last through the week. Many cases were disposed of last week, seventeen men—white, Indian and negroes—having been sentenced by Judge J. H. Kerr, who is presiding, to serve on the county roads, sentences ranging from 30 days to 26 months.

The following cases were heard last week after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian was prepared:

Harrison Rogers, vagrancy; six months on the roads.

David Reid Regan, assault; nol prossed; bond discharged.

R. S. Smith, Jesse James Locklear, Walter Locklear, C. O. Lockear, all found guilty of manufacturing liquor; Smith and Jesse James Locklear 18 months each on the roads, Walter Locklear and C. O. Locklear 6 months each on the roads. C. O. Locklear is to be on the roads. C. O. Locklear is to begin his sentence on August 18.

Nasby Hardin, Richard Hardin, H. T. Blanks and Porter McKay, assault with intent to kill, all found guilty; on mfoi.j, NMake xMand TMHMH prayer for judgment continued by consent for two years, defendants to show good behavior for that time and that they have not violated the law in any respect. Each of the above named defendants plead guilty of nuisance and judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

Walter Leack, assault with deadly weapon upon Hartman Oxendine; 12 months on the roads.

Eli Faulk, resisting officer and false pretense; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

J. Browne Evans, et al vs. W. K. Brock, et al; judgment for plaintiffs.

Nathan Bruce, manufacturing liquor, assault with deadly weapon, nuisance; found not guilty of manufacturing liquor and asault with deadly weapon, found guilty of cursing on the public highway; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Archie Andrews, larceny and receiving; twelve months on the roads. Horace Gavin and Joe Bethea, larceny, defendants plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Walter Quick was sentenced to 18 months on the roads on the charge of manufacturing liquor, instead of 10 months, and James Grice was sentenced to 18 months on the roads instead of 9, as previously stated through an error which was not the fault of The Robesonian.

PROCTORVILLE POINTS.

Two New Residences and Everything is Booming—Some Good Melon Patches—Co-operative Marketing is a Good Step—Tobacco Warehouse Will Not Open This Season—The Right Idea About The Robesonian. By W. Jerome Stephens.

Proctorville, July 15.—The little rain drops are still falling but they seem to grow as they reach the ground. Reminds us very much of the little poem, "Little drops of water, little grains of sand, makes the mighty ocean and the pleasant land."

Mr. Robert Surles of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Wilmington, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Surles of our town.

Everything is booming in our town in spite of the hard times. There are two new residences just up, both of them in the north-eastern part of town. They belong to Messrs. S. A. Watson and John Bullock.

Mr. W. C. Walters is the first of our merchants to erect an electric sign over the front door of his business.

Mr. Arthur Bissell of the Broad Ridge section has the finest prospect of watermelons and cantalopes of our community, altho Mr. Anderson ranks second in the prospect of a real watermelon patch.

What do the farmers think about the farmers' cooperating marketing? Our farmers are on the fence, some on one side, while some are merely leaning to the other, but as for my part I think this is a very good step to take by which the middleman can be put out of commission.

Vegetables are plenty but the peach prospect, like other fruits, is very poor in Proctorville.

Our tobacco warehouses will not open this season.

I heard a man remark that if he had anything for sale he would advertise in The Robesonian. Like all other Robeson county lovers, he will patronize our county paper.

BIDS FOR ONLY $17,800 STATE BONDS OF $8,372,500.

Raleigh News and Observer, 16th: Only nine bids, totalling $17,800, were on hand yesterday at noon when State Treasurer B. R. Lacy opened the offerings for $8,372,500 North Carolina 5 per cent bonds for roads and institutional building. These were par bids, were accepted and now the State Treasurer will make every effort to sell the remaining $8,354,700 at private sale.

Recorder's Court

Young Man With Wife in Another State Gets 6 Months on Roads for Living With Another Girl as His Wife Here—Negro Given Road Sentence for Hoboing.

W. J. Grubbs, young white man, was sentenced Saturday by Recorder David H. Fuller to six months on the roads on the charge of fornication and adultery. Lena May Townsend, 16-year-old girl, was found guilty of the same charge, judgment being continued in her case.

Grubbs, who was employed by the Western Electric Co., was arrested Thursday afternoon upon the arrival of the girl's mother from Jacksonville, Fla. According to the evidence, the girl left home on Saturday, July 2, and arrived here the following day. Since that time she and Grubbs had lived at the Fillyaw boarding house, First street, as husband and wife. Her mother testified that she aided her daughter in getting off to Lumberton, thinking that she and Grubbs were to be married upon her arrival here. Grubbs formerly worked in Jacksonville and had visited the girl's home on many occasions. The mother stated on the witness stand that she thought her daughter and Grubbs were married until her daughter wired a man living in Jacksonville to send her $30 to pay her way home. This convinced her that something was wrong and she came to Lumberton immediately. She first went to the office of the register of deeds and found that no license had been issued for the marriage of her daughter and Grubbs. It was then that she had Grubbs hailed into court. Grubbs and the girl in the case were given a hearing Thursday afternoon, but Recorder Fuller did not pass sentence upon Grubbs until Saturday, when the case was re-opened.

Mr. T. L. Johnson represented Grubbs, while the State was represented by Mr. E. M. Britt. At the hearing Saturday letters from the Townsend girl to Grubbs were offered in evidence. The letters indicated that she knew Grubbs had a wife before she came to Lumberton. The letters were filled with declarations of love for Grubbs and in one she stated that if she did not love him she would not live with him, knowing that he had a wife.

A man who accompanied the mother of the girl to Lumberton stated to a Robesonian reporter that he was going to indict Grubbs under the Mann act, charging white slavery. The mother and the girl shed tears freely before and during the trial, and while the girl did not go upon the witness stand, she stated in court that Grubbs told her when she arrived here that he had not secured a divorce from his wife and could not get license to marry her until he secured a divorce.

At the hearing Saturday a young man who gave his name as Floyd testified that he had known the girl in Jacksonville and had on several occasions had illicit relations with her there. Floyd is also employed by the Western Electric Co. Grubbs did not go upon the witness stand.

Miss Townsend is a beautiful girl of 16 years, while her mother is a widow who has four children, according to her evidence. She stated that she had to support her four children and that Lena May was the only help she had in supporting the family. The mother, daughter and the man who accompanied the mother to Lumberton left Thursday evening for Jacksonville.

After the trial Thursday the mother of the girl told Recorder Fuller that she did not want Grubbs punished, that she liked him, and only wanted to take her daughter home.

Benjamin Scott, negro, was sentenced Thursday afternoon to 30 days on the roads on the charge of hoboing. Scott was arrested at Pembroke. Two other hoboes escaped when Scott was arrested.

WILL ADVANCE MONEY ON COTTON RECEIPTS

Governor Harding Says Federal Reserve Banks Can Handle Money Needs.

Federal Reserve banks situated in cotton producing sections already have authority to advance $100,000,000 "or more if necessary," upon customer paper secured by warehouse receipts for cotton, Governor W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, Thursday wrote Representative Fulmer, of South Carolina. The directors in each case, however, must be the sole judges of the soundness and desirability of the paper offered, he added. Mr. Fulmer had inquired why such loans could not be authorized through Southern banks.

SENATE SENDS BONUS BILL BACK TO COMMITTEE

Washington, July 15.—The administration won its battle in Congress today when the Senate, responding to President Harding's recent request recommitted the soldiers' bonus bill indefinitely to the finance committee.

The vote for recommittal was 47 to 29, and was interpreted by Democrats to mean the "death" of the bill but by Republican leaders to mean postponement for only twelve months, with no substantial loss to war veteran beneficiaries.

Grand Jury Makes Ringing Report

In Well-Written Report Grand Jury Makes Plea for Better County Home, Calls for Vigorous Steps to Stamp Out Liquor Evil and Suggests Rigid Enforcement of Speed Laws—High Praise for Judge's Charge.

A well-written report, full of practical suggestions which indicated that its members had gone over the ground thoroughly and had in no sense performed its duties perfunctorily, was made by the grand jury last Thursday afternoon, when it completed its work. The jury called for a better-kept court house, for more prompt medical service for the chain gang, for some means of bringing the needs of the county home to the attention of the county commissioners in such a way as to produce practical results, for vigorous measures to stamp out the alarming increase in violation of the prohibition laws, for rigid enforcement of speed laws and commended Judge Kerr for his excellent charge to the grand jury. The report follows:

To His Honor, John H. Kerr,

Judge Presiding at July term, 1921 of the Superior Court of Robeson County.

Your Honor:

Your grand jury having completed its work and being ready to adjourn, submits the following report of its work during the term:

We passed upon 46 bills of indictment, finding 41 true bills and 5 not true bills.

Court House and County Officers

The court house building seems to be in good condition, but it is by no means kept as neat and as clean as a public building should be. Various grand juries in the past have called attention to an apparent neglect of duty on the part of the janitor, and we wish to again call this to the attention of the governing authority with a recommendation that the necessary steps be taken to keep the building in a cleanly condition. The county has a fine court house, built at considerable expense, and it certainly should be kept in good condition.

The various county offices are in good condition. The officers are apparently efficient and faithful in the discharge of their duties.

Jail

We found 23 prisoners in the jail and heard no complaint from them. The jail is in a clean and sanitary condition, and the prisoners are well fed and receive proper care and attention. The jailer treats the prisoners well and discharges his duties in a proper manner. We would recommend, however, that the jail be painted on the inside.

Chain Gang

We found 40 convicts at the camp, 28 of these being under guard and 12 trusties. The camp was in good condition, the food of good quality and in abundant quantity; and the prisoners well cared for. We heard considerable complaint over the failure of the county physician to promptly respond to sick calls from prisoners on the gang. In fact, the keeper had to call in another physician to attend a convict while your committee was inspecting the camp on account of the failure of the county physician to answer the call with a reasonable degree of promptness. We know that the county physician has many demands upon him, and that he is frequently absent from his office on official business, but we trust that some arrangement can be made so that a prompt response will be made to all sick calls, as such calls should have immediate attention.

County Home

The so-called county home is a disgrace to this prosperous county and a reflection upon our civilization. Time after time has this matter been referred to by grand jury after grand jury, as the minutes of this court will show, and yet nothing has been done. It may be that nothing will be done in consequence of this report, yet in the discharge of our duty we feel incumbent to again bring the matter to the attention of the court, expresing the hope that the court can find means at its command to bring the matter to the attention of county commissioners in such a way as to produce some practical results. The mere filing of this report, and sending a copy of it to the chairman of the board, will not produce results. This has been tried before—often.

We found inmates of the home with cancer exposed to flies; we found the insane exposed to open fire places; we found the windows and doors not screened; no water facilities except one hand pump. The home consists of seven small two-room frame houses most of these in need of repairs.

As has been said by other grand juries, we need a new county home and need it badly. We cannot go on much longer with present facilities. Until more complete arrangements can be made. we recommend that the houses be at least screened and that a chapel or other means be provided whereby these unfortunates may hear the Gospel preached from time to time.

We would not have it understood, from anything we have said, that any reflection upon or criticism of Mr.

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County Road Board Projects Approved

State Highway Commission Will Build Hard-Surface Road from Lumberton to McNeill's Bridge—Also Approves Bridge Between Robeson and Columbus.

At its meeting in Raleigh last week the State Highway Commission approved the request of the county road board that 3 miles of hard surface highway be constructed from Lumberton to and including McNeill's bridge over Lumber river and an overflow bridge to the point where the Red Springs road branches from the Maxton road, also to take care of a mile and half of road in Columbus county, including bridge across Lumber river and 6 small overflow bridges.

Mr. W. A. McGirt of Wilmington, road commissioner for this, the third, district, has advised Mr. H. E. Stacy, attorney for the Robeson county board of the approval of these projects requested by the county road board. After stating that these projects had been approved, Mr. McGirt writes: "No one can tell when construction will begin, not even Chairman Page. However, I hope the work will not be delayed long. Please advise members of your board of the action taken by the State Highway Commission and let them know that these projects are definitely settled and construction will be started as early as practicable, following, of course, the regular procedure provided by law."

The road from Lumberton to McNeill's bridge is one of the most traveled roads in the county, and no piece of construction is needed more than the bridges between Robeson and Columbus and the approach on the Columbus side. It is expected that these roads will be hard-surfaced an these bridges build in the early fall.

OUR SMYRNA WAY

Crops Coming Along Fine—Watch Your Melons—The Girl He Left Behind—Personal and Other Items.

Smyrna (Lumberton, R. 4), July 14. —Crops in this section have made good progress in the past few weeks.

Farmers around here have several barns of tobacco waiting for the market to open.

Much-needed showers have been coming gently.

It is now watermelon time, and if you will listen to Mr. Aen Turner, who lives near here, you will watch 'em. Mr. Turner says he has lost several. He is about to catch the fellow who is getting them; having some fun over it, too.

The writer had the pleasure of going to Wilmington on the excursion the 12th and from there to Wrightsville Beach. Everybody would have had a nice time if it had not been raining.

Miss Matie Collins was a visitor at the home of Mr. E. McQ. Rowan recently.

Mesrs. R. A. Moore and Rowland Lamb attended preaching here Sunday.

Owing to the illness of his daughter, Rev. Mr. Byrd could not be here Saturday, but he made up for lost time on Sunday.

I once knew a fellow who took his girl to church one night and after services he took another girl home, but his stand-by didn't know. After she had searched around the church for him she decided to look for his buggy, but lo and behold, it was gone, and as she had no one to take her home she had to wait for him.

KOHLOSS HEADS PROHIBITION FORCES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Salisbury Man Gets Appointment Over Protest of Anti-Saloon League.

Washington, July 14.—Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-saloon league of North Carolina and a prominent figure in Methodist church affairs, figured in two ways in the news development here today. He met with positive defeat in his efforts to defeat Robert Kohloss of Salisbury as state prohibition director for North Carolina and the Sunday "blue law" committee, of which Mr. Davis is a member, was far from successful in arousing sentiment in Congress for laws that would stop train movements, publication of newspapers and other activities on the Sabbath.

Commissioner David H. Blair announced this afternoon the appointment of Mr. Kohloss, chief of the prohibition forces in North Carolina. Mr. Davis' anti-saloon league was opposed to this. However, Mr. Kohloss was picked by the Morehead-Linney organization at the Greensboro conference several months ago and no one here has doubted that he would be appointed. Published reports that Mr. Kohloss was appointed yesterday by Mr. Blair were premature and untrue. The appointment was not made until today. —Theodore Tiller in Greensboro Daily News.

The office pays a salary of $6,000 a year. A. B. Coltraine of Trinity, as director gets a salary of $4,000, while in the field there are now 45 agents at salaries of $2,000 and above. It is expected that the number of agents in the field is to be increased, possibly one for each county.

Mr. Hursey Davis of R. 2, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 1-2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. D. A. Shaw and family expect to move tomorrow from Lumberton to Fayetteville.

—Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent in Robeson, left today for Greensboro to attend a two-weeks' conference of home demonstration agents.

—Fairmont Messenger: Mrs. Grady Floyd is spending a while at Baker's Sanatorium at Lumberton to be with her little daughter, who is undergoing treatment at that place.

—Mr. Jack Humphrey of the Saddletree section underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital at noon today. Mr. Humphrey is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Humphrey.

—Dollie Sampson and Williford Locklear, Indians, of R. 2 from Lumberton, were married here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

—Judging from the many watermelons brought here for sale during the last week, the melon crop must have been good this year. Many loads are brought in each day. Some nice cantaloupes are also being offered by the farmers.

—Miss Anna Newton of Hope Mills has accepted a position as stenographer in the law office of Mesrs. McLean, Varser, McLean & Stacy. Miss Newton formerly held a like position in the same office.

—Foreman H. C. McMillan, Mr. James Kinlaw of Howellsville and Mr. C. F. Gaddy of Red Springs, who were on the grand jury last week, were among the visitors at The Robesonian office Thursday afternoon after that body had finished its labors.

—Mr. Spurgeon Jones of R. 1, Lumberton, returned home Thursday from Raleigh, where he went before the Federal court in the hearing in re the Camp Bragg land suit. Mr. Jones served as a government appraiser in assessing the lands upon which the camp was built.

—A hard-surfaced road has recently been completed from Wilmington to Fort Fisher, according to Gen. F. A. Bond, who, with Mrs. Bond, spent last week here visiting friends. Heretofore it has been difficult to reach this historic spot, except by the water route. Gen. and Mrs. Bond have a summer home near Fort Fisher.

—Red Springs Citizen: It is with sincere regret, that we learn of the resignation of Dr. J. J. Hill from the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here. Dr. Hill has been its pastor for nine years, and has won the love and esteem of the entire community. His going will be a personal loss to every one who knows him.

—Robeson county was the first of 12 counties that decided on an entire new valuation that made its report to the State Tax Commission. As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the county board of review completed its work last Monday and County Auditor McCallum carried the certified report to Raleigh Tuesday.

—Mr. O. J. Peterson, formerly editor of the Lumberton Argus, now editor of the Sampson Democrat, published at Clinton, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday and yesterday, leaving for home this morning. Mr. peterson was warmly greeted by many former friends. He was much impressed with the changes since his last visit.

—From Thompson Hospital: Miss Ilene Prevatte, Orrum, was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday, and getting along nicely.—Mr. John S. Gore, city, was operated on for appendicitis last Wednesday and is getting along very nicely.—Mr. W. I. Stone, R. F. D. 4, underwent an operation for appendicitis and complications last Wednesday and is getting along very well.

—Prof. and Mrs. D. B. Oliver, who taught in the Barkers-Ten Mile school during the last term and are at present attending summer school at Chapel Hill, came for the funeral of Mrs. Mary Russ of that section, which took place Saturday morning. Prof. and Mrs. Oliver were Lumberton visitors Saturday afternoon. They were accompanied to town by Messrs. N. A. Townsend and Rafe Smith of the Barkers-Ten Mile section.

—Mr. N. C. Stubbs of Hunter's Lodge, near Lowe, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Speaking of the splendid seasons out his way, Mr. Stubbs said he had been surprised to hear that on the farm of the Moore brothers, in Back Swamp township, there had been no rain since May, at least not enough to wet the ground. While seasons have been as near ideal in many parts of the county as the oldest inhabitant remembers, there is a spot here and there where there has been no rain in a long time.

Mr. J. R. Bullock of Fairmont, R. 2, was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hartley and small daughter, Francis Elizabeth, left Saturday morning for Columbia and Batesburg, S. C where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mr. E.W. Adcox of R. 7, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.