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R. Walter Bullock **Murdered Last**

Shot Through Window at Gasoline Filling Station at McNeill's Bridge.

LOAD OF NO. 4 SHOT EN-TERED BACK OF HIS HEAD

Fatal Shot Fired About 11:30 and

Murderer. One of the most brutal and coldblooded murders ever committed in Robeson county took place last night to death and robbed. Mr. Bullock Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville high- and dumb Indian, charged with shootway, near McNeill's bridge, and lived ing and killing his brother-in-law, the back of his head, near the right ear. The load of No. 4 shot broke a whole window pane out and practi- been completed at noon today. cally the entire load entered the head

of the murdered man.

Body Found Near Window. It is thought the killing was committed about 11:30 last night. The lifeless body of Mr. Bullock was first discovered about 2 o'clock this morning by Messrs. J. W. Davis and J. L. dinance; plead guilty: fined \$25 and Hatchel, when they stopped there to cost, get some gasoline. Mr. Zeb V. Carlyle Thomas Bullock, violating town orwas with Mr. Bullock for a while last dinance; plead guilty: fined \$25 and night, leaving him about 9:45. When cost. Mr. Carlyle left, Mr. Bullock told that he was going to shave and re- with deadly weapon; Wade plead tire. The surroundings indicated that guilty of simple asault and was fined the fatal shot was fired just after 1 cent and cost; nol pros as to Esththe deceased had finished shaving. er.

His body lay a few feet from the Dave Williams, assault with deadly window through which the shot pass- weapon; plead guilty; fined 1 cent ed, surrounded by a pool of blood. and cost. He was fully dressed except his coat. Dave Rountree, larceny; plead The pockets of the dead man were guilty; fined \$50 and cost. evidently gone through by his murderer, as they were left turned ceiving; sentenced to 12 months on inside out. It is thought the motive county roads, with leave to the counfor the murder was robbery, as it is ty commissioners to hire out to not known that Mr. Bullock had an Henry Faulk for cost in the case. enemy. The sum of \$9.25 in change

An inquest over the remains was due to negligence of defendants.

conducted early this morning by Dr. Alfred Jones, assault with deadly some person who is not in the gang.

E. R. Hardin, county coroner. The weapon; plead guilty; fined 1 cent the association.

The saw was evidently furnished by to relatives here.

Mr. Hally M. Johnson left Monday location for the fine building that is the association.

Ernest McPhanland, negro, who had for Smithfield. We hope he may be hoped will be built from the bond jury was composed of Messrs. H. C. and cost. Freeman, J. V. Williamson, G. B. Span Pope, manufacturing whiskey; tence for store-breaking, escaped Mrs. C. C. Harrington, who resides near future. Their proposition, howvatt and R. O. Edmund. The verdict on county roads. of the jury will not be rendered until John Black, resisting officer; plead night. None of the prisoners have convalescent.

tomorrow at 9 a. m. Fired at Close Range.

The filling station was owned by building. He was in the front room a motor truck. of the building when fired upon. The fact that pieces of the glass window were found in the hat of the murdered roads. man indicated that the murderer fired at close range.

Deceased was 37 years old and a son of Mr. Luke Bullock, who lives near Moss Neck. Four sisters-Mrs. Alex. Prevatt of Moss Neck, Mrs. H. P. McLauchlin of Purvis, Mrs. F. M. Ivev of Fairmont and Mrs. W. F. Britt of Raynham-and three brothers-Mr. Alex Bullock of Halifax county and Messrs. M. D. and N.-H. Bullock of Moss Neck-survive.

Funeral Friday Near Moss Neck After the inquest the remains were Blue and Wesley Deal, attempted pared for burial. The funeral will be third of the cost each. These defenda. m., and interment will be made in There is very little clue as to who committed this dastardly crime.

River Claims

Rupert Layton McCullock Drowned Yesterday When He Fell Into Lumber River-Neither He Nor Any of His Companion Could Swim.

The treacherous waters of Lumber river claimed another victim about 9 -o'clock yesterday morning when Rupert Layton McCullock, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCullock of Last Lumberton, was drowned. Young McCallock walked out upon an old springboard and fell into the Residence Destroyed by Fire. river. He couldn't swim and though Fire of unknown origin destroyed minutes, it was lifeless when brought Caldwell street, about 2 o'clock yes-

or four other small boys were cut-one-story structure. Mr. and Mrs. ting wood in the swamp near by the Small were away from home and the river, one of the boys his brother. building was practically burned down Neither of his companions could swim, before the alarm was sent in. The it is said. The body was located and loss was around \$3,500. It is underbrought to the surface by Messrs, stood that Mr. Small carried some in-Charlie Stanton and Obbie Coleman, surance on the building. young men who live in East Lumber-

The funeral was conducted today at was among the shoppers in town yes-11 a. m. and interment made in the terday. Hollywood cemetery, near the county

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Murder Trial Begins This Afternoon

Tried on Charge of Killing Asbury Oxendine-Special Venire of, 100 Men-Six Road Sentences Imposed -Disposition of Cages-Civil Court Next Week.

It is expected that the trial of Norman and Arch Cummings, Indians, | charged with killing Asbury Oxen- | * Body Was Found About 2 A. M.—dine, another Indian, will begin in Su-Robbery Supposed to Have Been perior court here this afternoon. A . Motive-Very Little Clue to special venire of 100 men was summoned from which a jury will be selected. Asbury Oxendine was shot from ambush and killed while walking along the railroad track near Pembroke several weeks ago. The when Mr. R. Walter Bullock was shot Cummings brothers were arrested to death and robbed. Mr. Bullock soon after the homicide and have operated a gasoline filling station three miles west of Lumberton on the likely that Wesley Gibbs, the deaf alone there. The shot that ended his Parker Goins, will be tried at this life instantly was fired through a term. The trial of Claud Oxendine window of the building and entered and Thurman Hunt, \$ndians, charged with manufacturing whiskey, was begun yesterday morning and had not

> The following cases have been disposed of during the term: .. Joseph Biggs, abandonment; plead guilty; fined \$1 and cost.

> Frank Wallace, nuisance; plead guilty; fined \$10 and cost. Cramer Miller, violating town or-

Wade and Esther Sinclair, assault

George Fulmore, larceny and

James Cooper, guardian of Peter was found in a trunk in the building, Cooper, vs. Jackson Brothers Lumber prisoners claimed to have been sick but no money was left in the pocket. Co., judgment for damages in the Tuesday and it is thought they did home town, Laurinburg, yesterday, colored Baptist deacons and elders of the murdered man. Sum of \$1,000 for injuries received much of the sawing during the day. after a pleasant visit of some weeks for the property on North Main An inquest over the remains was due to negligence of defendants.

Kirkman, A. M. Freeman, L. J. Pre- plead guilty; sentenced to 4 months from the gang Tuesday, making a on Blue street, was very ill, yester- ever, was, in the estimation of many

roads. Zula Jane and Miller Currie vs. he was hit. Mr. A. Wright of Parkton and had Western Union Telegraph and Telebeen in charge of Mr. Bullock for phone Co. and Raleigh and Charles gang, returned to his post yesterday are home after a very delightful visit in the work and made some very several months. He was unmarried ton Ry. C.,; each given \$25 damages after completing a 30-days' vacation. of a few weeks to relatives and good moves and suggestions. Upon and kept batch in the rear of the for injuries received when struck by Mr. Dave Jones had been in charge friends in Baltimore.

John Lee and Charles Wilson, store-

Tom Handon, resisting officer; fin-

ed \$25 and cost. Tecumseah Locklear, assault with deadly weapon and feloneous assault; Stolen Ford required to pay \$40 to James Dial deadly weapon and feloneous assault; and fined \$25 and cost. Locklear was charged with shooting Dial several months ago.

Morrison Quick, cheating; sentenced to 12 months on roads.

Daniel Mitchell, forgery; not guilty. Jim McEachern, forgery; sentenced to 6 months on roads.

Alex Thomas, alias Thames, Dave taken in charge by Messrs. Stephens & Blue and Wesley Deal, attempted larceny of auto; fined \$100 and one conducted tomorrow, probably at 11 ants were arrested here a few weeks ago after they attempted to move an the Odum cemetery, near Moss Neck, automobile off East Fifth street while local officers were watching them. They were bound over to Superior court by Recorder D. H. Fuller and later made bond in the sum of \$400 each. Since that time Another Victim with the laceny of an auto in Char-

> Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson is presiding at this week's term and will hold a week's term of civil court. beginning Monday of next week.

night. The three defendants plead

his bedy was recovered in about 30 the residence of Mr. Will S. Small, Pauls and then took the Franklin. terday morning, together with all the The unfortunate boy and some three furniture. The house was a 5-room

Mrs. W. S. Brewer of Boardman

Mr. O. I. Floyd of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

8 Convicts Escape From Chain Gang

Night Near Here Norman and Arch Cummings Will be Seven White Men Sawed Their Way Out of a Cage Tuesday Night-Some Friend on Outside Supposed to Have Furnished Saw-Negro Also Escaped From Gang Tuesday.

. 3 CONVICTS CAPTURED NEAR * PEMBROKE LAST NIGHT

Isham Victor, Jno. C. Willard and Von Speight, three of the* convicts who escaped from the * men were located and arrested * by Herbert Lowry, deputy sheriff and policeman of Pembroke. They had robbed the home of a colored man, near Pembroke, before their * according to Lowry.

Seven white prisoners escaped from the Robeson county chain gang Tuessentence for whipping the jailer in Hoke; John Willard, who had served months of a four years' sentence for larceny; Will Willard, who had served 6 months of an 18 months' sentence for larceny; Frank Ward, who had served 6 months of a 3 years' sentence for larceny. The others escaping were: Von Speight, who had served 30 days of a 9 months' sentence for larceny; Isham Victor, who had served 6 months of a 15 months' sentence for store-breaking at Pembroke; Ernest Tilly, who had served 7 months of a 12 months' sentence for store-breaking in Lumberton.

their way to freedom. Three of the car. The saw was evidently furnished by to relatives here.

served one month of a 3 months' sen-successful in his new vocation. guilty; sentenced to 8 months on been apprehended. A guard fired two Mr. A. R. McEachern is in New if a new location is acquired the two

Mr. J. W. Davis, keeper of the

way between Lumberton and Mc- o. k., now that the crisis has passed. before the school board in February.

Car Recovered

Found on Street at St. Pauls-No Doubt Left by Men Who Drove off in Car Stolen at St. Pauls and Abandoned Near Raeford.

Messrs. Stephens & Barnes today

the men who stole a Franklin car be- rector for the State association. been learned here whether or not J. C. Lentz 89. the thieves were apprehended.

of the prisoners who escaped from the chain gang Tuesday night used the ear stolen here in getting to St. This was the third Ford car stolen from Messrs. Stephens & Barnes dur-

ing the last year. Two of them have been recovered. Mr. J. M. Jones, an engineer on

the Southern railway, left last evening for Camden, S. C., after spending a few days here with his family. Mr. William Fuchs of Wilmington is spending the day here on busi-

Mr. J. L. Thagard of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. C. M. Usher of Lumber Bridge was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Automobile Stolen | Thieves Enter At St. Pauls

Pressed by Pursuers—Same Ones Thought to Have Robbed Store at Raeford-Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. St. Pauls, Feb. 1 .- In our trudge along the pathway of the year, we find that the 1st day of February has again dawned upon us, therefore, let is quote with Emily Huntington Miller, "Will the winter never be over? will the dark days never go; must Fairmont, Feb. 1.—Thieves last tion. the buttercups and the clover, be al- night entered the store of E. V. Mcwill the dark days never go; must ways hid under the snow? Ah, lend Daniel and made good their escape Moore, colored, were married at the est the spring."

day night by sawing the bars of the that they came in sight of the said convicts that escaped from near Lumwhich was a perfectly good Franklin, start an epidemic.

was brought back to St. Pauls. We heard they had 'phoned for blood the job, but not at the right place count we heard. They surely gave the ed by the robbers, but he was eviwhereabouts.

Raeford was also broken into last burning brightly. night and several guns, etc., stolen. A most interesting and enthusias-It looks very much like this may tic mass meeting was held in the have been same parties in connection Dixie theatre here last Monday night, with the robbery here. It was report- the meeting having been called in reed that they left their jitney", in road gard to the school question and to The prisoners were all in the same just above Mrs. Northrops residence, nominate five trustees. A committee cage and used a hack saw in breaking while they were capturing Mr. Davis' which had been previously appointed

prisoners claimed to have been sick Mrs. Laura Rich returned to her ing the proposition offered by the Tuesday and it is thought they did home town, Laurinburg, yesterday, colored Baptist deacons and elders

total of 8 escapes during the day and day. We trust she may soon prove absurd and out of reason. The old

shots at McPharland and it is thought York, in connection with business in- will be voted on. A feature of this terests, this week.

during-Mr. Davis' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunnie Martin's lit-meeting adjourned to meet Friday
The chain gang is located near the baby daughter has been very ill night in the same building to con-Mr. and Mrs. Bunnie Martin's lit- meeting adjourned to meet Friday breaking; 5 years each on county Lumberton, doing work in connection with pneumonia; was seemingly bet-clude plans for a new site and the

To Elect Tobacco

Delegates from Robeson, Bladen, years 41 votes. Columbus and Brunswick Counties Represent Robeson.

Fourteenth street, Tuesday night and counties. These delegates, with 7 from day night. yesterday morning it was missing. Columbus, and one each from Bruns-It is thought the car was stolen by wick and Bladen, will elect one di-

longing to Mr. Sam Davis at St. Ten delegates were nominated for had its regular monthly meeting in Thomas was arrested in connection Pauls Tuesday night. The gasoline with the laceny of an auto in Charan out of the car stolen here and it lotte. He was in jail there and was is thought that the men abandoned canvassed here Monday, the five remeetings are very well attended. brought to Lumberton for trial yes- is thought that the men abandoned canvassed here blonday, the live tes structive and are very well attended. terday and carried back to Charlotte Mr. Davis. A posse followed the car being declared elected. The votes Miss Flax Andrews demonstrated at by Chief of Police D. M. Barker last theives from St. Pauls and when they were as follows: T. J. Noblin 267, M. this meeting the "electric cooker". came in sight of the speeding Frank- Shepard 264, W. C. Brown 237, Frank They cooked and ate "angel's food" guilty of the charge preferred against lin, near Raeford, the men left it Gough 227, A. W. Pate 222, L. M. cake in less than one hour. Some them here. recovered his car, though it has not Arthur Davie 132, R. H. Crichton 99, president of the local club, states that

Some are of the opinion that four TOWNSHIP PRUNING DEMON-

February 7, 10:30 a. m. Wisharts-J. R. Phillips, Tuesday, February 7, 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday 8th, 10:30 a. m. 8th, 1:30 p. m.

Thompsons-Scott Stone, Thursday, 9th, 10:30 a. m. Fairmont-W. G. Pitman, Thursday 9th, 1:30 p. m. Smiths-H. A. McNeill, Friday, 10th, 10:30 a. m. Red Springs-J. M. Brown, Friday, near here.

10th, 1:30 p. m. O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstrator.

Mr. John Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumber- JOIN THE GO-TO-CHURCH CAM-

Store at Fairmont

Thieves Abandoned Car When Hard Ten Suits of Clothes Stolen-Escaped Convicts Suspected.

> MUCH INTEREST IN SELECTION SCHOOL SITE AND TRUSTEES

Mass Meeting Will be Held Friday
Night—Five Trustees Nominated—
Woman's Club is Doing Good Work
—Other Fairmont News of Interest.

Mr. J. R. Lancaster of St. Pauls
has accepted a position in the Pope
drug store. He began work Monday.

—Mrs. S. D. Sanderson went Tuesday night to the Baker sanatorium, By H. V. Brown

Robeson county chain gang Tuesme your little ear, love! Hark, 'tis a with ten suits of clothes valued at
day night, were captured near
wenderful thing! The weariest month \$250. Bloodhounds were secured from
Pembroke last night. The three of the year, love, is shortest and nearRaeford and they made a pretty me your little ear, love! Hark, 'tis a with ten suits of clothes valued at court house Tuesday at 12:45 p. m., wenderful thing! The weariest month \$250. Bloodhounds were secured from Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating. About 2 o'clock this morning finally returning to a house in the Mesrs. Jas. Johnson, and Sam Davis Jackson Brothers lumber camp, Upon were awakened by the sounds of arriving at the house they proceeded arrest, it is said. They were returned to the chain gang last bright flash on the windows as it it. A thorough search was made of night soon after their arrest. Though the men carried a gun stolen from the home of the colorwho was also awakened by the sounds of arriving at the nouse they proceeded that time arriving at the nouse they proceeded the proceeded that the nouse they proceeded the proceeded the proceeded that the nouse they proceeded the pr

ed man whose house they had en- commotion, joined them also Chief the night a stranger came to the tered, they offered no resistance, of Police Lindsay and a bunch of house and spent some time with anand sped thru the woods. The car, other occupant of the house, all being in hot pursuit. Sheriff McGeachy and colored. The officers are under the possibly others from Fayetteville, opinion that the robbery was committioned them, by this time. It seems ted by some of, if not all, the county cage in which they were locked. Four car somewhere beyond Raeford, and berton last night. Work is still being of the men escaping were sent to the fired upon them, they being in so done by the officers and it is hoped Robeson county gang from Hoke close pursuit of the would-be-robbers that this initial robbery of the "seacounty. These were: Elza Hill, who by this time they left the automobile son" will be cleared up in such a had served 6 months of an 18 months' and sped thro, the woods. The car, manner as to warn others who might

hounds, but no arrests had been made at the right time. His "beat" conin connection with the affair, last ac- sists of the territory that was coverrobbers a chase, anyway, and per-dently on some other spot. Within haps will yet find some clue to their 150 feet of the rear window where they gained entrance by use of a It seems that a hardware store at crow bar was a large street lamp

to select a site made a report, readstreet which would make an ideal issue that will be voted on in the site will be voted on at the polls and meeting was the presence of many Mrs. Jo. Sugar and little daughter ladies who took a very active interest motion by Mrs. C. B. Thompson the with the hard-surfacing of the high- ter last night; perhaps will soon be entire matter which will be brought The nominations which will be offered for election were as follows: F. C. Jones six years 51 votes; A. P. Floyd Director Feb. 7 four years 47 votes; E. Fisher four years 44 votes; W. T. Sledge two · years 42 votes; E. G. Floyd two

More than nineteen persons were Will Meet in Lumberton Tuesday of nominated, and the meeting had the Next Week-Five Delegates Will air of the old-style town conventions when nominees were selected for Messrs. W. C. Brown, M. Shepard, municipal office before the primary recovered a Ford roadster which was T. J. Noblin, Frank Gough and A. W. law. Everybody interested in schools stolen Tuesday night. The car was Pate were, elected delegates to the and better schools be sure to come to found standing on the streets of St. Tobacco Cooperative Marketing asso- the Dixie theatre building Friday Pauls yesterday morning. Mr. F. L. ciation meeting which will be held in night at 7:30 and express your Cashwell, who is employed by Messrs. Lumberton Tuesday of next week for opinion. It is understood that another Stephens & Barnes, left the car in the district composed of Robeson, site has been selected by the commitfront of his father's home, East Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick tee which was continued until Fri-

Woman's Demonstration Club The Woman's Demonstration club, which is doing some excellent work. the next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. T. C. McIlhenny on North Main street on February 8th STRATIONS NEXT WEEK at 2:30 p. m. At this meeting Miss Andrews will lecture on "Poultry" Pembroke-Hugh Monroe, Tuesday, and it is urged that every lady be present.

Calvin Hayes was given 60 days on the county roads by Recorder Floyd Sterlings - Thompson Williams, Tuesday on the charge of larceny. Hayes plead guilty of the charge and Orrum-Geo. Branch, Wednesday, on account of sickness in his family the recorder reduced his sentence to \$25 and costs.

Carson Bullock, 14-year-old son of Mr. A. R. Bullock of route 1, Fair-this evening at 8:00. All ex-service mont, was painfully injured Tuesday when he sprained his ankle while playing at the home of his father JOIN THE GO-TO-CHURCH CAM-

A double-header basketball game PAIGN. BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY. was played here Tuesday afternoon (Continued on page four.)

PAIGN. BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 14 3-4 cents the

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

-Ground hog saw his shadow today. Six more weeks of winter.

-Mr. J. R. Lancaster of St. Pauls has accepted a position in the Pope drug store. He began work Monday. where she will undergo an opera-

-Hattie Mae Tuck and Shepherd

-Mr. W. H. Barnes has been conchase, circling a large area of ma-fined at his home on Water street chine branch and old field swamp and for more than a month with rheumatism in his feet and knees and has suffered severely. During part of that time he has not been able to walk except with crutches. His condition has been somewhat improved re-

"Coop" Director

Elected Director of Cotton Cooperative Marketing for District Com-

posed of Robeson. Dr. G. M. Pate of Raynham will be director of the Cotton Cooperative Marketing association for the Eighth district, composed entirely of Robeson county, for the next year. Canvass of the votes Tuesday, the day the voting ended, revealed 378 votes for Dr. Pate and 195 for W. K. Bethune of Lumberton.

There was no contest for the position, which is an important and responsible one. Mr. Bethune nominated Dr. Pate and supported him. He, only allowed his name to be used, he says, because it was necessary for two men to be nominated.

There are eleven directors for the State, one from each of the ten districts into, which the State has been divided and one to be named by the Governor. These directors will have charge of cooperative marketing of caotton throughout North Carolina and will engage the help necessary to make it a success.

Robeson county growers have signed up between 45,000 and 50,000 bales of cotton to be marketed through

Sadly Disappointed

Mrs. Emma Egnor Came to Lumber ton From Wilmington, Deleware in Search of Son-Young Man She Came to See Was Not Her Boy. Coming all the way from Wilming-

ton, Deleware, to Lumberton in the hope of locating her 17-year-old son, who left home last October, Mrs. Emma Egnor returned home without her son. A boy who gave his name as Arnold Williams and his home as Pennsylvania was recently located by local officers, near Lumberton. He left home about the same time the Egnor boy left and answered, the description of Mrs. Egnor's son so closely that local officers felt sure that he was the right boy. Williams is working for a farmer in the Beulah

When Mrs. Egnor saw that the boy was not her son she wept. She expected to find her lost boy when she reached Lumberton. She arrived Monday evening and left on the next train going north.

Baker Sanatorium Gets \$6,500 Worth of Radium.

The fifty-five milligrams of radium recently purchased by Dr. H. M. Baker for the Baker sanatorium at a cost of \$6,500 arrived Tuesday. This supply, which is just one eighthhundredths of an ounce, is simply sufficient to meet local demands, according to Dr. Baker. In fact, there are only 3 1-2 ounces of radium in the world, it is said. Only one other hospital in the State is supplied with radium.

Mr. R. M. Davis and son, Mr. S. E. Davis, of R. 4, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Monday afternoon.



Regular Monthly Meeting. The regular monthly meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion will be held in the legion hall men are urged to be present, as some important matters will be considered.

"The National Bank of Lumberton has money to lend on Bonded Warehouse Receipts for Cotton. See them