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State Offers \$250 Reward for Murderer

Total of \$500 Offered by County and State for Arrest and Conviction of Murderer of R. Walter Bullock—Coroner's Jury Fails to Place Blame.

The coroner's jury failed to find any clue as to who murdered Mr. R. Walter Bullock, who was shot and killed in his room at a gasoline filling station, near McNeill's bridge, three miles west of Lumberton, on the night of January 31. The jury was discharged Saturday by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer and coroner, after it had rendered the following verdict:

"We find that R. Walter Bullock came to his death as a result of gunshot wounds, the gun being in the hands of an unknown person."

In addition to the \$250 reward offered by the county commissioners for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons, who murdered Mr. Bullock, the State has offered a like reward. Governor Morrison Saturday advised Sheriff R. E. Lewis that the State would pay a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Bullock. It is understood that friends of the murdered man will also offer an additional reward.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Bullock was found dead in his room at the midnight of January 31, the load that ended his life having been fired through a glass window in the room. Owing to the fact that his pockets were gone through and left turned inside out, it is supposed that robbery was the motive for the killing.

Bootleggers Fined \$300 Each

Two Fayetteville Men Convicted in Recorder's Court Here of Dispensing Booze.

Fines totaling \$300 each were imposed upon A. T. Harris and M. D. Bennett on the charge of dealing in whiskey by Assistant Recorder Luther J. Britt Thursday afternoon. Harris pleaded guilty of three charges—transporting whiskey, selling whiskey, and having whiskey in his possession for selling. He was fined \$150 on the charge of selling, a like amount on the charge of transporting, and judgment was continued for 12 months upon good behavior on the charge of having too much liquor in his possession. Bennett was convicted upon three charges of selling whiskey to some of Lumberton's thirsty. He was fined \$150 each in two of the cases and judgment was continued for 12 months upon good behavior in the third.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Harris was arrested Wednesday night by local officers after 9 quarts of bottled-in-bond whiskey were found stored in his automobile. Bennett was arrested Thursday morning. Both Harris and Bennett live in Fayetteville and are prominently connected, it is said. Harris formerly lived here. According to the evidence, the defendants found ready sale for the whiskey offered at \$12 the quart, or \$48 the gallon.

Annual Meeting of Building & Loan Association.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Robeson Building & Loan association was held Thursday afternoon in the directors' room in the National Bank of Lumberton building. Former directors were re-elected and Messrs. G. M. Whitfield and D. L. Whitin were added to the board. At a meeting of the directors old officers were re-elected, as follows: K. M. Biggs, president; F. P. Gray, vice president; G. M. Whitfield, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Whitfield reported that 7 houses have been built in Lumberton by the association since March 1920, \$32,000 have been loaned on real estate and there are now applications for \$7,000. There are 917 shares now in force.

Interesting Meeting Held Thursday Night.

An interesting meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion was held in the legion hall, second floor of the municipal building, Thursday evening. Quite a number of ex-service men were present. Mr. I. L. McGill, adjutant and finance officer, read a paper giving standing of each post in the State, which showed that North Carolina is leading the South in number of members, with Tennessee a close second. Commander David H. Fuller presided.

Refreshments were served and the meeting as a whole was enjoyed by those present. The post will meet the second Thursday night in each month.

STRICKEN ON WAY HOME FROM FUNERAL OF BROTHER

Mr. Frank Grantham of Cerro Gordo suffered a stroke of paralysis while on the train returning home from funeral of his brother, Mr. C. P. Grantham of Fairmont, last week, according to Mr. H. B. Stephens of Cerro Gordo, who is a Lumberton visitor today.

Poultry Association Organized

Directors Elected at Meeting Friday Night Will Meet Tonight to Elect Officers—To Create More Interest in Poultry Industry.

A poultry association was organized at the court house here Friday evening. Quite a number of poultry raisers was present and there was much interest in the organization. The following directors were elected: Mr. M. F. Caldwell, chairman; Messdames. R. M. Ballard, W. E. McNeill, W. W. Parker, Messrs. B. Sam Edwards, A. F. Ward, T. M. Burney and W. W. Davis.

Mr. W. W. Davis was elected temporary chairman of the meeting and the plans and purposes of the organization were outlined by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstration agent. Mr. Dukes also told of methods for marketing chickens and eggs.

The directors of the association will meet this evening at 7:30 for the purpose of electing a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. By-laws will be adopted at this meeting and a name given the association.

The purpose of the organization is to create more interest in the poultry industry.

New Jersey Man Recovers Auto

Robeson County Man Loses Cadillac Purchased from Fayetteville Dealers—Car Said to Have Been Stolen in 1920—Superior Court Adjudges. Superior court for the trial of civil cases closed Thursday afternoon and Judge Geo. W. Connor, who presided, left immediately for his home at Wilson.

Only one jury trial was completed after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian was prepared. This was the case of Alex. A. Klebold vs. Lawrence Freeman, et al, the verdict of the jury being in favor of the plaintiff, Klebold, who lives in the State of New Jersey, sought to recover a Cadillac automobile, which was stolen during the year 1920. Mr. Freeman purchased the car from W. H. Fowler and W. R. Clayton of Fayetteville. Sheriff R. E. Lewis seized the car with claim and delivery papers on August 7, 1920, and it had been in the hands of the sheriff since that time. The verdict of the jury means that Klebold recovers the car, which was valued at \$300.

Burned To Death

Mrs. Emma Edwards, mother of Mrs. D. L. Floyd of Barnesville, was burned to death Wednesday last week at her home at Mars Hill. Mrs. Edwards was alone in the house and it is supposed she had a fainting spell and fell into, or near, the fire and her clothing caught. Her clothing was completely burned off the body and members of the family found charred remains on the floor.

Pius XI Crowned Pope Amid Scenes of Pomp.

Rome, Feb. 12.—Pius XI was crowned pope in the basilica of St. Peter's today amid scenes of pomp and enthusiasm and in the presence of princes and dignitaries of the church, the diplomatic representatives of foreign countries, members of the Roman aristocracy and a vast assemblage filling the great structure to the very doors, states an Associated Press dispatch. The ancient custom was carried out with impressive ceremonies, and the newly-elected pontiff now occupies the throne of the first pope, reported crowned Leo III, who reigned from 795 to 816.

Dr. Manning Not Guilty.

Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 11: Deliberating less than three minutes a jury in the United States district court yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Dr. J. M. Manning, mayor of Durham, charged with violation of the Harrison anti-narcotic act. When the verdict was announced, Judge Henry G. Connor declared that Dr. Manning deserved congratulation and denounced as an outrage the act of Inspector W. A. Canady in demanding that the defendant's bond be fixed by a United States commissioner at \$10,000.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Graham of the Rennett section were Lumberton visitors Friday.

Mr. W. J. Mercer of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. D. A. Lee of R. 1, Fairmont, and Mr. Kelly Bass of R. 3, Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Edwards and 2 children, Master Edmond and baby Lora, and Mr. Edwards' mother, Mrs. Bethany Edwards, of the Barnesville section, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Messrs. W. M. Monroe and D. C. Munn of Tar Heel are Lumberton visitors today.

Varied Program at School Friday A.M.

Special "Law and Order Day" Program by Tenth Grade Pupils—Talks on Good Government, Merchandising and Fire and Accident Prevention.

A varied program was carried out at the chapel exercises at the high school auditorium Friday morning. Besides a special program by members of the tenth grade, Rev. Luke Rader, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, delivered an address on "Law and Order," Mr. S. F. Caldwell spoke on "Merchandising," and Miss Evelyn Lee, of the State Insurance Department, talked on the subject of "Fire and Accident Prevention."

What Constitutes Good Government.

Mr. Rader was the first to speak. In beginning he asked the question, "What is good government?" The Federal government, he said, is as good as the State, the State is as good as the county, the county is as good as the towns and communities, these as good as the families, the families as good as the individuals. In other words, the individuals make up the government, which in turn is as good as you. The speaker told of the drift of some sections of the country into crime, and declared that a revival of the old-time Christian religion is the only hope for America. The crime wave followed a reign of evolution, which came from Germany. The socialistic idea that one is not subject to anybody, and that not even subject to their parents, must stop, or America will fail. Those who love God and their country must come to the front and rule out these things. The socialists and bolsheviks are right in saying that Christianity is their worst enemy.

A good citizen is one who works for the interest of the common good and not for self alone. Men that are strong must help the weak. A man who drinks booze is not a good citizen. Those not willing to obey the laws of the country should move out.

Law and Order Day Program.

Mr. Rader's address was followed by a program in keeping with "Law and Order Day," rendered by members of the tenth grade, as follows:

"Law of Temperance," by Knox Andrews; "Law of Obedience," by Regan Floyd; "Law of Health," by Miss Letha McNeill; "Law of Good Workmanship," by Miss Nettie Duncan; "Law of Co-operation," by Miss Isabel McLeod; "Law of Loyalty," by Miss Grace Ross. This was followed by repeating the allegiance to the flag by pupils of the high-school. All on the program acquitted themselves well.

Merchandising.

"Merchandising," was the subject of Mr. Caldwell's remarks. He gave a most interesting insight into the plans and purposes of those who engage in that line of business. The things that must be guarded against in such business were pointed out by the speaker, who went into details of his subject. Reasons why so many merchants fail in business were outlined, but the speaker declared that he would not discourage any young man who had a desire to enter the field of merchandising. There is a chance for the wide-awake young men, he said. Mr. Caldwell told of the great conveniences the stores bring to the public and of the great disadvantages brought about by the credit, or time-buying, system. His address was both interesting and inspiring.

Importance of Careful Habits.

Miss Lee, the last to speak, urged upon the pupils of the school the importance of cultivating careful, instead of careless, habits. Carelessness, she said, burned \$350,000,000 worth of property and destroyed 25,000 people in the United States each year. Careless smokers alone are responsible for fire losses totaling \$35,000,000 each year. Miss Lee warned against starting fires with kerosene oil, fast driving and careless walking across streets. Her remarks were well received by the school.

The program was supplemented by a number of musical selections, Miss Miller presiding at the piano. Mr. Knox Andrews was master of ceremonies.

Jurors for Court Beginning February 27.

The following jury list for the two-weeks' term of civil court which will convene Monday, February 27, was drawn Friday in the presence of Justices M. G. McKenzie and D. B. McNeill:

First Week—J. P. Floyd, Hybert Leggett, H. L. Wilcox, W. D. McCallum, J. K. Atkinson, H. T. Flowers, W. K. Smith, D. E. Canady, C. P. Holcombe, Alfred Collins, R. B. Turner, J. P. Stansel, W. P. Parker, C. N. Edens, A. B. Floyd, D. L. Ausley, J. F. Scott, G. S. Harrell, O. Stanley, J. Emery Prevatt.

Second Week—S. W. Fowler, A. N. Mitchell, F. N. Gibson, J. R. Bullock, A. H. Stone, N. T. Wilson, G. F. Allen, A. J. Floyd, J. P. Phillips, B. W. Pittman, C. A. McLean, A. W. Bullard, V. A. Bullock, J. A. Faircloth, Harvey Brisson, J. B. Caldwell, Daniel Page, E. A. Hamilton, Alex Stewart, C. W. Henderson.

Rev. W. S. Johnson and Mr. J. B. Underwood of R. 2, St. Pauls, are among the visitors in town today.

Lumber Bridge News Letter

Womanless Wedding Will be Given February 17—Interesting Basketball Games.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, Feb. 10.—On Friday, the third, the Lumber Bridge teams played two games with Raeford on the home courts. Both of our local teams were victorious, winning their games by the following scores: girls' 46-1; Boys' 23-19. After the games the girls' team entertained the two visiting teams and the local boys' team. Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served.

On account of unfavorable weather the league games scheduled for Tuesday between our teams and the Philadelphia teams were played on Wednesday, one our home courts. The Lumber Bridge teams secured the victories by scores of: boys 22-17, girls 34-17.

On the Red Springs court, on Thursday, the local teams won the second victory of the week. The scores stood, girls 15-2; boys 13-12. The boys' game was exceedingly interesting, for up until the last minute the scores stood even.

The last scheduled league game on the home court will occur on Tuesday, when our teams meet Parkton. This promises to be the best game of the season. While the rivalry between these schools is intense, yet it is friendly.

We regret very much to lose from our town Mr. and Mrs. N. Leighton Graham and their attractive little daughter, Avinell.

On Friday evening, the 17th, a womanless wedding will be held, at the school auditorium. This program is under the auspices of the boy scouts and is given for their benefit.

Harding Asks Approval of Treaties

President Presents Treaties of Arms Conference to Senate in Person.

Washington, Feb. 10.—President Harding today asked the Senate to give approval to the arms conference treaties in order that America's professed desire to rid the world of war may not become "ahollow mockery," states an Associated Press dispatch. "If we cannot join in making effective these covenants for peace," he said, "and stamp this conference with America's approval, we shall discredit the influence of the republic, render future efforts futile and unlikely and write discouragement where today the world is ready to acclaim new hope."

Delivering his message in person in a voice and manner that betokened deep emotion, the President was answered repeatedly by applause from the floor and galleries. He asked that ratification be given without delay and before he left the Capitol Senate machinery was set in motion to hasten a vote.

Five principal treaties and two supplemental agreements, the fruition of the twelve weeks of negotiation just concluded here, were in the bundle of international covenants taken to the Senate chamber by Mr. Harding. They propose, in short, a limitation on navel armament, a new bill of rights for China, and a four-power concord to preserve peace in the Pacific.

All of these agreements, said the President, are related portions of the effort "to put an end to contradictions, to remove ambiguities, and establish clear understandings." None of them, he asserted, commits the American government "to any kind of an alliance, entanglement or involvement."

After the address was completed, both Republican and Democratic leaders predicted that the treaties would be ratified without long debate and by substantial majorities. Only one, the four-power Pacific pact, is threatened now with organized opposition and its opponents have not yet demonstrated how large a vote they can command against the strength of party leaders on both sides of the chamber.

Actual consideration of the covenants is to begin tomorrow at a meeting of the foreign relations committee, to which they were referred without debate and on motion of the committee chairman, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts. It is thought unlikely, however, that tomorrow's meeting will do more than make a preliminary examination of the information which comes before it along with the treaties.

—Mr. P. C. Blake and family recently moved from Badin to Lumberton. Mr. Blake has purchased a fruit and grocery business, Chestnut and Fourth streets, from Mr. C. W. Sessoms and will operate a like business.

Mr. J. S. Scott of Raynham was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

The National Bank of Lumberton offers to lend liberally to its customers on Cotton Stored in Bonded Warehouses. It will pay you to Bank with This STRONG BANK.

Mrs. C. A. McArthur and Miss Sadie Ray Pope are spending the day in Fayetteville.

Parkton Letter

Funeral of Mr. Duncan M. Johnson—Parkton Triumphs Over Proud Antioch—Some Fox Race It Was—Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Feb. 11.—The funeral of Duncan M. Johnson was held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the residence of Mr. L. E. Hughes son-in-law of deceased. The services were conducted by Rev. C. R. Sorrell, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the M. E. church, and interment was made in the Nicholson graveyard, one mile from town, a large crowd of relatives and friends attending, and the floral offerings were most beautiful. The choir rendered most beautifully at the grave the following selections: "It is well with my soul," "Shall we gather at the river," and "Abide with me." Pall bearers were five sons and one son-in-law: D. A. Johnson of Minturn, S. C., W. T. of Rosemary, J. F. of Bennettsville, S. C., C. H. of Hope Mills, Clarence R. of Winston Salem, Leon P. of Parkton, L. E. Hughes. (son-in-law) of Parkton.

Deceased was married Feb. 12, 1873, to Miss Emma N. Nicholson. He was a good man, an affectionate husband and father, also devoted to his many grandchildren. Had been a consistent member of the Baptist church from early life; a man of rare memory and possessed an admirable personality. He will be greatly missed in his home and by his many friends and most especially by the writer, as he was often in our home, being door neighbors. He was a well-read man, enjoyed above all his Bible, was well up to the issues of the day, was especially fond of his county paper. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Parkton Humbles Proud Antioch Team.

Parkton Wednesday humbled the heretofore undefeated basketball team from Antioch, by staging the most remarkable come-back ever staged on the local court. The Antioch boys did not have their hands on the ball but very few times during the whole game, but led in the first half by a score of 8 to 2 thru the inability of the Parkton boys to locate the basket. However the second half was a different story for the locals passed, guarded and shot goals like seasoned veterans and captured the half by a 23 to 3 count, making the final score 25 to 11.

Praise in such a game can be bestowed on no one man, but the whole team, composed of Williams, McNatt, Captain Moore, Farrel, Blount and Armstrong, can lay claim to having played the best game ever witnessed by local fans.

The Parkton girls also won in a well-played game, the score 19 to 16. Mr. Murphy McMillan reports a two-year-old Poland China hog weighing 610 lbs net. This breaks all records for 1922 so far. He says he killed and dressed near 2,500 pounds pork this week. Why worry about boll weevil?

Among the Fayetteville shoppers today: J. B. McCormick, T. W. Thompson and sons, Rev. R. T. Munns, T. L. Culbreth, Leon Perry, Clyde Council, the writer and many more.

Just about 6 o'clock this afternoon a Coupe passed through our town at a desperate speed, in fact it was wide open, as was admitted by the driver after the arrest was made by one of our town fathers, who followed the speeder just beyond Lumber Bridge. The driver of the car proved to be a Mr. Stephens of Fayetteville. His case will probably be tried Monday. The driver failed to give satisfactory reasons for his high speed.

Of all the fox races we ever heard of took place last night from the hours of 11 o'clock and lasted until 8 this morning before the fox was finally captured. This scribe was with them until five a. m. and only regretted to part, but a number of the hunters remained until the end. We feel safe in saying we covered forty miles or more during the exciting race. This is the second race for this pack this week, and if you don't believe they can catch old raynard this season of the year arrange a date with Maj. Malloy and Messrs. McCormick and Everett and come up. You'll enjoy it. The last fox reported is said to have been the largest seen in this part of North Carolina.

The Rex high school team of basketball players was up yesterday evening for a game with the second team of Parkton. The girls and boys of our locals won. We report Thursday's game at Philadelphia was won by our high school, both boys and girls, but Tuesday when Lumber Bridge plays our locals is when the interest will run high, especially with the girls.

Mr. A. McM. Blount and daughter, Isabel, spent the week-end over in Charlotte with near relatives, returning Tuesday evening, making the trip in car through the country. They report a great time.

Messrs. F. N. Fisher and W. T. Thompson of Parkton are among the visitors in town today.

Recorder's Court

Henry Chapman Bound Over to Court on Charge of Robbing Stores—Charge Against June Graham Not Pressed.

Henry Chapman, negro, was bound over to Superior court by Recorder David H. Fuller this morning on the charge of breaking into and robbing the store of L. E. Squires & Co. of Lumberton and the store of Mr. E. V. McDaniel at Fairmont. His bond was fixed at \$500, in default of which he was remanded to jail. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Chapman was arrested Monday evening of last week by local officers after several suits of clothing and other goods taken from the two stores were found in his home, across the river from town.

The charge against June Graham, Fairmont negro, arrested in connection with the robbery, was not pressed with leave, this being recommended by Solicitor W. B. Ivey.

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COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 15 1-4 cents. There is no New York market today.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Charlie Fisher and Naomi White.

—Mr. R. X. Bullard is ill at his home in the eastern part of town, though his condition is reported more favorable today.

—The local editor of The Robesonian is indebted to Messrs. D. J. and J. H. Ratley for a supply of delicious oranges and grape fruit.

—Born, Saturday at noon, to Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Baker, a 9 1-2 pound son—Horace M. Jr. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely.

—Mrs. T. L. Johnson was able to leave the Baker sanatorium, where she had been a patient for a month, Friday. Her condition is very much improved.

—A wire message from Congressman H. L. Lyon to the Robesonian Saturday states that list of eligibles for the Lumberton postoffice has not been given out.

—Mrs. John Knox, district president of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's clubs, went Friday to Clarkton, where she federated a recently organized woman's club.

—Judging from the number of early cabbage plants being sold here some would conclude that they are going to do much gardening this year. A good plan to follow, without a doubt.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer left Friday evening for New York, where she will buy spring goods for her millinery store—the Style shop. She was accompanied by Miss Lina Gough and Mr. Frank Gough, Jr.

—The Seaboard is placing material for raising the main line track in front of the union station and the grounds about the station. The track will be raised 4 inches and gravel placed around the station.

—Two dogs chased an "old field" rabbit about the union station for a while this morning. The rabbit could be seen evading the dogs and it is thought he made good his escape. It was not learned for what reason the rabbit came to town.

—Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White will leave tomorrow for a trip through Florida and they may extend their trip to Cuba. They will return through Georgia, where Mayor White wants to study boll weevil conditions firsthand. They will be gone two weeks or more.

—"Won't you please put something in the paper about folks letting their hogs run out," said a farmer to a Robesonian reporter Saturday. He was advised that the paper had recently commented upon that very same matter. However, it might be stated again that it's time to confine hogs and the like.

—Raleigh News and Observer, 10th: A. W. McLean was here yesterday for a conference with R. O. Everett, Aaron Sapiro and Bion H. Butler, regarding the cotton States conference at New Orleans. Messrs. McLean and Everett are members of the North Carolina Cotton commission and with L. J. Baker, of Palmyra, are North Carolina's delegates to the conference.

—A winter-crop apple was shown a Robesonian reporter Saturday by Mr. W. P. Barker. The apple was plucked that day from a tree at Mr. Barker's home, North Elm street, and was well-developed, red ripe and apparently juicy. The tree bloomed late in the fall after the first crop of apples had been gathered and this apple was a part of the second, or winter, crop.

—Rev. Luke Rader, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, will give a series of religious lectures at the high school auditorium, beginning Monday evening of next week and continuing for two weeks. A lecture will be given each week-day evening at 7:30. Mr. Rader is a gifted speaker and preacher and no doubt his lectures will prove both inspiring and interesting.