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Victor Bullard Killed Near Buie

Shot from Ambush Saturday Night—Jesse and Dock Oxendine Charged With Murder—Third Man Shot from Ambush in County in Last Few Months.

Victor Bullard, Indian, was shot from ambush and killed on the Eureka road, one mile from Buie, about 8:30 Saturday night. Jesse and Dock Oxendine, Indians and brothers, are in jail, having been ordered held without bond by a corner's jury to answer the charge of murdering Bullard. At least three full loads of shot struck Bullard, a load of buckshot entering his back, a load of No. 6 shot passing through his head and a third load of small-size shot entering his left arm.

Entire Load in Head.

The load that entered Bullard's head was evidently fired after he fell and at close range, as the entire load entered without scattering and the wadding was found in the wound. The shot entered his left jaw and passed out just above the right eye. Bullard lived on the farm of J. A. Stanton, near Buie, and he was killed about one mile from home. He was about 30 years old and had a wife and two small children. Five or six shots were fired, according to people who heard them.

End of Gun Covered With Blood

Jesse Oxendine was arrested Saturday night, while Dock was arrested yesterday after the inquest. The end of a single-barrel, 12-gauge shotgun found at the home of Jesse was covered with fresh blood and something that appeared to be human brains was also found on the end of the gun barrel. Jesse had threatened to "get" Bullard, according to evidence brought out at the inquest yesterday. The inquest was conducted by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer and coroner. The jury was composed of Messrs. C. M. Barker, W. C. Reynolds, R. W. Williams, O. C. Deese, D. M. Barker, F. Grover Britt. After viewing the remains of the murdered man, the scene of the killing and hearing evidence, the jury returned the following verdict:

"We find that Victor Bullard came to his death as a result of gunshot wounds, said guns in the hands of Jesse Oxendine and Dock Oxendine. We order that Jesse Oxendine and Dock Oxendine be held without bond for the proper court of jurisdiction."

Heard 5 or 6 Shots

According to the evidence, Dock Oxendine went to the home of Ellie Locklear, near the scene of the shooting, some 15 minutes after the sound of the guns and suggested to Clarence Locklear, who was there that they go up the road towards where the shooting took place, stating to Locklear that there might be a drunk man or a shot man there. The two walked up the road and saw a man lying in the road. Before going to the man Dock called for a light, which was brought by Mr. W. H. McPherson, who lives a few hundred yards away. Bullard was breathing his last when Mr. McPherson, Dock and Clarence and one or two other men reached him. Mr. McPherson testified that he heard at least five shots and probably six. He also testified that one could have loaded a shotgun between the shots. Three empty 12-gauge shells were found in the road, near where Bullard's body was lying. Both Jesse and Dock are married and live near the scene of the killing.

Finch Jones, Indian, testified that Jesse Oxendine went to a tobacco barn where he was curing tobacco and asked him to get Bullard to the barn, so he could "get" him. He refused and Jesse said he would "get" Bullard anyway. Jesse was fired upon from ambush prior to that and Bullard was charged with firing the shot, though the case was withdrawn later. Bullard is the third man shot from ambush and killed in the county during the last few months.

Phillips Escaped from Bladen Officer

Jeff Phillips, wanted here on the charge of manufacturing whiskey, who was arrested at Councils, Bladen county, Thursday, escaped from the officer, according to a wire message received by Sheriff R. E. Lewis Friday morning. No particulars of the escape were given. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Officer J. K. Nicholson wired Sheriff Lewis Thursday morning that Phillips was under arrest and to send to Councils for him. Thursday afternoon the sheriff received a wire message advising him not to send for Phillips.

Compromise Reached in Webb Case.

Clyde C. Webb, recently arrested on the charge of having criminal knowledge of a female over 12 and under 14 years of age, was released Friday, the matter having been compromised between Webb and Montgomery Dial, Indian, father of the girl, who swore out the warrant. It has not been learned what the terms of compromise were.

Mr. B. Tolar of Renner is a Lumberton visitor today.

Farming Under Boll Weevil Conditions

State Entomologist Sherman and Three Other Speakers Address Meeting Here on Best Methods to Follow—Importance of Following Tried and Tested Plans Stressed.

"Farming under boll weevil conditions" was the theme of the four speakers who addressed the farmers' meeting at the court house here Friday. While the rainy weather and bad roads kept many away, a representative gathering of farmers and business men attended the meeting. Mr. Sherman, State Entomologist, explained the purpose of the meeting. In his preliminary remarks, Mr. Sherman declared that the great bulk of Robeson county would experience its first serious damage from the boll weevil invasion this year. He urged upon the farmers the importance of observing plans which have been found to be the most successful in growing cotton under boll weevil conditions and not depending upon some self-concocted plan that has not been tried out.

Best Cultural Plans.

Best cultural plans for growing cotton under boll weevil conditions were outlined by Mr. G. M. Garren, of the State Department of Agronomy. The speaker told of being in Texas during the years 1916-17, where he saw hundreds of acres of cotton with a fine weevil and not a boll of lint gathered as a result of the activities of the weevils. The speaker pointed out that weevil conditions have much to do with the amount of cotton that can be grown where weevils are active.

Getting down to his plans for the culture of cotton, the speaker urged the necessity of planting cotton that will grow rapidly and put on bolls early in the season. Farmers need not worry about a top cotton crop or late pickings, as the boll weevil will take care of both. Farmers should plant cotton in the fields that warm up earliest in the spring. Land should be broken in the fall, while cotton stalks are green, thus burying weevils in the green squares. More attention should be given the preparation of lands to be planted in cotton.

Large boll varieties of improved seeds should be planted. Cotton rows should be from 3 to 3 1/2 feet wide, in order that the sun may shine between them. Plant closer in the drill, as this keeps weed growth down and hastens fruit maturity. Plant cotton early and cultivate rapidly.

How to Fertilize.

As to fertilization, the speaker urged a 2 per cent. increase in the use of acid phosphate, a slight increase in the use of potash, with no change in the use of ammonia and nitrates. Nitrates should come from mineral sources, these being quicker in action than those derived from vegetable sources. Cotton seed meal and other vegetable nitrates should be used for corn and other crops than cotton. Nitrate of soda was recommended by the speaker as a nitrate plant food for cotton. From 600 to 900 pounds of fertilizer to the cotton acre should be used, this being applied at planting time. If a second application is used, it should be put down when the cotton is "chopped," not later. Late applications of fertilizer only furnish food for the weevils.

Grow Substitute Crops.

Now is the best time to begin to grow substitute crops for cotton, the speaker declared. Farmers should grow more legume and cover crops. These crops furnish the best fertilizer for corn. Mr. Garren took occasion to urge the importance of selecting good seed corn, making the selection in the fields.

The Family Cow.

"The Family Cow," was the subject of Mr. J. A. Arey, of the State Dairy. (Continued on page four.)

Charged With Shooting at White Man

3 Negro Brothers Jailed on Charge of Firing at Mr. Dewey Stone of Raynham.

Clio, Will and Webster Lewis, all colored, were placed in jail here Saturday on the charge of shooting at Mr. Dewey Stone of the Raynham section. The negroes are brothers and live near Raynham. They will be given a hearing at an early date before Recorder J. A. McKay of Rowland. While the negroes are charged with firing at Mr. Stone, none of the shots took effect. They were arrested by Rural Policeman J. H. Carper and Deputy Sheriff E. P. Bryant.

Meeting to Consider Bond Issue.

A meeting of the mayor and town commissioners will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) evening in the municipal building. The matter of issuing bonds for additional street and sidewalk paving and sewer and water extension will be considered.

Messrs. J. C. Bentz, A. R. McEachern, G. T. Fisher and L. McInnis, all of St. Pauls, were Lumberton visitors Thursday.

Lumber Bridge News Letter

Basketball Doubleheader Won from Parkton—Championship Honors—Poultry Raisers Will Meet March 8—Private Radio Station—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, March 5.—The Lumber Bridge basketball team won a double header from Parkton last Tuesday afternoon on the local courts. The local boys won from Parkton 24 to 13 in a fast game. The visitors piled up a 6 point lead before the home boys started the fireworks, but once started they were never headed. The visitors were completely outclassed in every department of the game. The home boys showed that they had had superior coaching under head coach Fogleman. To date they have won 11 games and lost only 6.

In Tuesday's game Covington, left forward for the home team, scored 8 field goals and 2 from the foul line, while all his team-mates played stellar ball.

At the beginning of the second quarter of the girls' game, the Parkton authorities called their team from the court and thereby forfeited the game to the locals 2 to 0.

Parkton's loss of these games gives the championships in this section to Antioch boys and Lumber Bridge girls.

On account of unfavorable weather the regular meeting of the Lumber Bridge Poultry association was postponed until Wednesday evening, March 8, and a short business session was held. The subject for discussion will be "Brooders and Baby Chicks." Several shipments of baby chicks have arrived for members of the association.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williford, Monday, a son.

We are sorry to lose from our town Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williford and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Graham.

Private Radio Station

Lumber Bridge, like McDonald, can boast of a radio station. This is a private station owned by Scoutmaster E. G. Pophal. Many have been fortunate enough to hear the Pittsburgh concert.

On account of inclement weather the Nonpareil Literary society has postponed its public program until a later date.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfreda Tolar, Monday, a son.

The Christian Endeavor oyster supper held on February 24 was quite a success, despite the fact that sickness in the town kept many away. A neat little sum was realized with which to send delegates to the State Young Peoples convention which meets at Davidson college next June.

Superior Court

W. J. McDonald Taxed With Cost in His \$10,000 Suit for Enticing Labor—Court Probably Will Last Through This Week.

Interest in Superior court for the trial of civil cases last week centered around the suit brought by W. J. McDonald against J. D. McRainey, in which the plaintiff asked for \$10,000 damages for labor which it was charged the defendant enticed away from him. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the defendant, the plaintiff being taxed with the costs of the action.

Other jury trials disposed of after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian was written were:

Geo. B. McLeod vs. Jas. D. Proctor et al; judgment for the defendants.

Southern Tire Sales Corporation vs. Bullard & Freeman; judgment for plaintiff.

Andrew Freeman vs. Mack Taylor; judgment for plaintiff.

Besides the jury trials, a number of judgments were signed and several cases were compromised.

This is a two-weeks' term and will probably last through this week. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson is presiding.

No Speaker to Tell "Why We Have Hospitals"

No speaker was present at the chapel exercises at the high school auditorium Friday morning to tell "Why we have hospitals." However, a delightful program was rendered. Devotional exercises were conducted by Supt. W. H. Gale. A piano solo by Miss Ethel Miller, music teacher in the school and a vocal solo by Miss Lula Norment were features of the program. Several musical selections were rendered by the school. The program was arranged by the eighth grade, Master Robert Weinstein being in charge.

Supt. Gale announced that he expected the town fire department to be represented next Friday morning.

Judging from the number of eggs being offered for sale here, the hens have called off the "strike." They are selling at 20 and 25 cents the dozen.

Fairmont News

To Vote on \$75,000 Schools Bonds Instead of \$50,000—Mother of Mr. T. C. McIlhenny Passes—U. D. C. Chapter Organized—Pittman Drug Co. Sale Stands—Personal.

By H. V. Brown

Fairmont, March 4.—Thursday night, Feb. 24, another mass meeting was held in the Jones auditorium, which was well attended. This meeting was called in interest of the school bonds and site, the investigations of the proposed trustees being reported after their visit to several of the best school buildings in this section. It was unanimously decided that this district should vote on \$75,000 instead of the \$50,000, which was first mentioned. If this bond issue is carried Fairmont will have one of the nicest and best arranged school buildings in the Eastern Carolinas. These meetings have met with success, which is attributed mostly to the presence of many ladies.

Mr. T. C. McIlhenny returned Sunday February 26th, from Greensboro, where he was called on account of the death of his mother. The following is taken from last Sunday's issue of the Greensboro Daily News: "Mrs. Mollie Terrell McIlhenny, widow of the late J. K. McIlhenny, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock at her home, 34 West Lee street, following a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. McIlhenny was 55 years of age and had been living in Greensboro for many years. Her husband, who died several years ago, was engaged in the drug business here. Mrs. McIlhenny suffered a stroke of paralysis shortly before 8 o'clock and died before a physician arrived. It was the third attack of paralysis suffered by Mrs. McIlhenny. The first attack was in 1917, last year she suffered another stroke. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. C. Langston, and Misses Dudley and Kenan McIlhenny of this city; three sons, William T. McIlhenny and J. K. McIlhenny, Jr., of Goldsboro, and T. C. McIlhenny of Fairmont. Mrs. McIlhenny was a faithful member of St. Andrews Episcopal church and the funeral was held there Saturday morning at 11 o'clock."

A local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized here February 22nd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Floyd on South Main street. Miss Cornelia McMillan of Red Springs, district leader U. D. C., was present and perfected the details. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. C. B. Thompson; 1st V. president, Mrs. A. E. Floyd; 2nd V. president, Mrs. G. H. Cole; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Pittman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. J. Chambers; registrar, Mrs. F. C. Jones; historians, Miss Agnes Ashley and Mrs. B. E. Thompson. The next meeting will be held March 7th in the American Legion hall over G. W. Turner's store at 3 p. m. The president has asked that any and all who are eligible see her or Mrs. A. E. Floyd for application blanks so that they may join at the next meeting.

Mr. K. C. Blue of Raeford spent a few days here this week with friends and relatives.

Friends will learn with pleasure that the condition of Mrs. Ernest Jones, who has been ill at her home on Red Cross street, is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson spent part of last week in Winston-Salem with Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Thompson.

Mr. J. O'Berry Ashley returned yesterday from Louisville where he attended the graduation exercises and recital of his sister, Miss Maude Ashley, last Wednesday night. He was accompanied by his brother Mr. Ross Ashley of Boardman.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wright, at DeLand, Fla., last Saturday, a girl, Miriam.

The conditions of Miss Ina Bracey, who returned from a hospital in Rocky Mount this week, is reported as rapidly improving.

Reports today are that Mr. H. L. Blue is somewhat improved. Mr. Blue, who is assistant cashier of the Bank of Fairmont, has been seriously ill since Thursday following the robbery on Wednesday. It is thought he became overheated in the hot vault where he worked trying to clear the debris and ruined stock.

Mr. E. A. Mitchell, who has been confined to his home for the last week with a light attack of appendicitis, is again able to be about his business.

At a re-sale of the Pittman Drug Co. here today the stock and fixtures were sold to Messrs. Grantham Bros. of Red Springs for the price of raise of bid since the last sale two weeks ago. No one else offered to bid. Mr. Strauss of the Strauss Cigar Co. was present representing his concern. The fountain was offered for sale but no bids were offered. If this sale is confirmed Messrs. Grantham Bros. are expected to open for business the last of next week.

Misses Dorothy Miller and Vera Hawes of Wilmington spent the week-end here, guests of Miss Olive

Recorder's Court

C. B. Meares Appeals from Sentence for Affray—Other Cases.

C. B. Meares and Annie Edmund, the last named a negroess, were before Recorder David H. Fuller Thursday on the charge of engaging in an affray with the use of deadly weapons. Meares was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in jail, while Annie was found not guilty. Meares gave notice of appeal and his bond was fixed at \$100 in default of which he was remanded to jail. The fight took place at the home of Annie, near the Kingsdale lumber plant, Wednesday. The evidence was that Meares attacked Annie with an axe, while Annie beat him over the head with a shotgun, knocking him out at the door. Annie suffered a broken finger and one of her earrings was missing after the fight.

T. L. Bissell was found guilty of forcible trespass Friday and was fined \$5 and cost.

A man named Baggott was found guilty of an assault upon Ernest McNair, colored, and was taxed with the cost, one-half of which was remitted. The evidence was that Baggott struck McNair with a stick after McNair had threatened to shoot him.

Don't Fail to Make These Detours

Avoid Trouble by Observing Detour Signs in Coming to Lumberton.

While the road from McNeill's bridge to Lumberton is being hard-surfaced the following detours should be observed by people coming to Lumberton:

From beyond McNeill's bridge—Re dSprings, Maxton, Pembroke, etc.—come by way of Odum road and Caldwell bridge; from Rowland and all that section, detour at Back Swamp and come by Wishart place.

On account of careless directions about what road to take several people have come to grief. One man had to spend the night in the woods recently on account of being directed to follow a road over which two mules would have difficulty in pulling an empty wagon, and several others have had to have their automobiles hauled out. The two detours mentioned above afford the best roads for coming to Lumberton from the sections mentioned.

4 Alleged Blockaders Arrested

Also 4 Stills Captured. By Rural Policeman Smith—One Man Given Road Sentence and Others Will Be Tried Wednesday.

Rural Policeman W. W. Smith of Maxton captured four whiskey-making plants last week. He also arrested four men—Gilmore and Oscar Locklear and Dave Lucas, Indians, and Lawrence Stanton, negro—in connection with the stills. Gilmore, who had a still in his barn, was sentenced by Recorder R. M. Williams to 12 months on the roads. The other three will be tried Wednesday of this week, according to Mr. Smith, who is a Lumberton visitor today. The stills were all homemade outfits, two being constructed of galvanized tubs, one of a gasoline tank and one of a lard tub.

FLORIDA OFFICER COMES FOR TWO ROBESON COUNTY MEN

Deputy Sheriff W. C. Williamson of Sanford, Fla., arrived here yesterday and will leave this evening with Jesse Sellers and Ellis Herring, two Robeson county men wanted in Florida on the charge of the lacy of an automobile. Governor Cameron Morrison signed requisition papers for Sellers' return to Florida, while Herring agreed to go without any action by the Governor. Sellers has just completed a 60-days' road sentence imposed by Recorder D. H. Fuller on the charge of disturbing religious worship.

A meeting of the Lumberton American Legion post will be held in the legion hall Thursday evening of this week at 7:30. There will be numerous amusements, including a "battle royal" and wrestling. Refreshments will be served. All ex-service men are invited.

Elrose Fruit Farm is selling finest apple trees at \$5 a dozen. In a few of the papers published today the price is given wrong in one line of the ad on page 6. \$5 is the price for a dozen.

AFTER READING THE TRASHY CIRCULARS AND ADVERTISEMENTS of traveling fakirs and failures of other towns, have your eyes examined by your local experts. Cheap eye service is a dear purchase.

—Adv.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1/2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Josephine Breece's military opening begins tomorrow.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Hector Stone and Emma Stephens.

—The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the municipal building.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board are holding regular monthly meetings here today. Large crowd in town.

—Mrs. Fred Townsend returned yesterday from Richmond, Va., where she spent two months undergoing treatment in a hospital. Her condition is very much improved.

—The heavy rains of the last few weeks have greatly retarded farm work, according to farmers coming into town. The land has been too wet for breaking for some time.

—Mr. D. R. Connor of Fair Bluff was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Connor has passed his 91st birthday, but can yet travel with ease. He served through the Civil War.

—Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White returned Thursday night from a trip of a little more than two weeks through Florida, stopping at the principal resorts. They also visited parts of Georgia.

—Mr. C. S. Stanton has announced his candidacy for the office of road supervisor of Parkton township. He was a Lumberton visitor Friday. His card appears in this issue of The Robesonian.

—Prof. J. W. R. Norton, principal of the Lumberton high school, refereed in Fayetteville Friday evening an indoor basketball game between the Fayetteville and Gibson high school teams. The Fayetteville team won by the score of 31 to 23.

—The play, "Farm Folks," scheduled to be given at the Barker-Ten Mile high school building last Friday evening was postponed to Friday evening of this week, on account of the rain. The play will be given by pupils of the school, the proceeds for admission to go to the athletic department.

—Miss Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, is able to be at her office in the court house today for the first time after being confined to her room for ten days with a case of influenza. Just prior to her illness, she was called to Greensboro and High Point to assist Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon in a series of dairy demonstrations at those places. While at High Point Miss Andrews was privileged to visit every school in the city, addressing 2,300 school children, also appeared before the Parent-Teachers association. She spoke on the food value of milk.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mrs. Nancy Howell of Howellsville. Mrs. Nancy Howell, wife of Mr. Ed Howell, aged 77 years, died early Friday morning at her home in Howellsville township. Deceased had been ill for some time and her death was not unexpected. Interment was made in the family cemetery at Zion's Tabernacle church Friday at 3 p. m. Her husband and several children survive.

Mr. Ed K. Kinlaw, Near Boardman.

Mr. Ed K. Kinlaw, aged 72 years, died last night of Bright's disease at his home near Boardman. Deceased is survived by three children. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 10 a. m. and interment made in the family cemetery.

N. A. Barton, Indian.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, March 6.—N. A. Barton, a well-known Indian, passed away last Thursday at 7 a. m. at the home of his sister. The remains were interred at the old family cemetery. Deceased was near 80 years old. He had suffered for some years. He was operated on 3 years ago in Baltimore. The funeral was conducted by Revs. Moore, Z. R. Chavis and Lonnie Jacobs.

Sacred Concert Next Monday Evening.

An organ recital will be given at Chestnut Street Methodist church next Monday evening, March 13th, by Prof. Vardell, music director of Flora McDonald college. Prof. Vardell is an accomplished organist and this sacred concert will be a treat. It is understood that he will be assisted by his sister, Miss Vardell, violinist. No collection will be taken.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON has money to lend to Farmers on Bonded Warehouse Receipts for cotton or other acceptable securities. Farmers seeking a permanent banking connection are advised to consult the officers of this strong National Bank.