

Edgar Mabe Murdered His Wife And Committed Suicide Here Last Night

Horrible Tragedy Occurred at Home of Mr. W. H. Shooter, Father of Murdered Woman—Two Shots in Quick Succession Sent Bullet Through Head of Each.

MABE HAD MADE THREATS THAT HE WOULD KILL WIFE AND SELF

Mabe Arrived Here Last Night From Home in Morganton to Visit Sick Wife and Seemed Pleased at Her Improvement—In Talk With Her Father Just Before the Crime He Said Too Many Murders Were Being Committed—Had Note in Pocket Then Showing That Deed Had Been Planned—“Because He Loved Her”, He Wrote—Had “Crazy Spells” and Wife Feared Him.

Edgar Mabe, aged 35, and his wife, aged 24, are both dead from the effects of shots fired by the husband about 12:30 this morning. The shooting took place at the home of Mrs. Mabe's father, Mr. W. H. Shooter, Eleventh and Willow streets. The bullet which ended the life of Mrs. Mabe, fired from a .38-calibre Harrington & Richardson pistol, entered the right temple and passed out through the left. The bullet from the same pistol which ended the life of her husband and murderer entered his right eye and passed out at the back of his head. This bullet struck a wall in the room and was found on the floor.

Mabe Arrived Last Night
Mabe arrived here last night from his home at Morganton, coming in on the 10:04 Seaboard train. He went immediately to the home of Mr. Shooter, where his wife was sick in bed. Mr. Shooter says he appeared to be in better spirits than usual and talked with members of the family freely before he fired the fatal shots. He appeared pleased to see Mrs. Mabe and commented on her apparently improved condition. Mrs. Mabe recently left the Thompson hospital, where she was a patient for several days. While in the hospital Mr. Mabe visited her regularly and carried her flowers. He had been away since she left the hospital, however. Mrs. Mabe was not expecting him last night.

Had Made Threats—Left Note
Mrs. Mabe had told her father that her husband had threatened to kill her and then take his own life before she left Morganton some 6 weeks ago. After reaching the Shooter home Mabe talked with his wife for some time and then went out on the front porch and talked with Mr. Shooter. During the conversation he told Mr. Shooter of attending some murder trials recently and remarked that too many murders were being committed. He then had the murder and suicide planned, as a note addressed to Mrs. W. H. Shooter, found in a pocket of his pants after the shooting, advised that he was going to kill both Mrs. Mabe and himself. The reason given in the note for the act was that he was going to kill Mrs. Mabe and then himself because he loved her.

2 Shots in Quick Succession
Mrs. Shooter had prepared a bed upstairs for Mr. Mabe and called to him just a short time before she heard the shots and advised him that his bed was ready. He replied that he was going to retire at once. The shots were fired in quick succession. Mr. Shooter rushed into the room when he heard the shots and found his daughter lying in the bed and her husband lying on the floor, near the bedside. He still held the pistol in his hand.

Drs. N. A. Thompson, J. A. Martin and E. R. Hardin were called at once, and spent the balance of the night at the Shooter home. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Mabe spoke after they were shot and both were unconscious when Mr. Shooter reached them. Mabe died about 7:30 a. m. and Mrs. Mabe passed away at 11 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabe were married here at the home of Mrs. Mabe's father about 6 months ago. Mabe had been married before and is survived by three children by his first marriage. His remains were turned over to Messrs. Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers, and his relatives at Morganton advised of his death.

A Horrible Scene
The scene in the room after the shooting was most horrible. The wife lay on the blood-soaked bed, while the husband lay on the floor near by in a pool of his own blood.

Mabe Had Crazy Spells
Both Mabe and his wife were in bad health and it is thought that brooding over this prompted the husband to commit the rash act. Mabe had shown signs of dependency at times, it is said. Mrs. Mabe told her father last night when she was advised of his arrival that he had “crazy spells” and that he had a pistol when he was here before, advising him to watch her husband.

Mrs. Mabe is survived by one son, about 3 years old, by a former marriage, her father and step-mother and two brothers—Mr. Roy Shooter of Lumberton and Mr. Boyd Shooter, the last named an instructor in the

U. S. Military academy at Staunton, Va.
Funeral Probably Tomorrow
It is expected that the funeral of Mrs. Mabe will be conducted tomorrow afternoon, though the arrangements have not yet been announced.

Negro Shot and Killed at Shannon

Jim Smith Received Load from Shotgun in His Breast as He Stepped Out on to His Back Porch From Supper Table Thursday Night—Killed Instantly—James McLeod, Also Colored, Admits Killing—Claims Invaded His Home.
Jim Smith, colored, was shot and killed on the back porch of his home at Shannon early Thursday night. James (Bill) McLeod, another negro, is in jail charged with firing the fatal shot. McLeod admits shooting Smith. Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, conducted an inquest over the remains of Smith Friday and the verdict of the jury was that Smith came to his death from gunshot wounds, the gun being in the hands of James McLeod. The jury ordered that McLeod be held for investigation by the proper court. The jury was composed of Messrs. N. P. Mercer, D. S. Klapp, J. R. Walters, Sam Cox, J. D. Mercer and J. B. Coppege.

The load from a shotgun entered the breast of Smith just over his heart and he died instantly. He was shot as he walked out from the supper table, according to the evidence brought out at the inquest. McLeod claims that he shot Smith because he had invaded his (McLeod's) home.

MRS. SHEPARD RETURNS HOME

Efforts to Locate Missing Husband Prove Futile—Hand-bag Identified.
Mrs. E. E. Shepard and her 5-year-old son, Jack, left last evening for their home at Putney, Ga. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, Mrs. Shepard came here Thursday for the purpose of investigating the disappearance of her husband, whose abandoned auto was found in a ditch beside the Wildcat highway, one mile south of Lumberton, Tuesday, April 11. A hand-bag recently found by a colored man in a pond of water 3 miles north-east of town was identified by Mrs. Shepard as one which her husband carried. The bag was empty when found and a thorough search of the pond revealed nothing more than the bag. Mrs. Shepard expects to return to Lumberton later. All efforts to locate the missing man have proved futile. A number of men yesterday made a search of the woods surrounding the pond in which the hand-bag was found.

The consensus of opinion is that Mr. Shepard was murdered on the night of April 10 and that his car was driven to the point where it was found and pushed into the ditch.

GOVERNOR REQUESTED TO SEND TROOPS TO ROCKY MOUNT

Governor Morrison was requested last night by the mayor of the town and the sheriffs of Edcombe and Nash counties to send troops to Rocky Mount to guard Atlantic Coast Line shops. Thirteen special policemen who had been guarding the A. C. L. shops were kidnapped and hustled out of Rocky Mount early yesterday morning by a band of alleged strikers. Seven of the guards reported later from near-by points but 6 were still missing last night. Gov. Morrison and Adj. Gen. Metts are conferring in Raleigh today on the situation.

Temporary injunction restraining striking shopmen in Eastern North Carolina from any interference with trains or employees of the A. C. L. was signed by Federal Judge Connor at Wilson yesterday.

Mail Cards at Once.
It is important that all members of the Cooperative Tobacco Marketing association mail at once the cards furnished for indicating to headquarters in Richmond, Va., where they wish to deliver their tobacco. The cards should be filled out and sent in at once.

Rev. R. L. Guy, pastor of the Free Union church near St. Pauls, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greene spent Saturday in Raeford with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greene.

Mrs. R. E. Lewis and small son, R. E. Jr., expect to leave Wednesday for Hendersonville, where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. H. E. Thompson and son, Master Melvin Thompson, of the Allenton section, are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. J. M. Melver of Lumberton Bridge was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Lumberton Will Have Two Auction Sales Warehouses

Mr. C. R. Ashley of Durham. Has Leased McIntyre Tobacco Warehouse for Auction Sales—This Gives Town Two Houses Under Old Plan, Two Having Been Taken Over by “Co-op”—Market Will Open August 1st.

Mr. C. R. Ashley of Durham has leased the McIntyre tobacco warehouse on First street and will operate it under the auction sales plan. This gives Lumberton two warehouses, which will be operated under the auction sales plan and the experienced tobacco warehousemen who will have charge of these warehouses have been assured that a full corps of buyers will be on this market. As has been stated in The Robesonian, two of the town's four warehouses, the Big Banner and the Farmers', have been taken over by the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association, the Star and the McIntyre houses to be operated under the auction sales plan.

The tobacco market will open in Lumberton on Tuesday, August 1st.

Curb Market Growing in Popularity

More Produce Sold Last Saturday Than on Opening Day—Farmers and Their Customers Pleased With Results—Market Open Each Saturday 9 to 11 A. M.

The curb market which was opened in Lumberton Saturday, July 8 is growing in popularity. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the market is opened each Saturday at 9 a. m. and remains open until 11 a. m. More produce was sold last Saturday than on the opening day and the farmers who placed their produce on sale were much pleased with the results. Produce of all kinds is offered for sale and the consumers have no trouble in selecting just what they want at the curb market. The growers are learning the advantage of grading their produce before placing it on sale and no doubt the market will continue to grow. The produce is displayed on the curb house square.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, and Mr. O. O. Duke, county farm demonstrator, worked out the curb market plan. Both the Women's club and the Home Demonstration club of Lumberton are co-operating with Miss Andrews and Mr. Duke in the movement.

12 PASSENGER TRAINS DISCONTINUED BY SEABOARD RAILWAY

Two Trains Discontinued Between Wilmington and Charlotte.

Twelve trains were discontinued by the Seaboard Air Line railway yesterday, two of them trains passing Lumberton—No. 31, leaving Wilmington at 8 a. m. for Charlotte, due at Lumberton at 10:35 a. m., and No. 34, arriving Lumberton at 2:50 p. m. from Charlotte to Wilmington. The announcement that these trains would be discontinued Sunday was made Friday and at the same time President J. B. Kenly of the Coast Line issued a statement to the effect that no discontinuance of trains on the A. C. L. was contemplated.

Mr. E. E. Hunter, Seaboard division passenger agent, in making the announcement, said: “In order to protect movement United States mail and most heavily patronized passenger trains, and provide engines to move perishables and feedstuffs, and due to shortage of coal it is necessary to discontinue trains 31 and 34, between Wilmington and Hamlet, effective with last train from each terminal Saturday, July 15th. This service will be resumed as soon as present emergencies cease.”

Saturday's Wilmington Star gives the following in this connection:

Other trains to be discontinued by the Seaboard temporarily are: 19 and 20, between Raleigh and Weldon; trains 285 and 282, between Durham and Henderson; trains 485 and 486, between Dickerson and Oxford; trains 330 and 331, between Franklinton and Lenoir; trains 41 and 44, between Raleigh and Hamlet.

Officials of the Coast Line stated last night that trains are being operated on and out of Wilmington as usual. It was said that work at the local shops and on the yard is being carried on satisfactorily and all trains are in good condition before leaving here. Trains continue to depart on time, it was declared.

—Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned Friday morning from New York City, where he spent a week. Dr. Durham accompanied his daughters—Misses Wilma and Margaret—to New York, where they entered Columbia university to take a summer course. Mrs. Durham and little Miss Kathleen Durham are expected home tomorrow evening from Winston-Salem, where they have been on a visit to the home of Mrs. Durham's mother, Mrs. Ida M. Tatum.

Fairmont News

County Checker Tourney Proposed—Were Mr. Barfield's Valuables Stolen or Was It a Joke—Personal and Other Items.

By H. V. Brown.
Fairmont, July 17—Mr. W. M. Worley left Wednesday afternoon for Asheville in response to a telegram stating that his wife was seriously ill and expected to be compelled to undergo an operation. Master Elliott Chambers went with Mr. Worley and will spend some time in Weaverville and Asheville visiting relatives.

Mr. M. S. Huston spent last Tuesday in Clinton, S. C., where he went to attend the annual meeting of the Calhoun Highway association. He was appointed a delegate from the local chapter of the association.

Mr. Claud Gaine of Fayetteville spent a few days here this week with friends and relatives.

Miss Lila Whitley of Zebulon and Miss Hattie Inman of Whiteville are attractive guests of Misses Bertha and Retha Jenkins on Cottage street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones and Miss Gertrude Rooney are spending the week-end in Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. E. Fisher, who has been taking treatment in Fayetteville for the past several months, became suddenly ill Saturday morning while on duty at the passenger station. He was given medical attention by Dr. Ricks and carried to his home, where he soon became better. His condition is reported as somewhat improved.

Mr. J. F. Johnson and family are spending some time in the Western part of the State visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Reeves of Asheville is spending some time here visiting friends and relatives. Miss Reeves was accompanied from Asheville by Lieut. D. B. Floyd, U. S. A., who is spending a few days here with relatives. Lieut. Floyd will leave within a few days for the Panama Canal Zone, where he will be on duty with the U. S. army. For the past several years he has been assigned to Camp Knox and Camp Zachary Taylor.

Mrs. J. A. Galloway and children have been spending some time at Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach visiting friends and relatives.

Hotels Parties.
Two house parties will be held in the near future by Fairmont young ladies at Lake Waccamaw. The first will be held by Miss Katherine Calloway the last week in July and the next by Miss Rose Jones the first week in August. Many out-of-town friends will attend these social events.

The B. Y. P. U. members enjoyed a party last Thursday night in the grove on South Main street, the plot having been cleaned and made a very suitable place with appearance of a city park.

Mr. W. A. Rasley returned home last Wednesday from Greensboro, where he held a position with Grison's drug store.

Mrs. H. H. Benson and little daughter, Ruth, returned last week from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Richmond, Va., and Farmville, N. C. They were accompanied by Mrs. Benson's father.

County Checker Tourney.
It has been definitely decided that a checker tourney will be held at Fairmont some time in the near future to decide who is the champion checker player of the county. The tourney at Maxton on the Fourth was a very interesting affair and although this one to be held here is not a state affair it will no doubt cause just as much interest in the county. Every checker player in the county is expected to be here and contest for the honors. Two of the county contestants were eliminated in the contest at Maxton, these being Mr. Howard McNair and Mr. J. Paul Lewis, both being eliminated twice. The exact date of the contest will be announced soon, so watch the ROBESONIAN for anything regarding the entrees.

Valuables Stolen?
It is reported as true, but the truth is not hereby verified, that Mr. Neill Barfield, who lives on route 2, had a lot of valuable papers, bonds and money stolen from him one night this week. It was also reported that Mr. Barfield had stated previously that the failure of banks in this community had not hurt him as he had his valuables in his trunk at home. It is surmised that the thief had heard of this and thought he would prefer breaking a trunk lock in preference to blowing a bank safe. It is hoped that some one is playing a joke on Mr. Barfield, however.

The following Lumberton people went to Wilmington Saturday to witness a ball game between the Lumberton club and All-Star club of Wilmington: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walters, Messrs. Richard Norment, H. B. Jennings, Cutlar Moore, Ed J. Glover, Osborne Lee, Dr. N. A. Thompson and son, Master N. A. Jr., Louis Stovall, and Dr. M. A. Waddell. Dr. Waddell and Mr. Stovall made the trip with Mr. Walters in his aeroplane. They made the trip in one hour. A report of the ball game, a victory for Lumberton, will be found elsewhere in today's paper.

Mr. Joe Bullard of Orrum was among the visitors in town Friday.

25 Years in Pen. for Brittan Locklear

Plead Guilty 2nd Degree Murder—Shot Carson Jacobs Through Window Last Month—Other Murder Cases Continued—17 Men Sentenced to Roads—Court Ends.

Brittan Locklear, Indian, tendered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree in Superior court Friday night and was sentenced by Judge W. M. Bond to serve 25 years in the State prison. Locklear was charged with killing Carson Jacobs, alias Lowry, another Indian. Though Locklear was being tried for first-degree murder, the solicitor and special council for the State accepted the plea.

The trial was begun Friday afternoon, all the morning session being taken up in selecting a jury of 12 men from the special venire of 60 men summoned. The jury was composed of the following men: Messrs. D. L. Nye, B. F. McLean, W. E. Graham, O. Stanley, A. H. White, W. P. Kay, Joe Miller, Robt. Monroe, Wm. Tiddy, Ben G. Floyd, Jas. D. Lewis, H. E. Purvis. A number of witnesses was put on by the State during the afternoon session.

Shot Through Window.

According to the evidence submitted, Jacobs was shot through a window in the home of Nora Locklear, sister of the defendant, in Smiths township on the night of June 5. The load from a shotgun entered the back of his head and he died instantly. Annie Lee Locklear, 9-year-old daughter of Nora Locklear, testified that she was at a well in the yard at the home of her mother when the shot was fired and that she saw her uncle Brittan Locklear running away from the window through which it was fired immediately after the shooting. She also testified that she saw Brittan's dog there at the time.

Alton Locklear, 12-year-old son of Nora Locklear, testified that on the morning after the homicide he found Brittan Locklear's pocket-knife in the path that led from the window where the shot was fired to Brittan's home. Solicitor S. B. McLean was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy and Messrs. Britt & Britt, while the defendant was represented by Messrs. Johnson & Johnson.

The several other murder cases appearing on the docket for trial were continued until the November term.

Disposition of Cases

The following trials besides those reported in Thursday's Robesonian were disposed of during the term:

W. M. Epps, manufacturing whiskey; not guilty.

Governor Bell, assault and nuisance; plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost.

Ray Reed, house-breaking; plead guilty; 2 years on roads.

Lee Allen, violating town auto ordinance; plead guilty; fined \$15 and cost.

Elza Hill, Isham Victor, Ernest Tilley, Jno. C. Willard, Von Speight—all escaping from chain gang and all plead guilty; 3 months each on the road, terms to begin at expiration of former sentences. Tilley and Hill were found guilty of the larceny of an auto and were each sentenced to 6 months on the roads for this offense. Von Speight was also sentenced to 3 months on the roads on the charge of larceny. All these prisoners escaped from the county chain gang several weeks ago and were later recaptured.

Henry Taylor, larceny; plead guilty of temporary larceny on two charges; 60 days on the roads in each case—total 120 days.

McKenley Morrison and Ben Massenberg, violating auto laws; Morrison was found not guilty; Massenberg plead guilty of driving an auto at night without lights and was fined 25 cents and cost.

J. T. Phillips, manufacturing whiskey; plead guilty; judgment continued for 12 months upon payment of cost.

John West, larceny and carrying concealed weapons; plead guilty; 60 days on roads for the larceny charge and 30 days on the other.

The plea of guilty in the case of Boney Burns, charged with disposing of mortgaged property, was stricken out and the case continued until the next term.

The 6-months road sentence imposed upon I. J. Odum on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and assault with deadly weapon was later reduced by Judge Bond to 4 months.

While the jury was dismissed Friday night, a night session having been called, Judge Bond spent Saturday here signing orders, etc. He left late Saturday afternoon for his home at Edenton.

Seventeen men were sentenced to the roads by Judge Bond during the term, the sentences ranging from 2 months to 2 years.

Mrs. J. A. Bethea and small son, James Jr., are expected home this evening from Richmond, Va., where they spent two weeks visiting at the home of Mrs. Bethea's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Bethea.

COTTON MARKET
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 21 1/2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCALS NEWS

—Mr. J. Q. Parnell of Parkton is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Parnell reports fine crops up his way.

—Regular Communication, St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday night 8 o'clock. Work in second degree.

—Mrs. S. R. Spivey returned Wednesday from Charlotte, where she spent six weeks undergoing treatment in the Charlotte sanatorium. Her condition is somewhat improved.

—Judging from the amount of fruits and vegetables being brought in from rural districts, the crop must be a bumper one. The town has been flooded with melons and cantaloupes of late.

—Messrs. A. L. Smith and J. E. Kinlaw have purchased from Mr. A. E. Spivey the grocery business formerly conducted by Mr. Spivey on East Third street. They will continue the business at the same stand.

—Mr. J. P. Russell, chairman of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter, recently has received from the Broad Ridge Baptist church a contribution for the suffering in Europe amounting to \$5. This church has made a number of contributions to this cause.

—As was stated in last Monday's Robesonian, an important meeting of the Lumberton Poultry association will be held in the court house this evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited. Several subjects of interest to poultry raisers will be discussed.

—Mr. N. F. Kinlaw of R. 7, Lumberton, was among the many farmers who placed something on sale at the curb market here Saturday. Mr. Kinlaw says he was well pleased with the sales and thinks the curb market is one of the very best things ever started in Lumberton.

—Mr. W. L. Lovett, who lives on R. 4 from Lumberton, left in The Robesonian office Saturday an unusual tobacco growth, a double leaf on one stem. Mr. Lovett also had with him a bundle of tobacco that looked good enough for a later curing but which he said was No. 1 sand lug.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, left this morning for New Bern, where he will visit at the home of a son-in-law and daughter. He will also visit a son-in-law and daughter near Durham and relatives at Henderson, where Mrs. Beaman has been for some time. He will be away two or three weeks.

—Mr. V. G. Pleasants of Rowland took the examination for the Rowland postmastership conducted here Saturday. It is understood that two other applicants took a like examination at Maxton, though the names of these were not learned. Three applicants—one lady and two men—took the examination for the postmastership at Bladenboro. The examinations were conducted by Messrs. C. C. Blake and Vance Skipper, members of the local civil service examining board.

—In a recent issue of “The Jersey Bulletin and Dairy World”, published at Indianapolis, Ind. there is a splendid article on the Green Valley dairy of East Lumberton, owned and operated by the Lumberton Cotton Mills. This article refers in terms of praise to the management of Mr. E. L. Hamilton, who has increased the herd from a small beginning until now the dairy supplies not only the mill villages under the same management but a large percent of the population of Lumberton.

—Mr. W. S. Wishart of Laurinburg remembered The Robesonian with the splendid gift of a crate of Scotland county cantaloupes Friday. The gift is highly appreciated. Mr. Wishart was foreman for The Robesonian for many years prior to some 10 or 12 years ago, when he quit the paper for the movie business. The Editor also is indebted to Mr. J. B. Humphrey of Saddletree for a basket of as fine peaches as ever grew anywhere. Mr. Humphrey has a fine orchard and has been selling peaches by the truck load.

—Mr. G. W. Knott of Henderson spent Friday and Saturday in Lumberton in the interest of the Co-operative Tobacco Marketing association. Mr. Knott was connected with the Farmers tobacco sales warehouse of Lumberton for three years and is well-known throughout this section. He has turned over to the co-operative association his two large sales warehouses at Henderson. Mr. Knott says the co-operative selling plan will mean the salvation of the tobacco growers, who, he says, have not had a square deal under the old auction system.

—John Thomas, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lewis, was knocked down on Elm street late Saturday afternoon by a Ford car driven by Mr. W. K. Howell. While the child was considerably bruised in several places, it is not thought he was seriously hurt. Mr. Howell was driving up Elm street at a slow rate of speed when the child darted in front of the car, which was stopped before it passed over him. The child was on the east side of Elm with his grandmother and had started across the street to his mother when the car struck him. Had the car been moving at fast speed, no doubt the child would have been killed.