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Negro Man Killed By Negro Woman Near St. Pauls

Julia Morrison Charged With Using Shotgun With Deadly Effect on Alex. Meares—Meares Slapped Woman During Argument About a Board Bill and Julia Used Alex's Own Gun—Woman is in Jail.

Another chapter was added to Robeson county's 1922 murder record Tuesday morning when Alex Meares, colored, was shot and killed near St. Pauls by Julia Morrison, negro woman. Julia, who was arrested soon after the killing and is now in the county jail here, admits firing the shot that ended Meares' life.

According to the evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest Meares and the woman who shot him were picking cotton on the farm of Mr. Love Culbreth. They engaged in an argument about a board bill, which Julia claimed Meares owed her. The argument became heated and Meares slapped Julia. She then went to where Meares had his shotgun and advanced towards Meares. When within ten feet of him she fired a load into his head, death resulting instantly.

Mr. D. W. Biggs conducted an inquest over the remains Tuesday afternoon. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Meares came to his death as a result of a gunshot wound, the gun in the hands of Julia Alice Morrison. The jury ordered that Julia be held for higher court. The coroner's jury was composed of Messrs. L. A. McGee, L. L. McGee, J. C. Faircloth, W. A. McCormick, E. F. Watson and John McLean.

Meares was a young man and unmarried, while Julia is a middle-aged woman and divorced. It is said.

Tremendous Majority Indicated For N. C. Democrats

Hampton Predicts Republicans Will Be Snowed Under by at Least 100,000—Women Are Taking Keen Interest.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Information reaching here today indicates that North Carolina Democrats will have a tremendous majority when the election returns are counted. It was predicted by Frank A. Hampton that the Republicans will be snowed under by at least 100,000. That means that women are taking a keen interest in the contests.

It looks as if Douglas would win by 3,500 and Weaver by 3,200. Hammer and Stedman will have large majorities.

W. J. McDonald, Republican candidate against Representative Lyon, has expended \$2,170. He is running hard, but not strong.

W. B. Love, Mr. Hammer's opponent has not spent a cent.

Two Attempts Made Seaboard Restores To Burn Fairmont School Building

Good Work on Part of Faculty and Pupils Saved the Building—Brick-Laying on New School Buildings Has Begun—Orphanage Singing Class to Give Concert—Social, Personal and Other Items.

By H. V. Brown

Fairmont, Nov. 2.—A fire alarm was turned in Tuesday morning about 11:15. A large number of people rushed to the school house, which was reported a fire. It is supposed that some mischievous lad set fire to a piece of paper and placed same under the house through a vent hole, which caused smoke to appear in one of the class rooms. No panic was caused and school work was resumed in a few moments after the first sound of fire.

Yesterday morning at 9:30 fire was discovered under the building in practically the same place that smoke was seen coming from the day before. This time some more paper, coal, and lightwood had been placed under the building and ignited. The larger school boys rushed to the nearest hose house and attached hose to the hydrant nearby, and soon had the fire out. This was done a little better than the first one and had it been at night or on Saturday the fire department would have had a hard job extinguishing the fire. Just who the young rascals are no one has found out or at least they are not making it known yet. When arrests are made and the guilty ones sifted out, there will no doubt be some increases made at Jackson training school. Luckily no one was hurt in either of the fires and the faculty is being congratulated on the manner in which the situation was handled. Work on the new building is well advanced but if this keeps up as it is, the new one will be ready. It is hoped that the effort will be spared just who the guilty one is. While this is unofficial, the school committee has offered a \$500 reward for evidence to the victor.

Book Club Meets
Mrs. C. A. Floyd and Miss Lela Floyd were joint hostesses to the Sidney Lanier Book club Tuesday afternoon, October 24th, at the home of Mrs. Floyd on Pittman and Iona streets. A large number of members was present and the program dealt with Early Southern Literature. Hal-lou decorations with fall flowers added to the gayety of the occasion. The hostess was assisted by Miss Mary Floyd in serving salads with tea and salted nuts.

Work on New School Building
Laying of brick began last Monday morning on Fairmont's new \$85,000 school building. A large force of men is at work on the structure and beautiful weather is enabling the company to make rapid headway.

The Oxford Orphanage singing class will give an entertainment in the First Baptist church next Monday night, November 6th, at 8 o'clock. The last time this class gave a concert here two of the young boys took French leave and were found several miles from here sometime later. It is now known yet whether or not these lads will be in the show this time.

Mr. P. P. Smith of Proctorville was placed in charge of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad agency here Wednesday, succeeding the late E. Fisher. Mr. Smith held the agency at Proctorville for many years and comes to Fairmont as an experienced railroad man. Mr. Lashley, who has been employed here as relief agent, left after Mr. Smith had taken charge. Three auditors from the offices of the company in Wilmington spent Wednesday here checking out the relief agent and checking in the new agent.

Halloween Parties
At least there were a half dozen Halloween parties Tuesday night. Many spook-like creatures could be seen on the streets during the early part of the night.

Mr. L. P. Andrews of Wilmington spent last week-end here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson left Monday for Winston-Salem, where they will spend a few days with their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Thompson.

Mr. A. B. Small of Fairmont route 1 was a Raeford visitor last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem B. Thompson of Maxton spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

Mr. G. B. Robertson of Fayetteville was a business visitor here Tuesday—Dr. Whitlock of Lake City, S. C., was a business visitor here Tuesday.

St. Pauls News

Halloween Social Affairs—Presbyterian Ladies Attend Missionary Rally Here—Death of a Child—Personal.

By Ben G. Johnson
St. Pauls, Oct. 31.—Mrs. T. L. Northrop left this a. m. for Laurinburg, where she will spend until tomorrow visiting in the homes of her daughter, Mrs. Marion McNeill, formerly Miss Katie Groves Northrop, and Mrs. Laura Rich, mother-in-law, of Mrs. Northrop. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill are expected to return with the latter Wednesday. Mrs. McNeill spending the week in the Northrop home here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Fisher and daughter, Miss Ethel, spent Sunday in Sampson.

The many friends of Miss Margaret McCahey were glad to have her spend the latter part of the week among relatives and friends in our midst returning to Roberdal Sunday afternoon, where she is a member of the school faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hester and other members of the family spent Sunday in Dublin.

Among the visitors in town Sunday afternoon we note the following: Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Balfour and infant daughter, Alice Audrey, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Williamson and 2 sons. Mr. Williamson attending the S. S. rally which was held at the M. E. church of our town that afternoon. It seems to have been a joint affair between St. Pauls, Barkers and Regan. The Baptists had an "all-day" affair too, which was quite enjoyable.

The camp fire girls are giving an oyster supper in the Culbreth building tonight which all are looking forward to with pleasure.

The Junior C. E. society is to have a Halloween party in the knitting mill also this evening. This little society is under the direction of Miss Nettie McLean. A number of the students in the school here enjoyed a masquerade party in the high school building last Friday night when one society entertained another. "Goblins" and "witches" will be on hand tonight and quite a lot of fun no doubt will be realized among the little tots, this being Halloween.

Miss Flora Belle McGoogan who is a student of F. M. C. Red Springs, has been spending the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McGoogan. Miss Julia Felton, also a F. M. C. student, was a week-end guest of her sister, Miss Gladys Felton, who is a member of the high school faculty again this season, to the delight of her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lindsay and 3 children, Mary, Gene and Calvin, Jr., spent Sunday with a brother of Mr. Lindsay at Rockfish, reporting a very nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Newton went over to his father's, near Fayetteville, for the day Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd McCormac's child was real sick latter part of the week; was better; last account we had.

The many friends of Rev. J. J. Murray were glad to welcome him back for a few days the past week.

Quite a number of our ladies are anticipating attending the Missionary rally of the Women's Presbyterian auxiliary of the county, which is to meet tomorrow with the First Presbyterian church of Lumberton. It is to be an "all-day" affair and we know the Lumberton ladies will not fail in their undertaking to make it a day of "rare pleasure" for all.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 23 1/2 cents the pound; strict middling 24 cents.

Items of Local News

—Born, on October 23, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Meares, who live near Lumberton, twin daughters.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Rhodes and 3 children are moving today from East Lumberton to St. Pauls.

—Mr. J. M. Jones, an engineer on the Southern railway, running out of Camden, S. C., is spending the week with his family here.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hartley, Walnut street, Lumberton, announce the birth of a daughter on Tuesday, October 31, at 7:45 a. m.

—Born, 8-pound girl Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Small at the home of Mrs. Small's grandfather, Mr. J. F. Raybon, Walnut street.

—Mrs. F. B. McCall of Laurel Hill arrived yesterday to visit at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hollowell, Water street.

—Mr. H. O. Floyd, local public cotton weigher-grader, asks The Robesonian to state that he will not be at his post on November 11—Armistice Day.

—A Porto Rico potato weighing 10-pounds was sent to The Robesonian office Monday afternoon by Mr. W. H. Tyrner, who lives 2 miles east of town. Some yam.

—Mary Lowry and Dock Locklear, an Indian couple who live on R. 2 from Lumberton, were married in the court house Tuesday afternoon at about 1 o'clock. Justice F. Grover Britt officiated.

—Thirty-eight cases of diphtheria, 10 cases of scarlet fever and two of whooping cough were reported to Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, during the month of October.

—Miss Ruth McEwen, teacher of English in the Lumberton high school, left Tuesday evening for her home in Richmond, where she will undergo treatment. Mrs. E. R. Hardin is supplying for Miss McEwen while she is away.

—Correspondence of The Robesonian: Miss Albertine Duncan, who has been sick with malarial fever at her home in Howellsville township, is able to be out, and is now in Wilmington visiting her sister Mrs. B. H. Williams, who is sick.

—The Jewell Fruit & Produce Co., of which Mr. J. H. Ratley is proprietor, has opened a general fruit and vegetable business in the Carlyle building, South Chestnut street. This new concern buys only in carload lots and sells both wholesale and retail.

33,525 Bales Cotton Ginned in Robeson

5,806 Fewer Bales Ginned to October 18 This Year Than Were Ginned to Same Date Last Year.

There were 33,525 bales of cotton counted round as hull bales, ginned in Robeson county from the 1922 crop prior to October 18. This is 5,806 fewer bales than the number, 39,331, ginned to the same date last year, according to the report of Mr. Julius J. Shaw of Lumber Bridge, special agent of the Census Bureau for Robeson.

DOES MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN STATE LIVE IN LUMBERTON?

Most Beautiful Girl in Lumberton is Entitled to Enter Contest to Decide Who Will be Queen of Mardi Gras Ball in Raleigh Next Week.

The queen of a Mardi Gras ball to be given in Raleigh on the evening of November 9 is to be selected from representatives from the towns in the State. She may live in Lumberton, and this good town is requested to send its most beautiful daughter—whichever that may be—to compete with the most beautiful daughters of other towns for this honor. The contestants will all appear in a street parade on the 8th.

In writing Mayor E. M. Johnson, urging that Lumberton participate by sending its most beautiful daughter as a contestant, Mr. John G. Bikle, secretary of the Raleigh Merchants association, adds that all contestants will be met at the station and chaperoned during their visit to Raleigh. The girl selected as queen will be known thereafter as the most beautiful girl in North Carolina.

ARMISTICE DAY WILL BE OBSERVED AT RED SPRINGS

Col. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte Will Deliver Address—Citizens of Town Will Cooperate With College in Observance of Day.

Red Springs, Nov. 1.—Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, will speak at the Armistice Day service to be held in the college auditorium at 11:15. The Charlie Hall Post, American Legion, and citizens of the town will cooperate with the college in the observance of the day. Rev. F. Ople, pastor St. Stephens Episcopal church, will preside, and the music will be in charge of Dean C. Vardell Jr. At night war movies will be shown in the auditorium.

Recorder's Court

The records of the local recorder's court for this week would indicate that a "crimeless wave" had struck Lumberton and vicinity. Only two cases have been aired before Recorder David H. Fuller this week, both these being charges of being drunk.

Pink Willoughby was fined \$5 and cost, while John Moore, colored, was allowed to go free upon payment of the cost, both charged with being intoxicated.

Superior Court Convenes November 8

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Wednesday of next week instead of Monday. The opening of court was postponed on account of the general election Tuesday of next week. Jurors need not report until Wednesday morning.

Second Payment Made on Tobacco

Checks Will be Issued to 1500—Sales to Date Highly Satisfactory

Raleigh, Nov. 1.—A second cash payment to members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association will be made soon as checks are issued. The checks will be not more than \$100 each, according to a statement made by the board of directors, held here Monday, Oct. 30.

South Carolina will name the date and place of distribution and mass meetings of the organizers of the organized farmers of South Carolina are waiting for when they bring their participation receipts to draw a second cash payment equal to their first.

Sales to all of the 16 domestic companies at prices that are highly satisfactory to the directors were reported at last Monday's meeting and weekly deliveries to the association are now running between ten and fifteen million pounds.

Attorneys of the association were directed to proceed to bring legal action at once against all contract breakers to protect the interest of loyal members in every tobacco-growing county of the three States.

The rapid growth of strong local associations in Virginia and North Carolina was reported by M. O. Wilson, secretary and field service director of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative, and the decision of the board this week to aid the formation of locals in South Carolina as well as in Virginia and North Carolina will undoubtedly bring the number of well organized units of the association to over a thousand in the three States during the present month.

MARKS GREAT EPOCH IN ITALY'S NATIONAL LIFE

Entry of Fascist Troops Into Rome Apotheosis of Italy's Revolution

ROME, Oct. 31.—The triumphant entry of fascist troops into Rome today was the apotheosis of Italy's revolution. Old Romans who witnessed the entry of the soldiers of the newly welded kingdom on September 30, 1870 wept for joy and vowed that October 31, 1922, will forever mark a great epoch in Italy's national life. For in 1870, they said, Italy was born, today she has been saved from anarchy.

The younger generation, which in a few days accomplished this tremendous change in Italy's political aspect, will look back upon their youthful leader, Benito Mussolini, as those warriors with dimmed eyes today called Garibaldi.

Fallers' Convention Postponed

As a result of being hurt in a train wreck Mr. W. F. Blount of Fayetteville, who was to conduct a fiddler's convention at the Baxter-Tennille school building tomorrow (Friday) evening, will be unable to be there. The convention has therefore been called off until a later date.