

Boy of 5 Victim of "Unloaded" Gun in Hands of Boy of Six

Worth Rowland's Eyes and Nose Were Blown Away When Bernice West Snapped at Him Gun Supposed to Have Been Unloaded—Tragedy Happened Saturday in Field Near Home of Mr. Capers West Near Lumberton.

Worth Rowland, 5-year-old son of Mrs. Lula Rowland, who lived about 3 miles east of Lumberton, was shot and instantly killed Saturday about 1 p. m. by Bernice West, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Capers West. Both eyes and the nose of the unfortunate child were blown away by the load from a breach-loading shotgun.

The gun from which the fatal shot was fired belonged to Mr. Capers West and had previously been loaned to Mr. Ernest Baxley, a neighbor. Mr. Baxley sent the gun home by a small girl, who turned it over to the boy who fired the fatal shot. The gun was supposed to have been unloaded, it is said. A number of children were playing in an old field, near the home of Mr. Capers West, and it was while the children were playing with the "unloaded" gun that it was fired by the 6-year-old boy.

The boy killed was a grandson of Mr. C. M. West, with whom he made his home, his father being dead. He was also a first-cousin of the boy who fired the gun.

The funeral was conducted yesterday at 10 a. m. and interment was made in the family cemetery.

Summary of French-German Situation

(By the Associated Press)

The German miners in the Ruhr have thrown down their tools, refusing to carry on the mining operations under French control, or until the mine directors and owners now under arrest are released.

A general strike of the miners will go into effect Monday and this is likely to be followed by a strike of the railroad workers, which may extend to all sections of German labor.

Sunday was a quiet day in the Ruhr, but beneath the calm, there was French and Belgian determination to force through their measures, and the German determination to oppose occupying forces by a complete cessation of work, and what is known as "passive resistance," but which may develop along more active lines unless some sort of settlement is reached.

Fritz Thyssen and his colleagues, the leading industrialists in the Ruhr, will be placed on trial immediately for their refusal to obey the orders of the economic mission. The penalties imposed upon them may be the measure of the retaliatory action by the Germans. Berlin still insists that German action is entirely passive, but an ultimatum has been delivered to the workmen in the Ruhr that they must refuse to haul coal or bring it to the surface under pain of severe penalties. At the same time Berlin is discussing the possibility of exacting indemnification for the present invasion of the Ruhr.

M. Barthou will present before the reparation commission Monday a new French plan relating to a moratorium for Germany.

The separatist party discussed at Aix La Chapelle, without Belgian or German interference, the secession of the Rhineland provinces from the Reich.

Dr. R. S. Beam to Conduct Charity Clinic

In the future Dr. R. S. Beam local eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will conduct a charity clinic every Thursday afternoon. This clinic will be mostly for the purpose of operating on tonsil and adenoid cases, but other charity cases in need of surgical treatment will be admitted. Dr. Beam will make no charge for his services and the only cost to the patient will be a small fee to cover hospital expenses. Cases able to pay for their treatment will not be admitted to this clinic. Next Thursday afternoon Dr. Beam will operate at the Baker sanatorium and on the following Thursday at the Thompson hospital.

Fayetteville, Jan. 20.—Elijah Larrimore, 17 years old, charged with killing Harry King, was found guilty of murder in the superior court here today, and was sentenced by Judge N. A. Sinclair to 30 years in the state prison.

Mr. F. E. Prevatt of R. 3, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

Small Company of Veterans Met Here Lee-Jackson Day

Only Seventeen Members of Camp Pope Met Here Friday—Delegates to Reunion Elected—Daughters Served Dinner, Auditor Wishart Furnished Cigars, and Jeweler Holmes Had a Present for Each—One Widow of a Veteran Attended.

Seventeen members of Camp William H. Pope, Confederate veterans, attended a meeting of the camp in the court house here Friday—Lee's birthday. Aside from the regular routine of business, the following delegates were elected to annual reunion, which will meet in New Orleans, La., April 11 to 13: Rev. F. A. Prevatt, Rev. Wesley Thompson; alternates—Messrs. A. S. Wishart and Joseph Ratley. Others are expected to attend the reunion from Robeson county.

After the meeting of the camp all veterans present were served a bountiful dinner in the commissioners' room in the court house by Robeson chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Cigars were furnished by county Auditor A. V. G. Wishart and each of the veterans was presented with a nice spectacle case by Mr. A. J. Holmes.

Mrs. Bunyan Stansel, widow of the late Bunyan Stansel, of Co. D, 18th N. C. Regiment, also attended the meeting.

The followers of Lee and Jackson always appear to enjoy these get-together occasions and Lumberton is ever glad to entertain them.

Armenian Will Tell of Horrible Cruelties of Turks

Dr. Isaac Yonan Will Speak in Court House in Lumberton on Night of 26th—Robeson's Quota for Near East Relief is \$3,960 to Take Care of 66 Children.

Dr. Isaac Yonan of New York, recently returned from Armenia and the Bible lands where Turks are making the world sit aghast at their horrible cruelties, will be in Lumberton Friday night, January 26th, and will address a meeting of Near East Relief workers and sympathizers in the Court house at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. L. T. Townsend, chairman for Robeson county, has made arrangements with Col. George H. Bellamy, State chairman, to send Dr. Yonan to Robeson county on this date. Dr. Yonan will be in Wilmington Sunday, the 28th, to aid in the campaign in the seaport city.

Dr. Yonan was educated in this country and is a graduate of Louisville seminary. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister and is said to be one of the ablest speakers in the country. He is now engaged in crystallizing public sentiment toward aiding his stricken people. He was a college professor in his native land before the Turks drove him and his family from it. During the war he was commissary general of the Armenian army.

Dr. Yonan will tell of what he saw in Armenia this summer and early autumn. He has spoken in Greensboro, Wilkesboro, Richmond, Columbia, and other cities in the South, and Mrs. Townsend is elated at having him come to Lumberton. He has a gripping story to tell.

Mrs. Townsend is preparing for her Near East Relief campaign this year, January 24 to 31, which is for \$3,960 to take care of the 66 little children assigned to Robeson county for support. Every dollar raised over and above this amount will be used to feed those refugees from the horrible massacre at Smyrna who have crossed over into Thrace and have no means of making a livelihood or of raising food.

Former Flora Macdonald Students Will Meet Thursday

Correspondence of The Robesonian. All former students of Flora Macdonald college residing in and about Lumberton are requested to meet Thursday afternoon, January 25th, at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. R. Poole, for the purpose of organizing a branch alumnae association. Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of the college, will be present and will make an informal talk, giving the "old girls" the latest college news. All interested alumnae are urged to be present.

Meeting Places for Community Service Pictures This Week

Tuesday—Raynham. Wednesday—Rex. Thursday—Barnesville. Friday—Rowland. Saturday—Pembroke. Program—"Heads Wins" (in five reels).

Women form Branch of Lumberton Post

Mrs. A. Nash Heads Woman's Auxiliary of Local Post of American Legion—Thirteen Charter Members.

A Woman's auxiliary of the Lumberton post of the American Legion was organized Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. A. Nash; vice-president, Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart; secretary, Mrs. Sandy McLeod; treasurer, Mrs. R. S. Beam.

Messrs. W. B. Ivey, F. Eli Wishart and B. F. McMillan, Jr., assisted in the organization of the auxiliary and application has been made for a charter. The auxiliary has 13 charter members and many others are expected to join from time to time.

The Lumberton post of the Legion has taken an active interest in the things which tend for the betterment of the town and county and with the aid of the Woman's auxiliary greater things may be expected from this organization.

Negro May Recover With Fractured and Diminished Skull

John White Loses Dollar-Size Piece of Skull and Three Inches More Are Fractured—Says He Knows Faces but Not Names of His Assaultants.

Although a piece of his skull the size of a silver dollar has been removed and some three inches more of his skull was fractured and pressed against his brain, John White, the negro found beside the Seaboard railroad embankment in the southern part of town in an unconscious condition early Thursday morning, now has a chance of recovery. White was carried to the Thompson hospital immediately after he was found Thursday morning and Dr. R. S. Beam made the operation.

While White has regained consciousness, he has not yet named his assailant. He states that he saw some people around him, and that while he does not know their names, he knows their faces. It is thought the negro was struck before midnight and he was not removed to the hospital until after daybreak the following morning, when he was discovered by a man passing along the railroad track.

LESSONS ON BETTER FARMING

S. W. Hill of State College Will Speak at Normal at Pembroke Wednesday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Pembroke, Jan. 22.—The seniors of the Normal visited Laurel institute Wednesday afternoon and demonstrated the value of livestock on the farm. This week S. W. Hill of the State College of agriculture will speak on cotton improvement at the Normal in the morning and at the Institute in the afternoon.

Members of the Junior class are expected to bring their note books and copy the outline.

Lessons are to be held every Wednesday.

MAJORITY OF CO-OP MEMBERS IN FAIRMONT SECTION LOYAL

By H. V. Brown. Fairmont, Jan. 20.—A special representative of the Tri-state Tobacco Growers Co-operative association spent Saturday here assisting those who had violated their contracts and sold through the old system. It has been learned that the majority of the members in this section were very loyal and that a large number were charged with violations that were due to errors on part of some officials and their own negligence.

FIDDLERS CONVENTION AT OAKDALE JANUARY 26

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Oakdale, (Marietta, R. 1), Jan. 20.—There will be a fiddlers' convention at Oakdale Friday evening, January 26. All fiddlers and banjo pickers are invited to come and enter the contest. Fruit and candies will be sold. The proceeds of the whole entertainment will be used for the school.

Mrs. McKimmon Will Address Women Here Thursday

As was stated in Thursday's paper, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, state home demonstration agent, will be in Lumberton Thursday, January 25th, and will address the women of the county that afternoon in the municipal building at 2:30 o'clock. This is an important meeting and all women in Lumberton and the county are urged to hear Mrs. McKimmon.

Mr. N. M. Allen of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town this morning.



DR. ISAAC YONAN Armenian general during war, who will tell of his experiences at a meeting in Lumberton Friday night January 26. He is lecturing for the Near East Relief and was in the stricken Bible lands during the Smyrna massacre.

Two Stores Burned at Barnesville

Store Buildings and Goods of W. C. Walters and Dan Prevatt Destroyed by Early Morning Fire.

R. H. V. Brown. Fairmont, Jan. 20.—Last Thursday night the small village of Barnesville was the victim of a fire which destroyed two general merchandise stores and contents, and for some time threatened a large storage warehouse nearly filled with cotton. The fire was discovered at 3 a. m. and had gained such headway that nothing could be saved. The losers are W. C. Walters and Dan Prevatt, both doing a general merchandise business in two small wooden stores. According to reports reaching here, the few who gathered at the scene formed a bucket brigade and worked frantically to save the cotton in the near-by wooden building. The wind was blowing hard and the air was cold, but some fought the flames very scantly clad, and saved a great loss. Messrs. Walters and Prevatt carried some insurance, but not enough to cover the loss, which is estimated at several thousand dollars. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Record of Deaths

Arch Taylor. To the Editor of The Robesonian: Please allow me space in your paper to tell of the death of my father, Arch Taylor. He was born in Robeson and lived here until 12 years ago, when he went to Georgia. He was a member of White Pond church here and Bear Creek, Baptist, in Georgia. He was a good man and was about 80 years old. SILAS TAYLOR, Jan. 20.

Child Found Dead in Bed

Mary, 3-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fipps, who live in North Lumberton, was found dead in bed early yesterday morning. The child was sleeping in the arms of its mother when it died without waking the mother. The cause of the child's death is unknown.

TWO SURPRISE MARRIAGES

Wilkins-Barnes and Parnell-Mercer Marriages Came as Surprise to Their Friends—Good Prayer-Meetings at Zion Hill.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 5, Jan. 19.—It seems that Cupid is playing his part these days.

A surprise marriage took place in Lumberton Saturday p. m. when Miss Edna Barnes became the bride of Mr. Clifton Wilkins. The groom is a soldier in the U. S. army. He made his home in Lumberton up until he joined the army and has many friends in and around Lumberton. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Barnes and is highly esteemed by all who know her. She held a position in Lumberton up until Christmas. We wish for the happy young couple a prosperous life.

Another surprise marriage took place Sunday when Mr. Clarence Parnell and Miss Sallie Mercer went over to South Carolina and were happily married.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen of Lumberton visited Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Smith, Sunday.

We are having some good prayer-meetings at Zion Hill every Sunday night. Would be glad to have everybody come out and be with us.

We are listening for the wedding bells to ting again.

Fairmont News

City Water Line is Being Extended—Ladies Aid Society Has 25th Anniversary—Wedding Invitations—Personal.

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, Jan. 19.—Among those from here attending the stockholders meeting of the Red Springs Cotton Mill Co., held in Red Springs last Thursday, was Mr. C. A. Thompson.

The city water line is being extended south on Morrow avenue and will when completed serve those citizens who now live in that section of town which is called "Brooklyn".

Miss Bertha Davis, popular trimmer for Miss Annie McMillan, left last Wednesday for her home in Easton, Md.

Misses Reatha Jenkins, Dorothy Ricks and Van Floyd motored to Red Springs last Thursday afternoon, where they spent a few hours with friends.

The 25th anniversary of the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church was held this afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. C. Lassiter on North Main street. A silver offering was given by those attending and a most enjoyable occasion was experienced. The society has been very instrumental in making the building of a new church possible.

Mr. William Shockette is spending a few days in Bladenboro on business. His brother Jake Shockette is relieving him here.

Mr. C. H. West of Fayetteville was a visitor here last Thursday.

Miss Helen West, who has for some time been assistant cashier of the First National Bank here has accepted a like position with the Lafayette Banking & Trust Co. of Fayetteville. The position left vacant by Miss West here has been filled by Miss Tynie Inman of Cerro Gordo.

Wedding Invitations

Invitations have been received here to the marriage of Miss Mary Reeves to Mr. Dale Thrash, of Asheville. The ceremony will be performed at "Shadowlawn", Acton, N.C., home of the bride-elect. Miss Reeves is well known here, being a daughter of the late T. F. Reeves, who conducted one of Fairmont's first tobacco warehouses, and who made his home here for several years. The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Genevieve-Of-The-Pines, where she made a special study of the French language, later teaching same. She is a pretty, refined and accomplished and has friends throughout the state, being very popular in social circles of Asheville and other western towns.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ORRUM

Some Farmers Have Sowed Tobacco Beds—Ornum Defeats Barnesville—Ornum School New Has Library—That Paper-Borrowing Habit—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Ornum, Jan. 17.—Farmers in this section are busy preparing their land for another crop. Some of our farmers have already sowed their tobacco beds, while some have not.

There were two basketball games at Ornum last week between the Barnesville girls and boys, and the Ornum girls and boys. The Barnesville folks were defeated in both games.

Miss Mary Carter of Chadbourn spent the week-end with her cousin Miss Roma Britt.

Miss Bertha Harper is back in school again after a brief illness.

Misses Rosada Israel, and Nina Prevatt and Messrs. Roscoe Kinlaw and Vernon Baxley visited Miss Clara Stone Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Frye was a visitor in our school Tuesday.

We now have a library in our school and feel as tho' it will be of great benefit to the school.

Miss Ola Turbeville was a visitor near here Sunday night.

Miss Rosada Spivey was a visitor recently in this community.

Miss Gladys Britt has purchased a new Ford auto.

Miss Mary Ola Nedgpeh spent Tuesday night with her aunt Mrs. Arnette Floyd, who lives in the Blommingdale section.

Mr. M. E. Spivey and family moved recently from Columbus county to Ornum.

Misses Thetis Shepard and Lovdie Wellington are expected to return to Greensboro College tomorrow, where they are students.

Messrs. Wade Johnson and Edolin Johnson were callers in this section Sunday.

There will be preaching here next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Come down!

I wonder if the habit is everywhere? Well it is down here—borrowing their neighbors paper!

With best wishes to The Robesonian and all its readers.

Listen for the wedding bells!

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 27 1/2 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Mrs. E. C. McNeill is seriously ill at her home near Rowland.

—Mr. D. W. Biggs has added a new hearse to his undertaking department.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Lettie Esther Britt and Onzie Lewis Shepherd, both of Ornum.

—Special communication of St. Albans lodge No. 114 A. F. A. M., Tuesday night at 7:30. Work in third degree. All members are urged to attend.

—Miss Mary Moore has accepted a position as saleslady in the dry goods department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's Dept. store. She began work this morning.

—Tallie Plummer was before Recorder W. B. Ivey Saturday on the charge of being drunk. Prayer for judgment was continued for 12 months upon payment of a \$10 fine.

—Mr. I. M. Barker has been seriously ill at his home in the eastern part of town for several days. His condition is thought to be slightly improved today.

—Pine camp No. 144, W. O. W., will meet at Long Branch Saturday evening of this week at 7:30. After the business meeting refreshments will be served. All members are urged to be on hand.

—A chicken dinner will be served members of the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school at the Goat club house Thursday evening of this week at 7 o'clock. All members of the class are invited.

—Mr. T. C. Barnes returned Friday night from High Point, where he spent two days attending the annual furniture show. Mr. Barnes purchased stock for the Stephens & Barnes furniture stores here and at Fairmont.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jno. H. Felts Jr. returned home last night from Charlotte, where they spent several days with Mr. Felts' mother, Mrs. J. H. Felts Sr., who has been seriously ill. Her condition was somewhat improved yesterday when Mr. and Mrs. Felts left Charlotte.

—A fair-sized audience thoroughly enjoyed the delightful concert given at the high school auditorium Thursday evening by the Troubadour male quartet. Some of the numbers were a scream, and all were good. The next attraction of the Lyceum course will come on February 1st.

—The membership of the Robeson county branch of the North Carolina Game and Fish Development League has reached a total of 50. The Robeson branch was organized here Wednesday of last week with 33 members. The meeting of the branch called for Saturday afternoon of last week was postponed until a later date.

—Mr. M. W. Floyd was elected commander of Lumbee tent No. 18, Maccabees, at the regular review of the tent Friday evening, succeeding Mr. F. Grover Britt, who resigned. A rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring commander for the interest he has taken in the welfare of the tent.

—Mr. J. H. Ellis of Portsmouth, Va., has accepted a position as superintendent of the Lumberton district for the LaFayette Life Insurance Co. Mr. Ellis has opened an office on the first floor of the home office building of this company, Fourth and Chestnut streets. He will move his family to Lumberton later.

—So many members of the Robeson County Fox club went fox-hunting Saturday that there were not enough of them in Lumberton to hold the meeting that had been called, according to Mr. W. K. Culbreth, president of the club. Mr. Culbreth and about a dozen other members assembled at the court house about noon, but no business meeting was held.

—Mr. J. V. Williamson, proprietor of the Battery Service station, has leased from Mrs. Alf H. McLeod the garage building, West Fifth street, formerly occupied by the Lumberton Motor Car Co. The building will be remodeled and when this work is done Mr. Williamson will move his service station from the Thompson building, West Fourth street, into the McLeod building.

One per cent. will be added to all unpaid 1922 State and county taxes on February 1. After that date the tax books will be turned over to collectors in the various townships.

R. E. LEWIS, Sheriff.

BUDDIE'S SERVICE STATION, ELM AND NINETEENTH STREETS. NEVER CLOSED.