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Negro Who Slew White Man Captured Yesterday P. M.

Mr. Metco Horn Shot Down at His Home in Saddle Tree Township Tuesday Morning by Braxton Purdie.

SHOOTING RESULT OF DISAGREEMENT ABOUT 40 CENTS.

Three Children of Dead Man Saw Shooting—They Say Negro Shot at Their Father Came From Home—Purdie Claims Self-Defense—Large Posse Joined in Search—Purdie Offered no Resistance When Found in Swamp.

Brack Purdie, negro, about 25 years old, who shot and killed Mr. Metco Horn at the latter's home in Saddle Tree township, 7 miles north of Lumberton, Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock, as a result of a difference about 40 cents, was captured yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock in Jackson Swamp, Wishart township, by Sheriff B. E. Lewis and Rural Policeman Rowland Pittman and was lodged in jail here half an hour later. Purdie eluded officers and a large posse of citizens who searched for him all day Tuesday, Sheriff Lewis and Policeman Pittman continuing the search all Tuesday night, but he offered no resistance when the officers finally found him.

Negro Claims Self-Defense
Purdie claims self-defense. He says that Mr. Horn knocked him to his knees with a plow trace and started at him with an axe before he shot, using a 32-calibre pistol. The negro has a cut on the left side of his head which he says is where Mr. Horn struck him with the trace.

Two shots were fired, only one taking effect to the right of the pit of Mr. Horn's stomach. He died before assistance could reach him. Story of Horn's children, Eye Witnesses.

Letha May, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. Horn, and her small brothers, aged 9 and 6, were the only eye-witnesses. They were at the woodpile some 15 feet from where their father was shot. Letha May testified at the inquest held by Coroner D. W. Biggs Tuesday afternoon that the negro came to the house and asked her father to pay him for cleaning off a ditch bank, that her father paid him and there seemed to be some argument about a balance of 40 cents, and as her father stepped from the house the negro, who was barely 15 feet away, shot twice. The younger children corroborated the testimony of their sister.

Mr. Horn seemingly dodged after the first shot, his hat falling to the ground. He fell about 25 feet from where he was shot.

Heard No Quarrel

Mrs. Horn, wife of the slain man, testified that she was in the house when the shooting occurred. Just before the shooting, she said, her husband came into the house and asked her if Purdie did not owe him forty cents, to which she replied that he did, whereupon her husband went out and in a short while she heard two shots. She said she heard no quarrel. She ran to her husband and he made some signs with his hands but expired without saying anything. She said Purdie started away, came back and looked at Mr. Horn as he lay on the ground, and then left.

The coroner's jury, composed of Ira B. Townsend, J. C. Prevatt, F. A. Wishart, J. L. Britt, S. O. Willis and Spurgeon Jones, rendered the verdict that Metco Horn came to his death by a pistol shot fired by Braxton Purdie.

Both Mr. Horn and Purdie lived on a farm belonging to Mr. W. S. Britt of Lumberton.

Large Posse Formed
Immediately after the shooting, Clayton 14-year-old-son of the slain man, ran to the filling station of James Warriax, Indian, and told him of the affair. Warriax immediately came to Lumberton and notified the officials. A posse was quickly formed and a search was begun. The hunt started at the home of Purdie's father, about 6 miles north of Lumberton on the Fayetteville road. There were 25 or 30 men in the posse, white men and a few Indians.

Some 20 Shots Fired at Fugitive
The posse kept close upon the negro and it was necessary for him to keep dodging from one big bay to another. After the search had been in progress for about 4 hours, six men went to the home of the negro's grandfather, Needham Robinson, who lives on Mrs. Eli Phillips' place. As the men were approaching the house 3 negroes were seen approaching the house from the rear, about 250 yards away. These were Brack Purdie, a cousin of Brack, and Brack's grandfather. As soon as Brack discovered that someone was coming in his direction he immediately retreated to a near-by bay, the men firing at him 18 or 20 times and chasing him nearly half a mile.

Henry Livermore Committed Suicide at Pates Tuesday

Shot Himself in Mouth in Store of Pates Supply Co., Where He Was Employed—No Cause Known for Rash Act—Remains Interred Yesterday at Red Springs.

Mr. Henry Livermore, 35 years old, committed suicide Tuesday morning about 6:30 at Pates, where he was connected with the Pates Supply Co. He used a shotgun to end his life, firing the load into his mouth. The suicide took place inside the store, no one else being present at the time. Mr. Gurney Bracey, book-keeper, who was Mr. Livermore's roommate, was asleep in a room adjoining the store. He heard a peculiar noise in the store but thought a ginger ale bottle had exploded. After a few minutes, not hearing Mr. Livermore stir about, he went into the store and found the man dead on the floor in a pool of blood.

Just how Mr. Livermore managed to pull the trigger is not known, but it is thought that he pulled it with his toe. It was possible, however, for him to reach the trigger with his finger while the end of the barrel was in his mouth.

No cause whatever can be given by any of the dead man's relatives or friends for the act. He was apparently in good health, and had no financial embarrassments. He owned an interest in the store, of which his brother, Mr. Russel Livermore, is manager, and a few weeks ago sold his interest to his brother, accepting his brother's check for same. Later he went back to his brother, telling him that he would rather not sell and would like for him to take the check back, which his brother did, telling him that there was plenty of work for him to do there. He had just started back to work in the store Monday morning before the tragedy Tuesday morning.

From the circumstances and evidence it was a clear-cut case of suicide and no inquest was deemed necessary.

Interment was made in the cemetery at Red Springs yesterday afternoon, attended by a large crowd.

Surviving are one brother, Mr. Russel Livermore, and one sister, Miss Mary Livermore, both of Pates.

Third Payment For Tobacco Co-ops

Thousands of Members in South Carolina Belt Are to Receive Check on the 17th.

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Thousands of members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association in the South Carolina belt are to receive checks for their third payment on Saturday, February 17, headquarters here announce.

Checks will be distributed at all delivery points of the association in the South Carolina belt upon presentation of participation certificates at warehouses. This third payment, officials state, makes the total received by growers in this belt one hundred and five per cent of the original bankers' valuation of the tobacco. James H. Craig, treasurer of the association, states that there are some stocks of tobacco from this belt still unsold and that after this tobacco is sold and final calculations can be made that there will be a fourth payment to members in the South Carolina belt.

In a few minutes after this shooting the negro was seen crossing the Meadow road by several who were on the hunt for him, at a very rapid speed.

Had those who went to Brack's grandfather's been 2 or 3 minutes later he would have been captured then easily, as his grandfather stated to the men that they were on their way to the house to eat dinner.

Purdie says that some members of the posse were within about 15 feet of his hiding place behind a bush when they abandoned the search Tuesday.

Interment Made Near Fairmont.
The remains of the slain man were interred yesterday about noon in the burying ground at the home place 6 miles below Fairmont. Deceased was the son of Mrs. Julia Horn, who lives near Pembroke, and the late James Horn.

Besides his wife and mother and the four children already mentioned above, two sisters and three brothers also survive—Mrs. H. E. Rouell, who lives near Fairmont; Mrs. Gus. Roulan of Lake View, S. C.; M. P. Horn of Lucedale, Miss., and W. H. and H. G. Gaddy's Mill, Dillon township, S. C.

Mrs. Horn was terribly upset by the tragedy and has required medical attention since.

If in need of Boy Beans for planting, see our ad in this issue, Elrose Fruit Farm.

Recorder Was Very Lenient With Reckless Auto Drivers

Woman and Man Who Ran Into Mr. Stone Get Off With Exceedingly Light Penalties in Recorder Ivey's Court—Man Pays \$15 Fine and Woman Must Not Drive a Car for 6 Months.

Miss Dora Pitman, of East Lumberton and Alva Cribbs of Red Springs were tried before Recorder Ivey Monday afternoon on two joint warrants charging speeding in the town of Lumberton and driving an automobile on the public highway in a reckless and negligent manner, being found guilty of both charges.

Prayer for judgment in the cases against Miss Pitman was continued upon her not operating an automobile in the county during the next six months.

In the case of speeding against Cribbs, prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs. In the case of reckless and negligent driving, Recorder Ivey imposed a fine of \$15 and costs on Cribbs, prayer for judgment being continued for six months, during which time the defendant is not to violate any of the automobile laws of the State.

It was directed by the court that the \$15 fine be paid to Mr. Joe Stone, the prosecuting witness, for damages received when he was struck by the automobile on Sunday afternoon, February 4th.

Evidence brought out on trial showed that the car which Miss Pitman was driving, assisted by her brother-in-law Cribbs, was on the wrong side of the road, and that after it had struck Mr. Stone's cart it proceeded on toward town at even a faster speed, the occupants not even looking to see how much damage was done. Miss Pitman went on the stand in her own behalf and did not deny any of the evidence given by Mr. Stone. Counsel for Cribbs would not let his client go on the stand, thereby relieving him of a rigid cross-examination by the solicitor, in which he would have had to state just why he shaved off his mustache the following morning and why he did not stop the car after he hit Mr. Stone. The fact that the young woman was driving the car and the plea for mercy of the court, evidently caused the male defendant to be given such a light fine.

The accident occurred February 4, on the paved highway west of and near Lumberton. The car struck a cart to which Mr. Joe Stone was driving a mule, badly damaging the cart and inflicting painful injuries upon Mr. Stone and the mule. The young man sacrificed his mustache the next morning thereby changing his appearance, but that failed to throw officers off the track. Mr. Stone says that Mr. Cribbs offered him \$200 to compromise the case but that he refused.

Grand Jurors to Serve 12 Months

Cobb and McKinnon Offer Measure Providing for Twelve Months Grand Jury Service in Robeson County.

A bill providing that every grand juror drawn and summoned as now provided by law in Robeson county shall serve for a period of twelve months was offered in the House of the General Assembly Tuesday by Representatives Collier Cobb and D. P. McKinnon of Robeson.

The bill reads as follows:
A Bill to be Entitled an Act to Provide for Twelve Months Grand Jury Service in Robeson County.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
Section 1. That from and after the ratification of this act every grand juror drawn and summoned as now provided by law in Robeson county shall serve for a period of twelve months.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

BARKER TEN MILE NEWS

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Lumberton, R. I., Feb. 13.—There was preaching at Barkers M. E. church second Sunday a. m. by the pastor, Rev. I. T. Pool. There will be preaching there fourth Sunday p. m. There will be preaching at Ten Mile Baptist church third Sunday p. m. Everybody is invited to attend services at both churches.

Mr. Howard Powers of Oblong, Ill., came Monday night to be with his grandmother Mrs. Louie Powers, who is very sick. Her grandson Mr. Ruffin Powers, and wife, of St. Paul, and children spent Sunday p. m. with her.

Mr. Dan Prevatt of Barnesville was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

"When Nighthood Was In Flower". Remember the name and watch for date.

Young Man Killed In Auto Accident Here Last Night

Jack W. Huggins of Little Rock, S. C., Crushed to Death Between Automobile and Electric Light Pole.

CRANKED CAR IN GEAR.

Brother Tried to Put on Brakes but Stepped on Accelerator Instead—Unfortunate Man Never Regained Consciousness—Accident Happened Near Seaboard Station.

Mr. Jack W. Huggins, age 22, of Little Rock, S. C., was killed last night in an automobile accident which occurred at 10 o'clock near the Seaboard passenger station. His companion, Mr. R. L. Norton, also of Little Rock, received a slight cut about the face.

The unfortunate man, accompanied by his brother, Mr. F. M. Huggins of Lumberton, and Mr. Norton had been in the New York cafe, leaving a Buick touring car standing on a slight decline in front of the cafe. Mr. F. M. Huggins got into the car in the seat beside the driver's seat, while Mr. Jack Huggins went to the front of the car to crank it, the batteries being too weak to turn the motor. The car had been left in gear, 2nd speed forward, and when the motor started the machine started off down the decline, bearing to the left across the street, with the young man hanging between the bumper and the radiator shouting, "Stop it, for God's sake". Mr. F. M. Huggins, reaching across the brake and gear levers with his foot, pressed on the accelerator, which he thought was the brake. This caused the car to lunge forward with terrific force, jamming the young man against a large electric pole, resulting in breaking his hip and serious internal injuries. Just before the car struck the pole Mr. Norton, who had just left the cafe, jumped on the running board in an effort to assist in stopping the car. When the car struck the pole Mr. Norton's head was knocked through the windshield and cut slightly.

Mr. F. M. Huggins and Night Policeman John Rogers took the injured man from between the smashed car and the pole, placed him in Mr. Elwood Whaley's car and rushed him to Baker's sanatorium, where he died one hour and forty minutes later, never regaining consciousness.

The body was taken to Stephens & Barnes, local undertakers, and prepared for removal to the home at Little Rock, leaving at noon today, accompanied by Mr. F. M. Huggins. After the accident a half-gallon fruit jar was found broken in the foot of the front part of the car and a strong odor of whiskey was noticed by those who viewed the car.

Mr. R. L. Norton left immediately after the death of the man for the home in Little Rock to notify his people, returning here this morning to escort the body back to Little Rock. Deceased was employed by the Schafer Co., of Little Rock, as salesman and had made his home there all his life, having many friends in that section.

The automobile is the property of Mr. Norton, he and Mr. Huggins coming to Lumberton yesterday afternoon with the intention of trading cars.

Surviving are Mrs. Martha Jane Huggins, mother of the deceased, and three brothers, N. S., and J. J. of Little Rock, and F. M. of Lumberton.

Mr. C. L. Daniels of Dillon, S. C., a cousin of the man killed last night, was accidentally killed by an automobile last Saturday at his home in Dillon.

PEMBROKE DRUG STORE ROBBERY TO BE TRIED JULY TERM

Reformatory Boys Waive Hearing and Go Back to Jail to Await Trial.
Frank Dobson and Elliott Botto, young white boys, confessed robbers of the Pembroke drug store, waived examination at a preliminary hearing here Monday afternoon and went back to jail to await the July term of criminal court. Bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each were demanded.

The robbery at Pembroke occurred on Friday night, February 2, when the young men succeeded in making away with a large number of fountain pens, kodaks and rings. They were arrested in Augusta, Ga., a few days later and held for the officers here, who went to the Georgia town and returned with them. They have been in the county jail here since.

Information received here states that the boys, who claim to be 15 years of age, escaped from a reformatory in Florence county, S. C., the day before the robbery at Pembroke.

St. Paul News

U. D. C. Woman's Club and Mission Study Class Meetings—Sacred Concert Next Sunday Afternoon—Personal.

By Bessie G. Johnson
St. Paul, Feb. 13.—Tomorrow being St. Valentine's day, little missives of love are flitting around here and there, each bearing its mission in its own sweet way. Tonight the Senior class of the high school is participating in an entertaining party with a Valentine party which will no doubt create quite a bit of fun and amusement in the hearts of the young bunch.

The weather continues so unsettled 'tis hard to find news with which to entertain our readers, but please be patient—perhaps "the worst is yet to come."

Mesdames T. L. Northrop, and L. A. McGeachy entertained jointly the members of the U. D. C. at the home of the latter yesterday afternoon. Quite a nice little meeting was held despite the fact that only a small number were bold enough to "face the storm."

The woman's club is scheduled to meet in the club rooms on Thursday afternoon of this week. Let us hope the weather will be more settled by then.

The mission study class will meet this week in groups of three at the homes of Mesdames Jas. A. Johnson, L. I. Grantham and Joe McNeill, on the afternoons of Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Very sorry are all that Mrs. E. C. Murray is indisposed with tonsillitis this week.

Mr. A. R. McEachern is convalescing nicely since his attack of influenza, which he contracted last week. We thought "those flues" had "done left," our part of the country but we give that northern trip the credit for this, as he had just returned from a business trip to New York.

Mrs. W. A. Nutting and "the baby" left this week for a few weeks' visit among home folks in Thomasville.

Miss Mary L. Johnson was to join Miss Rosa L. Johnson in Fayetteville Monday, where the two were to visit Goldsboro.

Mrs. Joseph Evans was a Fayetteville visitor Monday.

Miss Nonie Johnson has been home the past few days, having come to Fayetteville Saturday to consult an oculist. She will return this week to Greenville, where she is a senior at East Carolina Teachers' college.

Mrs. A. S. Garrison returned to her home, Derita, on Wednesday of last week, after a pleasant visit to her sister Mrs. R. G. Rozier. Mrs. J. C. Duke of Hamlet, who was also here, has returned.

The sacred concert orchestra is "booked" for a musical at the Methodist church here next Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Miss Sarah McDuffie has returned again to resume her work in Bladenboro, where she is this season a member of the school faculty. Miss McDuffie was home recuperating from some throat trouble which followed her recent attack of influenza, of which she was a victim while at Bladenboro.

Negroes Given \$60,000 School

Salisbury, Feb. 12.—Beginning with a sermon by Dr. W. H. Boler, former president of Livingstone college, Sunday afternoon and continuing through a big jubilee service tonight, Salisbury formally opened her new sixty thousand dollar school building for negroes. This school is dedicated "the J. C. Price High School," in honor of the founder and first president of Salisbury's negro college, and one of the greatest orators the negro race has produced, and the school was formally opened during the local celebration of Dr. Price's birthday.—From Special to Charlotte Observer.

Fairmont Baptist Ladies Will Serve Meals Saturday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Fairmont, Feb. 15.—The ladies of the Baptist church will serve shad dinner and supper Saturday, February 17, in the Floyd vacant building. Everybody is invited.

Associational Meeting Saturday at Old Burnt Swamp, Indian.

Correspondence of The Robesonian:
Pembroke, Feb. 15.—An associational meeting will be held at Old Burnt Swamp church Saturday, February 17th, beginning at 11 o'clock. All Baptist Indians are invited to be present to consider our future prosperity.

W. H. GODWIN.
Messrs. W. A. Harper and J. M. Pate of Elrod were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon.

Rev. W. S. Hales, for 43 years a member of the North Carolina Methodist conference, died at Badin Monday night of pneumonia.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Harrington
 Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 27 3/4 cents per pound.

Items of Local News

Solicitor T. A. McNeill is able to venture out a bit after having been confined to his home for about three weeks with influenza.

The condition of Mrs. J. A. Barker who has been ill at her home on North Cedar street for several days, is reported much improved today.

Miss Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, spent yesterday afternoon in Orrum, where she conducted a meeting of the Orrum Demonstration club. She was accompanied by Superintendent of Public Instruction J. R. Poole.

Record of Deaths

JOHN B. McNEILL

Young Man of Mt. Tabor Died Monday—Remains Interred Tuesday at St. Paul.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Rennett, Feb. 14.—Mr. John B. McNeill, about 18 years old, died at the Pittman hospital in Fayetteville Monday, Feb. 12, at 11 a. m.

A short time before Christmas the deceased became afflicted with some peculiar blood poison. He spent one week in Baker's sanatorium, Lumberton, and improved sufficiently to come home, but soon grew worse. He then went to the above-named hospital. He was there just two weeks. His sister Miss Flora remained with him throughout his illness.

He was laid to rest in the churchyard cemetery at St. Paul, Feb. 13, at 8 o'clock. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. M. Dixon of Red Springs, assisted by Rev. Mr. Murray of St. Paul. The pallbearers were Messrs. Archie Brown, Jake McNeill, Ira Prevatt, W. C. McNeill, Will Humphrey, Lacy Prevatt. The large crowd that followed his body and the lovely flowers with which his grave was covered, showed in a small way how he was loved. His kind, cheerful, sunny nature won the love of all who knew him. A faithful member of the Bible class of Mt. Tabor Sunday school and a student at Philadelphia high school and athletic club. He leaves a father, mother, 4 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

YESTERDAY IN LEGISLATURE
Anti-Ku Klux Bill Goes Through House—Patch-Up "Age of Consent" Bill Passes Senate—Finance Investigators May Not Report Until April.

(By the Associated Press)
The Milliken bill to regulate secret orders with an anti-masking clause tacked on in the form of an amendment passed its third reading in the house by a record vote of 63 to 44 and was sent to the senate.

The senate patched up the "age of consent" bill for girls with three amendments and sent the bill to the house for concurrence.

A new bill introduced in the senate today would provide for the restriction of publicity to be given criminal executions.

The house failed to transact but little other business besides the passage of the Milliken bill and the introduction and passage of a resolution empowering the special finance investigating commission to continue in its work until a report can be rendered, although a report of the committee said an audit of the treasurer's books could not be completed before April 1. The resolution passed the senate.

The Wade state-wide game bill came before a joint session of the legislature game committees to hear proponents of the measure.

Mr. E. W. West of R. 5, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The pastor of the First Baptist Church will begin a series of seven sermons on "The Antitheses of Character" next Sunday night. In each of these sermons two Bible characters will be used in contrast. The first will be "Lot: A Worldly Choice; and Moses, A Religious Choice."

Make your arrangements to hear the first of this series.

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon will be "Christ, The Corner-Stone."
Everybody is invited to these services—beginning promptly at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.