

## STARTLING EVIDENCE SECURED AT SECOND CORONERS INQUEST

### No arrests made yet. Inquest began at 4 p. m. Continued until Saturday. Bob Waddell star witness for State.

After holding the forms of the Daily Herald open until a late hour this evening so that the readers might get more light upon the mystery surrounding the death of Miss Myrtle Hawkins the coroner's second inquest starting at 4 o'clock was continued until 10 o'clock Saturday morning without very much additional information than has already been published.

Under the firing questions of Solicitor A. Hall Johnson and Coroner W. R. Kirk, the witnesses were examined in every detail bearing upon any information of the awful tragedy. Up till the hour of going to press the only evidence which brought any light upon the mystery and his testimony was contradicted by others who followed on the stand was that of Bob Waddell who works at the home of Dan McCall. Bob stated that he has been working at this place for several months. On last Thursday morning he said that he heard the members of the family of McCall and Bradley state that they had not slept well that night. Under further questions by the solicitor, Waddell stated to the jury that it was part of his duty to visit the stables located in front of the home of Ab McCall where some cows were kept. Here he found that some of the sacks were missing. Upon further examination he stated that he found the sacks up in the loft of the stable apparently placed as if a body had been lying on them. He stated to the jury that the other about the stable was very much the same as was smelt around the decomposed body down by the lake and also at the undertakers rooms last Sunday.

Waddell testimony gave signs more of a terrible tragedy than any of the other witnesses so far examined.

**A. H. Hawkins.**  
A. H. Hawkins, brother of the dead girl was the first witness to the stand after the jury had been sworn, including the same gentlemen who sat in the inquest last Sunday excepting J. V. Blythe, J. A. Laughter took Mr. Blythe's place. Mr. Hawkins produced two letters which were entered as evidence at the inquest. One of the letters was from the girl to her mother. The other was to her father. There was intimations of the reason she was leaving home in the note to her mother, but she would not give the name of the young man in the case. The other letter was not read. Mr. Hawkins' testimony was very much the same as that given last Sunday. The fact that he lives in the city caused him to not know very much in reference to the last few days Miss Myrtle was seen alive.

**Mrs. J. W. Thomas**  
Mrs. J. W. Thomas, sister of the dead girl was next called to the stand. Mrs. Thomas stated that she first learned of the death of her sister last Sunday night. She arrived in this city Monday. She told the jury that the dead girl had visited her on several times this summer in Asheville and that on all occasions when leaving the house she was accompanied by some member of the family or friend. Mrs. Thomas seemed very much worried over the affair and stated that she felt sure that her sister had been delt foully with. She produced several things at the inquest which may bring some light upon the mystery. The first thing she produced was a package of small particles of paper, thought to have been a torn-up note. She also gave the coroner an envelope containing some black powders thought to have been purchased by some one for the dead girl. These things were all found in the dead girl's room after the discovery of her body last Sunday morning. She did not know that her dead sister was engaged to H. Cooper, however knew that they were good friends. She heard rumors of all kinds as to the cause of her sister's death but knew very little that would give any light upon the mystery.

**Hal Cooper.**  
Hal Cooper of Johnson City, Tenn. was the next witness called. Mr. Cooper stated that he had known Miss Myrtle Hawkins for about one year. He acknowledged that he was engaged to the young lady at the time of her death and had intended marrying her one year from next January. He could place no light upon the terrible mystery stating that the first he had heard of it was through the newspapers. He told of having received letters from Myrtle Hawkins in which she stated that she was not feeling well.

At this point the star witness for the State was called. Bob Waddell spoke in a clear tone and in almost

every incident positive in his answers. In a few cases he showed signs of being a little undecided. If his statements are all true then the court has been misinformed by several of the witnesses. His statements were contradicted on more than one occasion. One point he was not positive of was that he thought he heard the voice of Myrtle Hawkins at the home of Ab McCall Wednesday night. He saw some one in the hall but would not state to the jury that it was her for sure. He was absolutely sure that that the smells from the loft of the stable and from the ground in the trampled down weeds near the stable was the same odor as that near the decomposed body of Miss Myrtle Hawkins last Sunday morning after the body had been taken from the waters of Osceola Lake. He stated that he heard sounds of two bugles passing over the bridge last Wednesday night. He told the jury of the actions of the family when at times during the days of Thursday and Friday they would congregate and have whispering conversations. He told the jury that near the barn from which the terrible order came from he could distinguish several tracks of that of men and possibly of a woman's shoe.

**Glover T. Orr**  
Glover T. Orr was called to the stand and testified that he drove his automobile out to the scene of the dead body at the lake early Sunday morning. He stated that on his return he was hailed by Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCall and Mr. and Mrs. George Bradley also a lady whom he did not recognize. He took these people to Dodson's boarding house where the young lady was boarding. Mr. Orr did not remember who came back with him.

**W. E. Johnson.**  
Another witness who gave valuable information for the state was W. L. Johnson who stated to the jury that he passed by the bridge near the dam of the lake last Saturday night and saw three men sitting down. Only one face was turned so that he could distinguish him. He did not know the man but today when he was shown one he said he was most positive that it was that of George Bradley, a man who he did not know by name.

**George Bradley**  
George Bradley was sworn. He stated that he was a married man having married a young lady of Lynn, N. C., last August. He lives at the home of Ab McCall and has been here one year. He is a plumber by trade, working for A. A. McCall. When asked when he first met young Miss Hawkins stated that it was about two weeks after he arrived here. He stated that he had been going with her about six months before her death. He denied going with her after he was married but told of an occasion when was with her out at her home since his marriage. Another time he talked with her in her home was the day when Mr. McCall's child was buried. He stated that on Wednesday night he was at home and did not leave the house that night. He said that he and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. McCall were the only parties at the house. He stated that the last time he had seen Myrtle Hawkins was on Wednesday evening in Hendersonville. He was on his way to do some work when she stopped him and walked a part of the way along with him. He did not remember anything she had to say. He said that he had heard that she was out at Dan McCall's that evening but did not see her. Mr. Bradley on several times contradicted the statements made by Bob Waddell. Bradley stated that he knew that there was a trained nurse in the house with him last Saturday night but did not learn her name until Sunday morning. He stated that she had never been warned by his wife not to pay any attention to Miss Hawkins. The coat worn by Myrtle Hawkins at the time she was found in the waters of Osceola Lake was produced and shown the witness. When asked if he had even seen that cloak he stated that he did not remember seeing it before. The witness said

that the only words he had with the brother of the dead girl just before the discovery was when Mr. Hawkins came down to the shop and inquired last Friday if any of them had seen anything of his sister. He told him he had not. Later in the day he told Hawkins that McCall had suggested that she might have runaway and gotten married.

**A. A. McCall**  
A. A. McCall was called to the stand to testify. McCall was asked very much the same questions of those asked Bradley and gave very much the same answers. He denied several of the statements made by the State's witness Bob Waddell.

**Dan McCall**  
Dan McCall the father of Mrs. Ab McCall was next called to the stand and stated to the jury very much the same testimony given by A. A. McCall and George Bradley. He threw some light upon the identity of the trained nurse visiting his home and that of his daughter Mrs. Ab McCall. She was a Miss Margaret Estell Grant. He had known her about four years. She has taught school in this county but of late has been in Atlanta. He said she told him that she was a graduate trained nurse. She has been in this county for week or so visiting friends in the county.

**Mrs. A. A. McCall**  
Mrs. A. A. McCall was led to the witness stand and she stated to the coroner that she was not well. After some persuasion she took the stand and proved a good witness. She answered clearly and seems very positive in her statements. When asked if she knew anything that would bring light upon the death of her bosom friend Myrtle Hawkins she stated she did not. She denied knowing any feelings between Mrs. Bradley and Myrtle Hawkins. She stated that she heard no complaint from members of her family or the Bradley family of having had a restless night sleep, Wed. night which had formed from ten years acquaintance with the dead girl and stated to the jury that she had hardly slept a bit since the discovery Sunday morning. She acknowledged that she did not reach the place where the dead body lay near the dam Sunday, but thought she could not stand the sight of a dead body. She had no idea that it was the body of her friend until after the coroners inquest Sunday evening. She knew that Miss Hawkins was missing since Thursday but could not account for it. The strain of the affair could be easily told in the face of the little witness who is known to have been a bosom friend of the dead girl and is not thought by many to have any knowledge of the ghastly deed.

**Mrs. George Bradley**  
Mrs. Bradley was the next witness on the stand. At this time it was getting late. The heat of the court room was telling upon the jurors and spectators and especially the newspaper men lined in front of the stand at a table busy taking notes. Mrs. Bradley was asked many pointed questions by the solicitor but her testimony was positive and in many cases the same as Mrs. McCall who lives in the same house with her.

The inquest was adjourned after this testimony to be continued Saturday morning. All the witnesses were requested to be present. It is thought that several arrests will be made after the inquest. There are about fifteen more witnesses to be examined. The testimony so far taken excepting one or two given very little light upon the murder mystery. It is thought that a part of the testimony to be heard tomorrow will bring important evidence upon the situation and will be sufficient to make the arrests.

During the entire proceedings this afternoon sat the detective on the right hand side of the solicitor and many times gave suggestions to him in directing his examination.

**Italy Honors Reir to the Throne**  
Rome, Italy, Sept. 15.—Italy celebrated today the seventh birthday of her future king, the little Prince of Piedmont, upon whom the hopes of the nation are centered. Next Wednesday the subjects of King Victor Emmanuel will hold another celebration in observance of the anniversary of the occupation of Rome and the fall of the temporal power of the papacy.

**Mexican Celebrations Abandoned.**  
City of Mexico, Sept. 15.—Today marked the beginning of the annual celebration of Mexican Independence Day. At the inauguration of the authorities the customary celebrations throughout the republic were modified or abandoned altogether owing to the present disturbed conditions and also to the fact that in previous years the holiday has included the birthday celebration in honor of President Diaz.

## HUSBAND LEAVES YOUNG BRIDE

Shelby, Sept. 14.—The forsaken bride of three weeks still waits for her husband, Mr. Benjamin Tillson, who deserted her Monday morning and left at an early hour with "Mrs. A. B. Anderson of Charlotte," supposed to be his first wife. The young 17-year-old bride, was Miss Katherine Williams before she married this traveling man, still has hopes that her husband will return. She received two letters from him, saying that he would be back to her as soon as he conferred with his lawyer and "straightened up matters."

The mysterious woman who enticed him away evidently had a powerful influence over him, for he obeyed all instructions she gave and followed her wherever she dictated without leaving any information with his new bride as to where he was going. Since the deserted bride has received letters from him assuring her that he will return, she feels hopeful and has asked the sheriff to withdraw the warrant for bigamy. However, if he does not turn up in due time the warrant will be revived and officers will begin search again.

**Harmon Coming to Raleigh.**  
Raleigh, Sept. 14.—Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio has accepted an invitation for the North Carolina State Fair Wednesday, October 18, of fair week. He will deliver an address at the fair grounds on that day. His acceptance was received by the fair authorities. Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, another famous democratic presidential possibility for 1912, was here in the spring and his speeches were heard with keen interest by large crowds and it is certain that Judson Harmon will attract a tremendous crowd and stir immense interest.

**U. S. Buys 35,000 Acres of Georgia Land.**  
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 14.—Thirty-five thousands acres of Georgia mountain land, rich in forest and minerals, have been purchased by the United States to be included in the Appalachian forest reserve, recently provided by congress. District Attorney Tate is now examining title to the land and the purchase will be concluded when his report is made. The tract is located in Fannin, Union and Lumpkin counties and the price paid by the government is said to be a little more than \$200,000.

**Army of the Potomac.**  
Providence, R. I., Sept. 15.—Many distinguished veterans of the civil war are in Providence participating in the annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac. This morning was the opening of the business of the meeting, but tonight and tomorrow the visitors will enjoy entertainment provided for them by the city and citizens.

**Richard Olney 76 Years Old.**  
Falmouth, Mass., Sept. 15.—The Hon. Richard Olney, who was Attorney General and later Secretary of State under President Cleveland, today celebrated his seventh-sixth birthday anniversary at his sixth home here.

**State Control of Public Utilities.**  
Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 15.—State control of public utilities was the leading subject discussed today by the conference of the Governors. The principle papers were presented by Governor McGovern of Wisconsin and Governor Carroll of Iowa.

**At The Palace.**  
Many pleasing expressions were heard last evening after the first performance at the Palace. The pleasure goes received quite a treat in the marvelous pictures shown at this popular play house.

The crowds at the Palace are even larger than they were during mid-summer, and the general belief is that they will continue to grow from now on. Mr. Catron the proprietor, at first hesitated in saying whether he would remain open after the season, but today when seen by a Herald man stated that he would be open the greater part of the winter. He has arranged for the very best pictures on the market and will spare no expense in producing the very latest music. The Palace Orchestra has already won a reputation as one of the best in this part of the State.

Mr. Catron is of the opinion that the people of this city should have some pleasure house to attend in the evenings and is willing to bearly make expenses and keep open for the benefit of the local people.

**Iron Brigade Reunion.**  
Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Civil war veterans from far and near attended a reunion of the First Iron Brigade, which was held at the State fair grounds here today in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the war. The brigade comprised the Second Berdan Sharpshooters, 14th Brooklyn (Red Legs), 22nd, 24th, 30th Infantry, 2nd New York Cavalry, and Battery B, 4th U. S. Light Artillery. It earned its title April 18, 1862, in the march from Catlett's station to Falmouth, Va.

The lyceum raises the sentiment in regard to entertainments. Towns with lyceum courses offer a poor field to street shows, cheap theaters, etc.

## STANDARD OIL CO. HAS PAID \$752,000,000 IN DIVIDENDS

### SHORT LOCAL NOTES

One cause celebre doth tread upon another's heels, so fast they follow. It remains to be seen if North Carolina may acquit herself as well as Virginia.—Charlotte Observer.

A meeting of those interested in the Hendersonville Military Company was held last night. The company was organized with great enthusiasm. It is to be hoped that they will be admitted to the National Guard of the State at an early date. The next meeting of the Company will be held in the grand jury room of the court house on Sept. 20. All who are interested are invited to attend.

**Spartanburg Automobile Turns Turtle Near Gaffney.**

Gaffney, S. C., Sept. 14.—A run-about automobile turned turtle on the national highway, 2 miles from this place, shortly after dark tonight. The car was badly damaged, the body being almost demolished. The car is owned by Wilbur Cook of Spartanburg. He and Mr. Earl, also of Spartanburg, were the occupants, and both were bruised and shaken, but not seriously injured, which is no less than a miracle. The trouble occurred on a curve in the road. The car was running about thirty miles an hour. The two injured men were picked up by Dr. W. K. Gunter in his machine and brought to the offices of Dr. Pittman, where their wounds were dressed. They are now rapidly recovering.

**HAYWOOD COUNTY FAIR**

Air Flights, Fine Races, Singing Contests, School Parade, Fine Stock, Poultry and Agricultural Exhibits, Etc.—Opening Address by Hon. E. J. Justice of Greensboro

The seventh annual Haywood county fair begins on Tuesday, October 3d at 10 o'clock with an address by Hon. E. J. Justice of Greensboro, who will be introduced by Gen. R. D. Gilmer. Previous to the address, on the arrival of the morning train, the big parade will move towards the grounds, preceded by more than a thousand school children from all parts of the county, who will be admitted free on the first day, accompanied by their teachers.

From 35 to 40 running, trotting and pacing horses have been engaged and there will be four racing events every afternoon. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at two o'clock there will be aeroplane flights from the centre of the grounds by an experienced aviator who will use a first class, modern biplane.

A new feature this year, and one sure to accomplish much good for the church and Sunday school interests is the Singing Contest at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, the second day, in the grand stand, when any class or choir of ten or more voices may sing for the cash prizes. The first prize is \$5.00, the second \$25.00, open to any choir in Western North Carolina.

The catalogue is just coming from the press and is a handsome piece of work and will be mailed to all the Western counties and elsewhere. Anyone desiring a catalogue should apply at once by postal to J. D. Boone, the secretary.

The exhibits of farm products and stock this year bid fair to excel all previous years. The local State experiment farms and the Boys' corn club should also add very much interest this year.

Secretary J. D. Boone is hustling to make this the biggest, best, cleanest and most successful fair ever held at Waynesville and he is being aided by the directors and officers at never before.

The Midway attractions will be more varied and attractive as well as more numerous than ever, the gambling and objectionable features being cut out, as they should be. The midway will be open at night this year and free music and attractions will be offered.

Special railroad rates have been secured. Ask for them.

**Veterans of Army of Potomac.**  
Providence, R. I., Sept. 14.—Distinguished visitors from many sections of the country have arrived in Providence for the fortieth annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac. The reunion will begin tomorrow and continue over Saturday. Among the notable participants will be Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, Gen. Horatio C. King, Gen. John E. Black and Edwin Markham, the poet.

New York, Sept. 15.—Stockholders of the old Standard Oil Company today received checks representing the last dividends that will be disbursed by the great corporation. Under the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States ordering the dissolution of the company the old organizations must be broken up before the end of the year. Consequently the final dividends for the year will not be paid by the old company. In the dissolution of the parent concern the stockholders are to receive stock in the subsidiary companies equivalent to their holdings in the old corporation. It is not considered likely that the stockholders will suffer any loss of income with the change in organization.

Since the organization of the Standard Oil Company in 1882 down to the final dividend paid today the stockholders have received dividends amounting to the enormous sum of \$752,000,000. For the past eight years the company has paid to the holders of its \$100,000,000 of stock an average of \$40,000,000 per annum. In 1909 and 1901 it paid \$48,000,000, and in the year following \$45,000,000. The dividends, however were much less than the total earnings. The original value of the property has been increased greatly by the reinvestment of a large share of the earnings for the extension of its business and the acquisition of securities.

Although the Standard Oil Company never issued an annual report, or made other returns regarding its ability to pay dividends, and the high rate maintained made the company's stock sell at from four to six times its par value. The highest price ever reached was in 1901, when it was paying 48 per cent. per annum. The stock then sold up to \$84 a share.

### TOMORROW IN OUR TOWN.

**Who Will Make It, How Are They Going to Make It, and What Will They Make? You Can Decide Now.**  
Let us reason together a little but about tomorrow in Hendersonville. You and I won't be here. We have done what we could to make the dreams of yesterday come true; we have built new houses and paved some of the streets and helped the street railway and encouraged the school. We have done what we could, but our day has run, almost to the twilight. What about tomorrow?  
What sort of boys and girls are going to take our places? Are they going through the high school faithfully and patiently to the time of graduation? Are they planning not to stop there, but to go through some college? Do they know that work is joy? Do they believe that it is their duty to oil the world's machinery and make things run smoother? Are they loyal to Hendersonville? Are they interested in the library and in the paving of Main street?

Out in Colby, Kansas, the people ran up against a few questions like these and found the young folks were answering "No!" with all the lung power they had. When they finished the high school they thought that was enough. Their parents were well-to-do; there was no immediate destitution staring them in the face if they loafed around and had a good time. Four young fellows, in particular, were in a fair way of becoming worthless, shiftless hangers-on. That season a lyceum course was presented to the town for the first time by the high school. The first number on the course was a lecturer who has a gift for inspiring young people. He lectured on "Day Dreams," and the effect bordered upon the miraculous. The next week those four boys packed their trunks and went off to college. The right word with the right amount of sincerity, earnestness and inspiration had been spoken at just the right moment. Colby now believes in the lyceum.

### Why We Should Attend the Lyceum Course.

Because in no other way can we obtain so much pleasure, entertainment and information at so little cost.  
Because our citizens want the best, need the best, deserve the best and appreciate the best of all good things.  
Because it gives us the means of keeping in touch with the progress of the age and the trend of human thought.  
Because working hand-in-hand with church and school, it is today one of the most helpful and inspiring educational movements of the age.  
Because in no other way is it possible for most of us to see, hear and know the wits, poets, humorists, entertainers, interpreters, philosophers, statesmen and orators of the day.  
Because it inspires men to a greater and better manhood, women to a nobler and sweeter womanhood, and young people to grander effort.  
Because it is better to bring the good things of the world to your own door where your neighbor may also enjoy them, than go selfish seek them elsewhere.  
Support the Lyceum!