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FATAL SHOOTING CHRISTMAS DAY TWO MEN KILLED

Employees Of Lumber Company Engage In Fight With Tragic Results

NESMITH IS UNDER BOND

That which would have been a normal Christmas in this vicinity was quickly changed into a tragic one when Gus Carter, colored was killed and Louis Carter fatally wounded just as the sun was about to go down. The shooting was done by James Nesmith a white man who is a logging engineer for the Carter Lumber Company. The two colored men were also employees of the lumber company and worked at the mill. The affray took place in the village street just in front of the company's commissary and was witnessed by several people.

Mr. Nesmith was interviewed in the county jail where he had been put by Sheriff Thomas shortly after the fight took place. His statement to the News was that he was getting some wood to take to his home which was near by and that the two negro men and a woman approached him, that Gus Carter asked if his name was Perry and that on his reply it was not, used a rough expression and said that he thought he was the man he was looking for and began to hit him with a piece of scantling. Nesmith says he closed in on the man and fought him with his fists, that Louis Carter joined in and began to hit him with his fists, that having gotten his right hand free he drew his pistol and fired twice putting a ball in each of his assailants. Nesmith says he had never had any trouble with either of the men before and did not even know them.

After the arrest was made Sheriff Thomas asked Clerk of the Superior Court K. J. Respass to appoint an emergency coroner so that the matter could be investigated. Judge Respass consulted attorneys about the matter and decided that he had a right to appoint a coroner and named L. J. Noe. A coroner's jury was then summoned composed of the following citizens: Bryan Arthur, W. R. Longest, H. C. Fodrie, R. H. Hill, Sterling Ramsey and W. S. Robertson. The jurors went to the place of the shooting at about eight o'clock and proceeded to hold an inquest.

The jury examined the body of the dead man and then called the following witnesses: W. L. Perry, E. F. Perry, W. E. Nesmith, John Hunnings and Goldie Carter wife of Louis Carter. The four white men testified substantially the same thing which was that the two men and the woman came through the alley, Gus Carter carrying a piece of scantling about five feet long and two inches thick in his hand. That he made a motion as if to hit W. L. Perry but moved on when told to do so and that he approached Nesmith, had a few words with him and struck him with the scantling two or three times, that the men clinched, that Louis Carter joined in and that the woman said "Carry it to him". They said that after a short scuffle Nesmith got his right hand loose and fired twice hitting both of the men. Gus Carter fell dead and Louis walked off a piece and was carried to his home.

Goldie Carter stated she and two men had started up town to a picture show, that Gus carried along a piece of scantling and that for fun he made a pretense of hitting Mr. Perry, that when he met Nesmith the latter said you "have been raising hell around here all day" and proceeded to hit Gus, that they then got into a fight with the result that the two negroes were shot. She said that nobody struck Nesmith with a stick and that Louis her husband, did not strike Nesmith.

Louis Carter was seen at his home by acting coroner Noe, Dr. P. B. Loftin and W. G. Mebane and a statement gotten from him. He said that neither he nor Gus hit Nesmith with a stick and that when Gus and Nesmith got to fighting that he tried to part them and that Nesmith shot Gus and himself.

The inquest was continued until ten o'clock Sunday morning when it was adjourned until Monday morning.

ADULT SCHOOLS OPEN IN SUMMER

Effort Will Be Made To Wipe Out Illiteracy In Carteret County

The effort which the News has been making to get an anti-illiteracy campaign started in Carteret county has met with some success but it appears that the actual work will have to wait till next Summer. Besides trying to enlist the support of local citizens the editor of the News has talked the matter over with Superintendent L. B. Ennett and has had some correspondence with Miss Elizabeth Kelly, of Raleigh, in regard to the drive. Miss Kelly has charge of this sort of work for the State Board of Education.

As better teachers can be had in Summer than now and, as the weather is more favorable at that time, it will probably be easier then to get a good attendance at the schools, the decision has been reached to defer the campaign till that time. In the meantime it is hoped that teachers and others who have the opportunity will inform any who might be interested that the schools for adults will be conducted next summer. The News will be glad to hear from any person who may feel a desire to help in any way in this campaign to abolish illiteracy.

As Miss Kelly's letter on the subject is one of general interest it is reproduced herewith:

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21, 1920.

Mr. W. G. Mebane,
Beaufort, N. C.

My dear Mr. Mebane:

I am sure it seems that I have been unappreciative of both your letter and the splendid editorial in the paper which you kindly sent me. I have had no time for the past several days for letter-writing other than the letters which could not wait. I have been making a report of the community school work, and this report requires much time. I appreciate more than I can say the interest you have taken in this proposed work for your county. Since Mr. Ennett does not think it best to begin until next summer we will look forward to arranging for as many good teachers as you may be able to use profitably. We can secure these teachers for work during the months of July and August. I have been for several weeks working out a plan for next summer's work.

I am planning to select 100 or possibly 200 teachers from the schools at large in the state and to gather them together after their schools close, and give them ten days or two weeks' training and then send them to the mountain counties and to the coast to organize and teach community schools during these months. We can by this means get eight or ten weeks' work from the best teachers in the state, teachers whom we can not employ during the regular school term. I would like for you to think over this plan and give me any suggestions that may be helpful toward carrying it out. Of course, this plan will mean that the county must be pretty well prepared for the coming of these teachers. This will be the part of the ones on the ground.

Again let me say I appreciate your letter, your paper, and most of all, your interest in this work.

Very sincerely,

ELIZABETH KELLY,
"Director of Community Schools
for adults."

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after due deliberation it was decided to hold Jas. Nesmith for Superior court under a \$2,500 bond. Louis Carter was taken to a hospital in New Bern Sunday morning and died there the next day. At this writing no action has been taken about his death. Gus Carter was a single man. He and Louis appeared to be between twenty-five and thirty years of age. Nesmith is about thirty years of age and has a wife and two children. He came here about four months ago from Marion, South Carolina.

CELEBRATION SATURDAY

The colored people of the community have arranged for a big emancipation celebration here Saturday. The principal exercises will take place in the County Court House. The Mayor of Beaufort, other officials and other citizens are invited to attend the meeting.

WILLIS-OWENS.

Miss Belma Louise Willis, of Morehead City, and Mr. Matthew T. Owens, of Beaufort, were married Monday evening at seven o'clock at the home of the bride in Morehead City. The ceremony which was one of elegant simplicity was witnessed by relatives and few friends of the couple. Rev. F. R. Bumpas performed the ceremony which united the young couple. After January the first Mr. and Mrs. Owens will make their home in Beaufort where Mr. Owens is in the mercantile business.

COTTON REPORT

According to figures of the U. S. Census Department 1,179 bales of cotton were ginned in Carteret county up to December 13th this year. At the same period last year there had been 2,000 bales ginned. The figures of the whole State were 681,996 for this year and 755,525 for last year.

MISSIS WILLIS AND DAVIS ENTERTAIN.

Misses Elva Willis and Hilda Davis delightfully entertained a large number of their friends Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Davis.

The home was artistically decorated for the occasion in colors of red and green. Many interesting games were played, two tables being arranged for Rook and a prize awarded for the lowest score Miss Hilda Willis being the winner.

In the center of the room was hung a large bunch of mistletoe under which some young man should stand. Mr. Julian Hamilton was the one chosen for this position.

Refreshments were served at ten thirty after which the happy party dispersed declaring they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

STATE NEWS

Fire in a small cottage annex of Meredith college occupied by members of the faculty, resulted in a loss of about \$300.

The road commission is holding its final session in Raleigh to draft the good roads bill for presentation to the general assembly.

Rev. John R. Herndon, pastor of the Wauhton Presbyterian church in the suburbs of Winston-Salem, was knocked down by a super-six Hudson driven by three negroes, and instantly killed at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The negroes were captured after a long chase. The car was owned by Charles Mays and was driven by his brother John Mays. Charles Mays and another negro were in the car at the time of the accident.

Max Albright, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Albright, of Greensboro, who was injured Saturday at 9 o'clock by the explosion of a toy cannon, was reported yesterday to be improving. It is not thought now that he will lose his eye.

In a wrestling match at Shelby Wednesday, Joe Turner upheld the middleweight championship against Fritz Hanson, one of the spectators was dragged into the ring by the ankle, in the scramble back to the mat after the wrestlers had rolled under the front row of spectators.

William Dinoway, seven months old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dinoway, of New Bern, was burned to death in its carriage Tuesday morning. The covering of the baby ignited from the heat of a stove. The mother was badly burned in trying to rescue the child.

CARD THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for the kindness shown us during our illness.

ROOK PARTY

Mrs. C. M. Willis very delightfully entertained a few of her friends at her home Monday evening, progressive rook being the game played. Mrs. N. F. Eure having made the highest score was awarded the prize while the booby went to Miss Lela Wade. Those playing and enjoying Mrs. Willis' hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Eure, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dickinson, of Wilmington, Misses Matie Duncan and Lela Wade, Mrs. Ernest Duncan, Mr. Levi Wheatly and Mr. D. C. Lewis, of Suffolk, Va. Sandwiches, hot chocolate, fruit cake and candy were served, with attractive little geskets in Christmas colors as favors.

FRIENDS ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neal entertained a party of friends at their home here Tuesday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bell, Mrs. W. E. Hedden, Messrs. Theodore Webb and John G. Bell, of Morehead City and Mr. Everet Smith, of New York.

DEATH OF J. W. WHEATLY

J. W. Wheatly died at his home here last Thursday afternoon after an illness of nearly a year with Bright's disease. Mr. Wheatly was 61 years of age. He is survived by his widow and one daughter. Two brothers of the deceased Charles and William Wheatly and a sister Mrs. Matilda Springle are also living to mourn his passing away. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. F. R. Bumpas and the interment was made in St. Paul's cemetery.

REV. J. S. BELL RETURNS

Rev. J. S. Bell, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church here will fill that relationship for another year. At the District Conference held last week he received the Beaufort appointment again. Dr. J. H. Anderson was made Presiding Elder for the Beaufort district.

NICE CALENDARS

Caleendars are scarcer this year than they have been in a long time. So the News considers itself fortunate in having two nice ones presented to it by the Beaufort Banking and Trust Company and H. C. Fodrie.

VELVET BEANS GOOD GRAZING FOR CATTLE AND HOGS

Velvet beans are an important grazing crop for cattle and hogs in the South in autumn and winter, according to specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. They are not grazed well by horses or mules, or by any live stock until after they are well matured or frosted. As the leaves, vines, and pods decay but slowly when subjected to weather conditions, velvet beans will furnish feed until early spring. It is usually better to let the crop stand until it is well matured, or until it is killed by frost, as the leaves will be off the plants at that time and the corn which has been planted at the same time may be gathered with less difficulty.

The amount of grazing which will be afforded will, of course, vary with the growth of the crop and the quantity of corn not gathered, but it is the custom with many cattlemen to allow one-third to one-half acre a month for each steer or cow. The usual period for pasturing velvet beans is about three months, but this may be shortened or lengthened as deemed advisable. When the period is longer because of large acreage in proportion to the number of cattle there is necessarily some loss of feed through decay.

Hogs should be permitted to follow the cattle, as they will consume practically all the beans which the cattle fail to get. A common practice is to allow one of two hogs in addition to the cattle for each acre of beans. A good stand of velvet beans should produce about 150 pounds of beef and 100 pounds of pork per acre.

The board of commissioners of Greensboro decided at their meeting Wednesday to make the city stremen a Christmas present of \$1,500.

Wilson reports a decided change in the times, in the celebration of Christmas. Instead of drunken bums, reeling up and down the streets, the church choir met on the court house steps and sang Christmas songs, the dispatch says.

NEXT CABINET ABOUT CHOSEN

Harding Will Have Able Men In His Official Family Hughes Secretary State

Some interesting news is coming from Washington now relating to President-elect Harding's Cabinet. From these reports it appears that Mr. Harding has about made up his mind as to who will be appointed to these important places. First in importance is that of Secretary of State and for this post it appears that Judge Charles E. Hughes has been selected. Mr. Hughes was formerly Governor of New York, was a Supreme Court Justice and in 1916 candidate for President on the Republican ticket. He is a man of recognized ability and character.

Henry C. Wallace, of Des Moines, Iowa, and editor of a large farm paper is said to have been selected for Secretary of Agriculture. The present Secretary Mr. Meredith is also from Des Moines and is editor of another farm paper.

It is understood that Will H. Hays of Indiana will be made Postmaster general. Mr. Hays is the chairman of the Republican national committee and a man of great executive ability.

It seems that Herbert Hoover is to have a place in the Cabinet and will be either Secretary of Labor or Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Hoover is well known for his war activities and his appointment will be a popular one.

Harry M. Daugherty looks like the strongest candidate for Attorney general. He is very close to Mr. Harding and if he does not accept the appointment may have something to say in the selection of a man for the place.

Far Secretary of the Treasury two men are prominently mentioned. They are Chas. G. Dawes and George M. Reynolds both of Chicago and prominent financiers there.

The posts of Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of Commerce seem to be still in doubt. The friends of John M. Morehead, of North Carolina are pushing him for a Cabinet position and if a Southern man is chosen he may be selected for Secretary of Commerce.

The indications are that the next Cabinet will be a very strong one. Mr. Harding has plenty of material from which to choose and he has gone about the matter very carefully. He has held many conferences with prominent men from all over the country relative to this and other questions.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds have been recently recorded:

L. F. McCabe and wife to Elijah James lot in town of Newport, consideration \$85.

Wilbur W. Willis and wife to Richard and Monroe Whitehurst 5 acres in Straits township, consideration \$2,000.

Isaiah D. Wade and wife to Isaiah E. Wade 12 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$100.

Jas. B. Adams and wife to Iva Lewis 50 acres in White Oak township, consideration \$2,500.

Louis Phipps, of Philadelphia, and others to Isaiah D. Wade 12 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$100.

Stephen M. Willis and Gilbert F. Willis to Gilbert F. Willis, Jr., 11 acres in Smyrna township, life interest reserved, consideration \$400.

W. H. Wade and wife to Deward Daniels lot No. 4 in square 06, Morehead City, consideration \$600.

George Riggs and wife to H. C. Riggs and wife lot 50 by 100 feet near Morehead City, consideration \$50.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage permits were issued from the Register of Deeds office recently to the following couples:

Charles D. Stewart and Fannie Atwood Willis, Gloucester.

Matthew T. Owens, Beaufort, and Delma Louise Willis, Morehead City.

Jas. W. Roberts, Arapahoe, and Sophia Hoover, Beaufort.

WILL ORGANIZE A WOMANS CLUB

An Enthusiastic Meeting Held Tues. Night—Much Interest—Good Attendance

In spite of the fact that there was a drizzle of rain Tuesday evening there was a good attendance at the meeting called to organize a Woman's Club or Community Club as has been suggested it should be named. The promoters of the undertaking expressed themselves as being well pleased with the start made and they now feel confident that it means success for the new organization.

The meeting which was held in the Moose lodge rooms began at 7:30 o'clock. M. Leslie Davis acted as chairman and Mrs. Jas. Caffrey was made secretary. Mrs. G. W. Lay explained the object of the meeting. The principal address of the evening was made by Miss Bettie Windley, of New Bern, who has been active in club work in that city. She explained in an interesting manner what a woman's club meant, told of its great opportunities for service to the community and dwelt upon the inspiration which comes from membership in such an organization.

At the conclusion of Miss Windley's speech the Chairman called on several who were present for expressions of opinion about the matter. Responses were made by E. Walter Hill, Miss Lucy Lay, W. G. Mebane, Prof. Hornaday and Dr. G. W. Lay. All of the speakers referred to the needs of the community and the possibilities of getting them accomplished.

In order to perfect the organization the Chairman was instructed to appoint committees to suggest nominees for officers and to draw up a constitution and by-laws. The committees appointed are as follows:

On nominations Mrs. Guy Potter, Mrs. A. J. Cooke, Mrs. W. R. White; committee on Constitution and By-Laws Mrs. Graham Duncan, Mrs. Hal Pottet, Mrs. H. M. Hendrix. Mrs. G. W. Lay was named as Chairman for the next meeting which is to be held in the Moose rooms tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. The public is invited to attend this meeting which will perfect the organization.

N. C. Press Association.

The North Carolina Press Association will hold its mid-winter meeting in Charlotte on January the 5th and 6th. While there will be social features the meeting will be mainly a business one. Conditions in the newspaper world affect the newspaper business just like every thing else. By conferring with each other the publishers hope to be able to solve some of their problems.

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Are you drifting down life's river, To a land where all must go, To a place that's called eternal rest; Are you prepared to make the landing When you reach it's waiting shore, To share it's pleasures with the Saviour-bless?

Let your conscience be your captain, God the compass for your craft, You will make the harbor never fear, Why gamble with the future, Let not the chance to act go past, When the way to salvation is so clear.

Take a loyal stand for Jesus, The teachings of God's word obey, You will be a winner in the end, Get your clearance papers ready, For that great accounting day, When God calls His loved ones unto Him.

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