

MYSTERIOUS MURDER OF MYRTLE HAWKINS

Hendersonville, Sept. 16—New and peculiarly atrocious features of the Myrtle Hawkins murder were uncovered today. Movements of the girl on the fatal Thursday are being gradually traced and the identity of the man seen with her at a late hour that day is known.

Mrs. Reuben White who lives near the McCall home stated this afternoon that last Wednesday night she heard a woman screaming as though in great pain. She arose from her bed and went out on her back porch. The screaming she says gradually changed to moans, which died away in the stillness of the night. Mrs. White says she was greatly frightened and told her son and daughter of the occurrence.

Frank Brown a negro who lives near the McCall home declared that he heard a woman screaming about midnight Thursday. He will testify positively that it was Thursday night he heard these noises.

A Mrs. Winters of Lakeview inn near the lake heard screams Wednesday night.

The authorities are experiencing much difficulty making the conflicting statements dovetail, as there are a few witnesses who swear they saw Myrtle Hawkins Thursday.

The coroner's inquest was called at 10 o'clock this morning but adjourned immediately until 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. "We will have Mrs. Bessie Clark Guice then," said one of the officials. "That's why there was no hearing this morning."

Mrs. Guice, it is said has been located in Atlanta Ga. Two days ago the officers had her located, but she eluded them and this has been the greatest cause of delay since Detective Bradford and Solicitor Johnston arrived.

"Will she talk after you get her here?" was asked.

"We will make her talk. She will have to explain her whereabouts Wednesday and Thursday nights. We have witnesses who saw her near Hendersonville."

There will be a very interesting witness who will tell of a conversation she had with Myrtle Hawkins Wednesday afternoon at which time Myrtle told of Mrs. George Bradley's jealousy of her and of a terrible quarrel they had that afternoon. Myrtle also told the witness that the Tuesday before Mrs. Bradley had slammed the door in her face when she went to their home.

At the inquest Friday two letters were introduced as evidence by A. Homer Hawkins the brother of Myrtle. The contents of the letter given in yesterday's Observer in which Myrtle wrote her mother of her shame saying she had "been sick for a month or a half," was read in the court. The other letter was not read and until today its contents were not learned.

This letter was from Myrtle to her father, her fiancé, in which she begged for an early marriage. It was written Tuesday before her disappearance and she begged him to marry her immediately. "Whether won't object now," she said. "She will let us be married here. I know we will be poor, but I can work and after we are married we will be happy. I would be a burden to you and I dread the long wait. Next January is so far off." The letter was intercepted and Hal Cooper never received it. Homer Hawkins found it in the top dresser drawer of Myrtle's room.

Solicitor Johnston has told Hal Cooper that he may return to his home in Johnson City. He will not be needed and the heart-broken and disillusioned child will leave Monday.

Mr. W. H. Hawkins, father of Myrtle, will testify at the inquest Monday. He has engaged the law firm of Staton & Rector to assist Solicitor Johnston in the prosecution. He has expressed himself since yesterday's hearing as being determined to have the whole mystery surrounding his daughter's death cleared away, if human power and brain could do it.

The more evidence developed in the now famous murder case, the more farcical terms the first coroner's inquest, which was held a week ago to-morrow, when a verdict of "death from unknown causes" was returned by the jury at the direction of Coroner Kirk. At that inquest Homer Hawkins and Dr. A. B. Draft identified the body as that of Myrtle Hawkins. Mr. E. A. Freeman, a visitor at Lakeview hotel, who telephoned the officers that a dead body was in Lake Osceola, and Deat Reese and Will Staton, the men who first saw the body and finally withdrew it from the water, were the only ones called to testify.

It has now been nearly two weeks since the girl disappeared and her mutilated body was found and not an arrest has been made. Until Solicitor Johnson and Detective Bradford arrived on the scene the local officials were entirely uninterested in the case, but since that time have endeavored to impress the public with their activity.

Hendersonville, Sept. 18.—The coroner's investigation into the death of pretty Myrtle Hawkins was resumed at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon only to be again adjourned without any arrests or other definite action taken.

Mrs. Reuben Wright was the first witness introduced. Mr. W. C. Rector is conducting the examination for the State.

Mrs. Wright lives near Lake Osceola and knew Myrtle Hawkins by sight. Doesn't know George Bradley.

"I think I saw Ashy McCall," she said, "on Sunday in a buggy twelve months ago, before he was married, with Myrtle Hawkins. My little girl brought a little clock to my house last Saturday at 6 o'clock. My daughter said she got it out of the first spillway, just beyond my house, raked it out with a stick. The watch showed 3:30 o'clock. It had a white twine string tied to it. I delivered it to the police a week ago today."

The spillway is the one nearest to town going to the lake. Mrs. Wright said she heard the cry of a woman in that community last Wednesday night, a week ago, about 11 o'clock. She said it was the most pitiful cry she had ever heard.

"I was in bed and got up. It seemed to me it was the most distressing cry I ever heard in my life. Sounded to me to be towards the boat house, so it was not possible for me to be mistaken about it being the cries of a woman. My children went to prayer meeting at Mud Creek church Wednesday night and that is why I know it was at that time."

Mrs. Mary Granger lives on Shaw's Creek road, 1 1/2 miles from town. She had known Myrtle Hawkins all of her life. Saw her last Thursday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock pass by her father's house with a man.

"I don't know the man," she said. "They were walking towards the Brevard road. I came in town week before last on Thursday. My sister was at my father's house at the time. I know Mrs. Abney McCall. Have seen her here at the court house since. I am positive it was Thursday. Myrtle had on a white dress trimmed in black and had no coat with her. Had a newspaper in her hand. Didn't seem excited. It might be possible it was Wednesday, but I am almost sure it was Thursday."

Miss Rose Sunofsky (much excited and nervous) lives in the last house on South Main street. She saw Myrtle Thursday evening for the last time. She had on a white dress trimmed in black.

"I know it was Thursday," said the witness, "and think it was Mr. Bradley she was with. They were walking towards Flat Rock. They were together. I had seen them together before but not very often. In the last five or six weeks I have seen them pass once or twice. I have known Beatrice McCall all my life. I saw her Friday at the court house for the first time since the tragedy. She asked me did I see Myrtle and when I told her yes, that I saw her. Have not talked to Beatrice since Friday."

Mrs. Maggie Brock lives on Willow (Osceola Lake) road just outside of town. She knew Myrtle Hawkins. Myrtle passed alone on her way home about Sunday Tuesday evening. She heard Myrtle stop and ask Mrs. Fronnie Thomas to go over to see the McCalls and Bradleys, because Belle Bradley treated her cold. She had seen Myrtle pass with Bradley several times. "I have seen them pass several times within the past five or six weeks," she said. "Sometimes they would be going to town and sometimes towards the McCall."

Mrs. Dan McCall, mother of Mrs. Beatrice McCall, lives near Osceola Lake. She said:

"There was no one at my home last Saturday besides my own folks. Nobody was at home last Sunday a week ago until after 5 or 6 o'clock. We all started to church at 9:15 Sunday a week ago. I first heard that a body had been found in the lake as I came home Sunday afternoon from Mud Creek church. I heard school children tell of finding a little clock. I never saw Myrtle carry that little clock. Myrtle has been at my house many times. I was at home Wednesday night with my own family. I slept well. I heard some automobiles pass the house that night. I was at home alone Thursday night with my little children. When Dan came home at 11 o'clock, Bob Waddell hadn't come home from service at Crystal church. That was Thursday night before the body of Myrtle was found in the lake on Sunday. I was asleep when Dan came home from driving a Miss Freeman to the depot, but woke up and let him in. I was asleep and didn't hear Bob Waddell come in. I went to church Friday night and got in about 11 o'clock. Nobody stayed at my house Saturday night but my family. Anybody stayed at Ab. McCall's house Wednesday or Thursday night, I didn't know it. I don't know whether or not I went to Ab's house Friday morning."

The first time I saw them after the body was found was Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock, and asked them who it was found in the lake. They seemed not to know anything about it; just like me wondering about it. I heard about Myrtle's being away from home Thursday, because Mrs. Hawkins wrote Beatrice a note and asked her if she did not know something about her. I don't think I went up to Ab's Wednesday or Thursday. I was with no strange woman Sunday morning. There was no strange woman at my house yesterday morning. Don't know whether McCalls and Bradleys were at home Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday night. I never know anything about them at night. Bradley and McCall never told me they were suspected of being connected with Myrtle's death."

At the Burlington Sunday Schools Sunday, Sept. 17, 1911.

Sunday School Totals.

	Collection	Attendance
M. E.	393	\$11.40
Baptist	255	6.51
Presbyterian	130	3.90
German Ref.		
Christian	202	4.76
M. P.	205	3.05
Webb Ave.	120	4.97
	1305	\$34.58

MEN'S BIBLE AND BARACA CLASSES TOTALS.

	Collection	Attendance
Baptist	61	2.73
Presbyterian	14	1.75
Christian	29	1.60
M. P.	26	1.10
German Ref.		
Webb Ave.	38	3.37
M. E.	86	4.60
Snow Camp,		
Total today	254	\$15.10

John H. Vernon, Secretary

President Taft may be coldly received at some points on his western trip, and at others he may get too warm a reception. But in either case he "ain't afraid." Bill is used to facing the music.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MAYOR

Burlington, N. C., Sept. 18 1911 To the Board of Aldermen of the city of Burlington.

Gentlemen: I deem it an opportune time to call to your attention the following matters of public interest for your consideration.

First. The Union Church Property. I beg to say that, in my opinion, this property should be preserved as a natural park for future generations, and to that end I would respectfully suggest that the streets should have natural outlets through this property thereby making it a shapely reserve for said purpose. The removal and repairing and remodeling of the church, which is fast becoming a nuisance to this section of the city, would be a natural and necessary consequence. I therefore respectfully recommend that action be taken in this matter at once.

Second. That we establish and maintain an incinerating plant, for the purpose of burning dead animals and the refuse of the city as many complaints have already been properly entered by private citizens on the outskirts of the city on account of the deposit of carcasses and refuse in their vicinity.

Third. City Hall and Market house. These are imperative needs of this city, and it is needless to dwell upon their importance to the community.

Fourth. Another imperative need of the city is a home for the fire company of the city and a fire alarm system. We now occupy rented quarters, and the rent now paid would more than pay the interest on the investment.

Fifth. That the city take charge of the office lot immediately after the same is vacated by the Air-Dome and control the same as a sort of public park, abandon the well and replace it with a drinking fountain, connected with the well, and that other public wells be treated like wise.

Sixth. The city should look out for a site for a hospital and a public library, established and maintain public privies on a sanitary basis.

Seventh. That we take an advance and aggressive step in sanitary matters and elicit the cooperation of the citizens in this undertaking.

Eighth. That we take the necessary and proper steps to provide a pure and adequate water supply for the future needs of the city.

Ninth. That we establish a system of inspection of fresh meats and the handling and sale of the same.

Tenth. That we establish a public hitching plot for the accommodation and convenience of the country traffic and furnish the same with the necessary facilities and sanitary conveniences.

Eleventh. That the congested condition of the primary department of the graded school be investigated and the necessary steps be taken to relieve the primary grades of this congested condition and offer the best possible facilities to the children of the city who need most to be properly accommodated.

I make these recommendations not because I think they can all be carried out in the immediate future, but in order that the city may begin to adjust itself to its natural growth and development. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Freeland, Mayor

Box Social.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Burlington Reformed Church will hold a box social on the grounds of the church next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Sept. 23rd. Ice cream will be served. The proceeds are to be used in purchasing the furnace for the church. The young ladies are asked to bring boxes and the young men are asked to come and buy them.

People are getting mighty sour over this increase in the price of sugar.

DEATHS

Death of Mr. Riggan.

Mr. Lemuel Riggan was born June 14th, 1875, and departed this life Aug. 22nd, 1911, aged 36 years, 2 months and 8 days. Mr. Riggan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riggan, who live on No. 9 about four miles south of Burlington. He married a daughter of Mr. Calvin H. Hornaday, a niece of Rev. J. A. Hornaday, and in his death he leaves the widow and five children.

Mr. Riggan used to live in Burlington. But for a number of years he resided in High Pt. For sometime he was sorely afflicted with rheumatism and some weeks before his death he went to Hot Springs, Ark. for treatment. While here he contracted or developed a case of typhoid fever and died on the date above written. He was a faithful member of Washington Street M. E. Church in High Point and a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. His funeral was conducted on Sunday, Aug. 27th, attended by more than a thousand people.

To one of the ladies attending him just before death he said: "Yes, I feel that I am prepared to meet my God." Rev. Mr. Hutchinson visited him a short while before death and sang "Just as I am Without one plea." Mr. Riggan joined in the first verse.

Mr. Robert L. Walker, of Graham, N. C., was with Mr. Riggan at the time of his death and writes that he left every assurance of a full hope in the hour of death. Thus another good man has passed over and as we say good-bye it is with the brightest expectation of meeting him on the resurrection morning. To the bereaved widow and fatherless little children we extend the hand of sincere sympathy.

J. D. ANDREW, Burlington, N. C. Sept. 18, 1911.

Holt-Clary

The following wedding invitations which have been received here, will be of interest to their many friends throughout the state: "Mrs. Alice Marshall Clary will give in marriage her daughter, Grace, to Alexander Currie Holt, on the evening of Wednesday, the fourth of October, 1911, at 8:30 o'clock, Holy Trinity church, Greensboro, N. C. The honor of your presence is requested."

Miss Clary is the daughter of the late W. J. Clary, who was for years one of Greensboro's most prominent merchants. She is one of the most popular young women in this city and she has a statewide reputation as a singer, having been asked to go to other cities of the state to sing in special musical programs. At the present time Miss Clary is a member of the Holy Trinity church choir.

Mr. Holt has been connected with the Proximity manufacturing company for the past few years, having come here from Burlington. He is a business man of sterling integrity and wide experience in the textile business and is at present holding a responsible position at Proximity. He is well known over the state.—Greensboro Daily News.

St. Athanasius' Parish.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, Sunday the 24th, Services will be conducted the Rector, Reverend John Benner Gibble, as follows:

Sunday School, 9:30 A. M. Morning Prayer, 11:00 A. M. Confirmation Talk, 4:30 P. M., open to the public. Evening Prayer, 7:30 P. M. Sermons will be preached at the 11:00 A. M. and the 7:30 services. Pews free. The public cordially invited.

Our idea of a really independent man is one who wears his straw hat as long as he doggone pleases.

Fancy molasses. Coble's Gro.

Ladies' Aid Society Delightfully Entertained.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church was delightfully entertained by Mrs. L. L. Kernodle at her spacious home on Main street Friday evening, Sept. 15th, from 8:30 to 11 o'clock.

In addition to the members of the society there were several specially interested guests, among whom were: Miss Carter and Kennedy of Albemarle, teachers in our excellent school here, also Revs. Vickers and Green and Mr. Turner, all of whom contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

After various games the guests were invited to the dining room where a delicious ice course was served.

Many words of appreciation reached the hostess on the departure of the guests.

KILLED A NEGRO

Greensboro, Sept. 6.—David Settle, son of the late Judge Thomas Settle and one of the best known farmers of Guilford, is being held in custody of Guilford county authorities pending a full investigation and explanation of circumstances leading up to and attending the death of Bob Allen, a negro, whose body this morning lies within an arm's length of the front door of Settle's bachelor quarters, 12 miles from Greensboro. Settle was brought to the city at 1:30 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Jones and Deputies Shaw, Crutchfield and Weatherly, and, after consultation with his attorney, Sheriff Jones permitted the prisoner to spend the night in a room at the McAdoo hotel in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Weatherly and W. P. Beall, jr., a nephew of Settle. Coroner Wood declined to go with the officers last night and until he views the body of the dead negro and formulates a report, Settle must remain in the custody of officers; so must the body of the dead man remain exposed.

Allen came to his death from a gun shot wound apparently fired at close quarters. Whether he fired the shot or whether Settle fired it is as yet undetermined, there being no witnesses to the affair. Settle at first stated that he killed the negro accidentally. Later he stated to the officers that the negro fired the shot which caused his death. The negro was dead when Sol Neal, a negro tenant on the Settle place, arrived, and Settle was at the time on his way to the home of L. A. Walker to phone the county authorities.

Parties in the neighborhood heard a shot about 9:30 o'clock and outside of this, no neighbor was able last night to throw any light on the circumstances of the affair. It was 10:30 when Sheriff B. E. Jones received a telephone message from Settle requesting him to come out at once and remove a negro's body out of his yard. Settle then explained to the sheriff that he had killed a negro and that he had walked to the home of L. A. Walker, a mile and a half away, to phone him about. Replying a query as to how it happened, Sheriff Jones quotes Settle as saying, "Mostly intentional." Before the officers arrived, Settle is reported to have told others that he had killed a negro and couldn't go back home until his body was moved out of his yard.

When the officers reached Walker's home they found Settle there and Sheriff Jones remained with Settle while Deputies Shaw, Weatherly and Crutchfield proceeded to Settle's quarters. A Daily News representative, thru the courtesy of G. O. Coble, arrived on the scene shortly after the officers, finding a small group of neighbors discussing the affair. Sol Neal, father-in-law of the dead man, and a tenant of the Settle place, stated that he heard the shot and at first didn't think anything unusual of it, but that after a few minutes he came on up to the house and found Allen dead. Settle was not at the house, he having already started

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