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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## MYSTERIOUS DROWNING.

### Young Lady of Hendersonville Found in Lake and no Clue to the Cause of Death.

Hendersonville, N. C., Sept. 10.—The stillness of a beautiful Sabbath day in the mountains was suddenly transformed into scenes of the wildest excitement here to-day when it became known that the dead body of Miss Myrtle Hawkins, the pretty 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins had been found floating in the quiet blue waters of Lake Oseola, about three miles from Hendersonville, on the road to Kanuga. The girl had been absent from home since Thursday morning, and a quiet, though determined, search had failed to locate her or gain even the faintest clue as to her whereabouts. Her sudden disappearance had not become generally known, however, and when word reached the town this morning that her dead body had been found, a mad rush was made for Lake Oseola. Sunday school services were interrupted and preparations for church services were forgotten in the eagerness to get to the lake-side.

The scene at the lake was one calculated to touch the hardest of hearts. Several little boys throwing rocks in the water were frightened out of their wits when a dark object was seen slowly rising to the surface, and when one of their number summoned up courage enough to investigate he shrank in astonishment that the object of his gaze was a human body and the face her peeried into was that of Myrtle Hawkins, possibly the best known and most popular of the younger girls in Hendersonville. The knowledge of his gruesome find was imparted to his companions and they beat a hasty retreat to the nearest house to give the alarm. A telephone message to town informed the parents of the dead girl and the coroner, and in a short while the excited people were swarming to Lake Oseola.

All was silence as the body was pulled into the bank and many an eye was damp when the water soaked clothing was recognized as the same dainty little dress that she had worn a number of times on the streets of the town and which she had worn when last seen at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The stillness was intensified as the beautiful head of hair, always dressed in the latest style, now hanging loose and tangled, came into sight, and only heavy breathing could be heard as the pretty face, now drawn, and muscles tight, was turned towards the staring friends and her identity established beyond a doubt. The body was tenderly lifted from its watery grave and placed on the soft green turf to await the investigation of the coroner.

A post mortem examination was made and no marks of violence were found, and yet it was evident that death was not due to drowning. There was no other evidence available, however, and the coroner's verdict was that she "came to her death in a manner unknown to the jury."

(Later developments are said to show that the young lady was engaged to be married soon, and that she was murdered while walking on the road through the woods, and the body left there and afterward thrown into the lake. There were no marks of violence and chloroform was used.)

Rev. Braxton Craig asks The Journal to say that he has sent a request to clerks of all Baptist churches in The Union Baptist Association, which meets at Faulks next month, to make out their associational letters at once and send them to him. He desires to have ready for the association a digest of the letters, and he will himself carry the letters to the Association.

"Dreams Just Dreams" by Mr. Henry Fairley at the Dixie to-night.

Mr. W. E. Kindley, a native of this county, who ran a large store at Fayetteville and then moved to Asheville, failed at the latter place last week.

## Gone Off to College.

This is the principal week that the boys and girls leave for school. Some have already gone and some will go later. The town will have big delegations this year. The boys and girls scatter all about in choosing the places to pursue their school work. While most of them will go to State colleges, some are going to institutions outside of the home borders. The Journal would be delighted to have the name of every boy and girl in the whole county who is going off to school, but of course we cannot hear of them all. The roll would be large. A few years ago the whole number could have been counted on the fingers, and the going off to college was an unusual event. To-day so many go that not even a newspaper with both eyes open can get all their names. So far as has been learned the several institutions will be represented by the names given below:

Meredith, Raleigh: Misses Hattie Neal, Eunice Benton, Beulah Nance, Myrtle Sanders, Caroline Biggers, Antoinette Beasley.

Red Springs: Misses Norma Bell and Evelyn Wolfe.

Elizabeth: Miss Maude Boyte, Presbyterian College; Misses Mabel Bell, Ollie Alexander, Lillian Blakeney, Louise Morrow.

Bernau, Gainesville, Ga.: Miss Lessie Covington.

State Normal: Misses Rosa Blakeney and Annie Redwine.

Greensboro College: Miss Mary Crow.

Pence Institute, Raleigh: Miss Cora Lee Montgomery.

Salem College: Miss Rebecca Stack.

Randolph-Macon Institute, Danville: Miss Sarah Redwine.

Agnes Scott: Misses Lottie May Blair and Jean Ashcraft.

Coxe College: Miss Velma Horn.

Converse: Misses Mabel Lane and Annie Lee.

Davenport College: Miss Ruth Seerest.

Carey High School: Misses Bessie and Maggie Tucker and Maggie Bivens; these young ladies left August 27.

Trinity College: Messrs. John English, Paul and Kemp Neal, Lee Stack, Allen Lee, William Lee, John and Ed Seerest.

University: Robt. Houston and Roy Long.

Fishburn Military Academy, Waynesboro, Va.: James Morrow.

Porter Military School, Charleston, S. C.: Fitzhenry and Percy Dillon.

Oak Ridge: Paul Griffith, Will Hudson and John Futch.

## Financial Statement.

Financial report by the vice-president of the Union Association of women's missionary societies for the quarter ending August 31, 1911:

W. M. S.—Monroe	\$27.50
Meadow Branch	13.00
Mill Creek	4.00
Mountain Spring	1.50
Marshville	2.05
Hopewell	13.05
Y. W. A.—Monroe	6.00
Sunbeams—Monroe	5.00
Marshville	2.60
R. A.—Monroe	9.00
Marshville	2.30
Total	\$86.00

## Cotton Condition to Sept. 1.

As the census bureau very properly took pains to explain, the unusually large quantity of 1911 cotton ginned up to September 1 does not have any bearing upon the size of the crop. The record shows that the largest percentage heretofore ginned before September has been in a small crop year.

Of the 771,415 bales reported ginned, Texas alone accounts for 559,114 bales. Georgia with 134,076, reports more than three times as many ginned as the next highest State—Alabama. Exclusive of Texas and Georgia, only 78,226 bales were ginned.

The big showing made by Texas as is accounted for by the fact that the crop is a week earlier than ever before, demonstrated by the marketing of the first bale.

A new Biograph picture, "The Primal Call" will be shown at the Dixie tonight, also "Inheritance" and "It Served Her Right," two comedies on the same reel.

## DANGEROUSLY SICK.

### Mr. Davis Armfield Has Attack of Appendicitis and is Lying at Door of Death—Operated on Saturday Night.

Mr. Davis Armfield, one of the best known young men of Monroe, is lying dangerously sick in a hospital in Charlotte, having been operated on for appendicitis Saturday night. After the operation, which was completed about four o'clock Sunday morning, Mr. Armfield's condition seemed entirely satisfactory until yesterday, when dangerous developments set in and it seemed that there was not much hope for his recovery. At the time that this is written the news is that Mr. Armfield was resting very well, but that anything at any time might be expected. Mr. Armfield's attack was almost as sudden as it is violent. He had been complaining some but as late as Saturday morning last he came up town. He had been suffering some the day and night before but supposed it an attack of biliousness or indigestion. On Saturday afternoon he got very ill and the attack was then found to be appendicitis. It became so violent that quick measures were necessary and the patient was taken to the hospital on the Saturday night train. The operation was gone into at once. The appendix was found in a very bad condition and proved that the operation had been none too soon. As said before, the immediate results were satisfactory, but later his condition became alarming.

## News Around Indian Trail.

(Correspondence.)

The school at this place taught by Mr. T. J. Huggins of Marshville and Miss Mabel Robinson of Waxhaw closed Friday for the fall vacation. There has been 125 students enrolled this summer, and it has been decided to have three teachers during the winter session instead of two.

Mrs. S. W. Thompson of Pratt City, Ala., who has been spending the past six weeks with relatives and friends in this neighborhood and other parts of the county and also at Pageland, S. C., left Tuesday evening to spend a week at Sanford. She was accompanied by her brother, Mr. J. M. Tomberlin of this community. Mr. J. P. Boyd and daughter, Miss Naney, spent last week with relatives near Yorkville, S. C. Mr. T. B. Johnson of Little Rock, Arkansas, the former's nephew, returned home with them.

Miss Martha Boyd delightfully entertained a number of her friends Friday night in honor of Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. Chas. Hill and little son, Master Roy, of Norwood are visiting Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harkey, and also her sister, Mrs. W. L. Hemby of Weddington.

Miss Lillie Porter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Shannon near Antioch church.

Mrs. D. F. Shepherd of Monroe spent Wednesday and Thursday in the village.

Miss Wilma Broom is spending a few days with her sisters, Mesdames King and Garmon of Charlotte.

Miss Lillian Harkey spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Hemby of Weddington.

Mrs. I. D. Boyd, who has been confined to her bed for the past four weeks with an attack of malaria, is slightly improved.

Several nice new dwellings are going up in the village. Mr. J. P. Poar has just moved into his beautiful new residence. Mr. J. M. Harkey will soon have his new house completed, which will be one of the handsomest homes in town. Mr. Z. A. Pressley, our popular mail carrier, is also erecting a nice residence.

## Missionary Meeting.

The annual meeting of women's missionary societies of the Union Association will be held with the Woman's Missionary Society of Marshville, Thursday, September 28, for one day. The president of the Union urges all societies to appoint delegates at once so that there may be a large attendance.

## Death of an Old Citizen of Union.

(Waxhaw Enterprise.)

Mr. W. Alexander Craig, formerly of this community, who moved to Lee twenty six years ago, died at his home there last Friday night and was buried at the old Cool Springs cemetery Saturday. Mr. Craig had been an invalid for the last seven years and was totally blind for the last three years. He was born in Jackson township May 29th, 1820, and was therefore 89 years, 3 months and three days old. In 1845 he was married to Miss Mary Ewing, who died about ten years ago. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of Arkansas, and one son, Mr. W. R. Craig of Lee county, with whom he was living at the time of his death. He also has a wide circle of relatives and friends in this community to whom the news of his death will bring sorrow. During the civil war he served as an officer of the home guards.

His passing removes one of the ancient landmarks. In the good old times when Camden, Charleston and Cheraw were the principal markets for this section, he made many trips to and from those places on horse back and in wagons, and was as familiar with the roads to Charleston and Camden as the ordinary citizen is with the roads to Monroe or Charlotte. He was in Charleston shortly after the first railroad for the use of locomotives in this country was built—running from Charleston to Hamburg—and saw the first locomotive ever shipped to this country which ran on a road of wooden rails spliced with iron strips.

He was a consistent member of Tirzah Presbyterian church. He took great pride in improved stock and always kept the best horses and mules in the community. He was a great lover of children, whom he delighted with stories of camping trips. During his long illness he was in a state of almost perfect contentment, and the death summons came in the form of sleep.

## The Lemmond Family.

William Lemmond, the ancestor of all the Lemmonds in this part of the Carolinas, came from Ireland about 1730 and settled in North Crooked Creek in what is now Union county. He was the father of one son, Jonathan Lemmond, and others. While the immigrants from Germany and England were loathe to take up arms against the British government when the Revolution came, the Scotch and the Irish were invariably anxious to do so, hence, when the struggle began, we are informed that Johnathan Lemmond immediately connected himself with the American cause. Jonathan was the father of Robert Lemmond. Robert married a Miss Walker, the daughter of a German settler in Goose Creek section, and to this union were born Mary, who married a Stewart and is the ancestor of Mr. Plummer Stewart of Charlotte; Cyrus Q. Lemmond, who was noted for a famous speech made in the North Carolina legislature in 1861 favoring secession, and who was the father of Senator Lemmond of Monroe; Jackson Lemmond, who married a sister of ex-Sheriff Stevens and reared a family; Brown Lemmond, who moved to Arkansas and died; Hutehinson Lemmond, who fell out of a tree and broke his neck; and Margaret, who married Mark Squires. There are a number of Lemmonds and descendants of Lemmonds in this county and they are all descended from the William Lemmond named above. During the days of slavery this family was very rich, and during all times it has been noted for its intellectuality and good common sense. — Ney McNeely, in Waxhaw Enterprise.

## Notice to Telephone Subscribers.

All our subscribers will please mark off of new telephone directory B. A. Horn, 187-R, as Mr. Horn's number is 121, and appears in the directory in two places, by mistake.

W. H. Norwood, Supt.

"Dreams Just Dreams" by Mr. Henry Fairley at the Dixie to-night.

## BEATTIE FOUND GUILTY.

### Young Virginian Who Killed His Wife Condemned by a Praying Jury.

Henry Clay Beattie, of Richmond, Va., whose trial for the murder of his young wife, has been the largest subject of conversation in the South for the past two weeks, was found guilty last Friday and sentenced to be electrocuted. The jury knelt down and prayed before taking a ballot, and then brought in a verdict of guilty in short order. Beattie, who is the son of a wealthy merchant, shot his young wife to death while out on the road in an automobile and carried her body home and announced that a highwayman had killed her. But his cousin confessed that he had bought a gun for Henry a short time before the murder, and it was this gun that did the killing. After the verdict Beattie made a few remarks about the jury.

"I am far from a dead one yet," he said as he grinned in man-to-man fashion at his interviewer. "There's many a legal battle to come before they send me to the electric chair. I think I'll get a new trial in another county and with an up-to-date jury I'll be acquitted."

"I'll tell you, old boy," he said to the interviewer, "a fellow's up against when he is to be tried by a bunch of countrymen from the back woods like those that tried me. I never had a chance from the beginning. They got married young, bring up big families, work around their farms; what do they know about a city or a city's life? What do they know about how easy it is for a young fellow nowadays to get mixed up with a girl like Beulah Buford in a city? You newspaper men from the North all know this. It is almost impossible for a chap with a little bit of money and a motor car to avoid getting mixed up with these women. He can't help it. Isn't that right? That's what they got me on, this Beulah stuff," went on the condemned man just as casually as though he were telling that he had struck out in a base ball game.

"These farmers back here don't understand, that's all. I want to say again that I am innocent and that any jury of up-to-date young men or residents of a live city, even of Richmond, would have freed me. By the way, fellows," Beattie added, "I see lots of talk in the papers about the possibility of me trying to end my own life. That's all rot. Believe me, if I finally must go to the chair, I'm going there like a man. No suicide for me. You all have said in your articles that I am game. Well, I'm going to be game right on to the finish, whatever it is."

"Wood's Crop Special for September," says—"It is always advisable, in our opinion, for farmers to put in as much of their land as they can in the fall. We nearly always get seasonable growing weather during the fall and the early spring, and crops sown in the fall not only furnish a cover crop for the soil, but are growing and thriving at seasons which in recent years have proved most advantageous in our southern soils and climate. We would therefore urge our farmers to sow all the land possible in suitable crops this fall, so as to provide against the repetition of short feed crops next year."

"Wood's Crop Special" is issued monthly and gives timely and seasonable information about seeds that can be planted to advantage and profit each month throughout the year. Write for sample copy to T. W. Wood & Sons, Seedsmen, Richmond, Va.

## Contracts to Let.

I will let to the lowest responsible bidder, Tuesday, September 19th, 10 a. m., at Salem school house, No. 9, Monroe township, the contract for the building of a one-room school house, according to the State's plan No. 1.

At District No. 11, New Salem township, Sept. 20, 10 a. m., I will let the contract for the building of a one-room school house, according to the State's plan No. 1.

R. N. Nisbet, Co. Supt.

## Death of Esq. L. A. Helms.

Squire L. A. Helms died at his home in Buford township last Saturday night after being in feeble health for some time. He was 78 years old last month and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife and several sons, and one daughter, Mrs. Ben Cook. The remains were buried on Sunday at the Belk graveyard and the funeral was conducted by Rev. R. J. Mellwaine. Squire Helms was once county surveyor and many years a magistrate. He was an educated man as well as of a natural bright mind and for many years taught school. He was a Confederate soldier and was a lieutenant in the army. He was a member of the Methodist church for many years and a man of strong personality. His oldest son, Mr. W. J. Helms, died just at the beginning of what promised to be a noted career. He won a high stand at college and became the president of Columbia Female College and died of typhoid fever. Squire Helms' other sons are A. T. Helms of Mullens, S. C., and H. A., A. L. J. F., and R. E. Helms of this county.

## Recorder's Court.

(Sept. 11th.)

Lon Jordan, colored, carrying concealed weapons; \$15.00 and costs.

John Hamilton, colored, carrying concealed weapons; not guilty.

John Bogan, colored, criminal assault; bound over to next criminal term Superior court in sum of \$200.00.

Rob Rogers, colored, manslaughter; bound over in sum of \$400.00.

Grover Head, assault and battery; \$10.00 and costs, and bond of \$50.00 for six months to keep the peace. (This man tried for beating his wife.)

Dave Billings, colored, criminal assault; bound over in sum of \$200.00.

Coleman Helms, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.

Clarence Pate, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.

J. T. McCorkle, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.

Geo. D. Yoder, keeping whiskey for sale; jury trial; jury could not agree, and new trial set for September 19th.

James Crook, violating ordinance 76; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

## Sunday School Statistics.

The report for the last Sunday of the Monroe Sunday Schools was as follows:

Methodist, attendance 234; collection, \$4.33; Baptist, attendance, 169; collection, \$3.78; Presbyterian, attendance, 120; collection, \$4.66; Episcopal, attendance, 27; collection, 58. Total attendance, 550; collections, \$13.35.

The report for the preceding Sunday was inadvertently left out of the paper last week, but is herewith given: Methodist, attendance, 216; collection, \$4.80; Presbyterian, attendance, 106, collection \$10.20; Baptist, attendance, 156, collection, \$20.05; Episcopal, attendance, 28, collection 54. Totals, attendance, 506, collections, \$34.87.

## News About Pageland.

News and Scen.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Atha Naomi Funderburk, daughter of Mr. J. T. Funderburk, to Dr. Thomas Duncan.

Dr. R. L. McManus will resume his practice here about September 8th or 9th, and will begin his regular calls at Jefferson September 11th. Mr. McManus has been taking treatment in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for a month or more.

There are new residences going up in Pageland all the time. At present there are nine or ten nice houses going up. Messrs. George McManus, E. J. Graves, M. H. Dawkins, Buford Threatt, T. B. Smith, J. M. Carpenter, Rev. E. O. Thompson, G. O. Tucker, and T. A. Gallegher, all have good houses under way of construction. There will not be a cheap house among them. Messrs. A. F. Funderburk, L. L. Parker, J. F. Porter and others will build houses this fall.