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ONE DOLLAR YEAR.



Mr. D. A. Houston, member of the Celebration Committee.

## Marshals for the 4th of July.

The following gentlemen have been appointed marshals for the 4th of July celebration in Monroe. All are requested to meet me in front of the Gloucester Hotel, on horseback, at 9:15 sharp, July 4, to receive instructions:

T. P. Dillon, Clyde Richardson, J. V. Griffith, H. H. Wilson, J. H. Beckley, Stacey Helms, Hargrave Bowles, E. L. Long, H. K. Helms, Olin Sikes, G. S. Lee, Jr., W. O. Lemon, W. O. Harrell, W. A. Barrino, E. B. Pusser, Charlie Simpson, R. F. Beasley, T. A. Ashcraft, R. C. Griffin, Ebb W. Griffin, Lamson McWhorter, A. J. Rohr, Kemp Neal, G. F. Sutton, J. W. Laney, Vernon Lockhart, Homer Fowler, Ernest Barret, H. F. Dillon, J. H. Griffin, P. J. C. Efrid, Felix Moore, Roy Brewer, M. H. Richardson, W. L. Earnhart, C. E. Rushing, G. A. Long, Gun Clontz, Vann Secrest, Jas. I. Orr, W. E. Lemon, C. E. Parks, W. L. Hemby, Maurice Price, J. L. Rodman, Jr., M. M. Winchester, Carl Wolfe, Ward Laney, J. B. Lathan, Rufus Armfield, Carl Taylor, H. F. Parker, Zeb Long, Boyd Griffin, Fernando Helms, J. W. Railings, A. L. Yandle, Ed Stevenson, R. B. Cuthbertson, J. Ed Doster, Olin Niven, Arthur Starnes, Vinson Laney, George Funderburk, W. F. Moore, G. B. Caldwell, J. C. M. Vann, P. H. Johnson, N. M. Redfean, Jerre C. Laney.

J. C. SIKES, Chief Marshal.

## Death of Miss Minnie Jane Gordon.

Death came as a great relief to Miss Minnie Jane Gordon last Wednesday, as she had suffered for a long time, and had been as helpless as a child for some time past with paralysis.

Miss Gordon lived about 5 miles west of Monroe, on route 5, near Pleasant Grove church. She was 74 years old and had been a member of Pleasant Grove church for the past 59 years, having joined when she was only 15 years old. Out of this 59 years of membership she had missed only a few services when she was able to attend. Miss Gordon was a very devout Christian and met death as if it was only a long peaceful sleep.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Sanford of the Waxhaw circuit at the home of the deceased. Immediately after the services were over the remains were removed to the cemetery at the church where she had for so long faithfully attended.

The deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Boyce of Monroe and Miss Rachael Gordon of the home of the deceased, also several half brothers, among them Mr. T. J. Gordon of this place.

Fourteen American soldiers were killed in the recent four days' fighting on Jolo Island, the Philippines, when General Pershing's command finally subdued and disarmed the rebellious Moros, according to a report to the War Department. On the list of dead were Captain Taylor A. Nichols, of the Philippine Scouts, eleven scouts and two privates of the regular army.

Senator Luke Lea is correct when he says that a lobbyist is a man who is opposed to your views.



Mr. W. C. Stack, member of the Celebration Committee.

## SHOT TO DEATH ON STREET

FRANK PERRY, NEGRO HACK MAN, KILLED BY A MAIL CARRIER.

Pistol Duel on Main Street Equal to a Small Battle—One Man Killed, the Other Shot in the Leg and Now in Jail—Bullets Flew Thick and Fast and Bystanders Scattered—Dockery, the Slayer, Claims to Have Been Poisoned—Hearing Tomorrow Morning.

In a terrific pistol duel on Main street at two o'clock last Friday afternoon, Frank Perry, a well-known negro hackman of this place, was shot to death by W. L. Dockery, a negro postal clerk. Dockery received a flesh wound in the leg and is now in jail awaiting a preliminary hearing which has been set for tomorrow morning. Nothing in Monroe in a long time created so much interest among both black and white. Perry, who was taken to Dr. Massey's hospital, died about ten thirty Friday night.

The full causes leading to the shooting have not yet been investigated, but it is generally believed the attitude of Perry towards Dockery's wife was at the bottom of the trouble. The shooting took place in front of a negro restaurant run by Mag Davis next door to the Myers building on south Main street in front of Mr. F. B. Ashcraft's store. Eye witnesses have said that when Dockery crossed the street looking for Perry he carried his pistol in his hand. There is dispute as to which shot first, and as to how many shots were fired. In his dying statement Perry said that when Dockery saw him he charged him with having "done me dirt" and begun shooting. Some slight words were passed, but the firing began so quickly that few of those nearby seemed to know just how it happened. It is certain that Perry fired all five shots out of his pistol and then turned and tried to get into the room occupied as a Chinese laundry. Dockery walked down the street and fired one round of his six shooter and reloaded and fired out the balls that had been put in except one. Whether he reloaded all round or not has not been settled yet. The first bullet from Dockery's pistol went into a door facing at an acute angle from the north. The next one went in at a right angle, and at least one other went into a further building down the street at an acute angle from the south, showing that he walked considerable distance during the shooting.

Perry had just been called out of Chas. Toney's shoe shop by Mr. Lem Polk who wanted to see him on some business when Dockery arrived. One bullet, evidently from Perry's pistol, passed through Mr. Lee Trull's automobile standing near and hit Polk Bros. store across the street. When Perry's pistol had been emptied he turned and tried to get away. The statement that he was shot in the back is disproved by the fact that there was no bullet hole in the back of his coat or vest. The only bullet that hit him went in below the right nipple and bursted the kidney and liver, going out at the back and dropping down. No one knows which one of the shot it was. Neither does anyone seem to know what shot made the flesh wound in Dockery's leg. While Dockery was firing his last shot Policeman Fowler arrived on the scene and took him under arrest without resistance. Chief Laney seized Perry and immediately perceived that he was dangerously wounded. He succeeded in getting Perry in the latter's hack which was standing near by, and started to the hospital with him. Perry being unable to sit up, Mr. Bennett Blakeney was called into service and stood behind the seat and held him up till the hospital was reached. The wounded man, who was of very large build, was unable to walk and the white men pulled and dragged him into the building. Dr. Stevens quickly arrived and later in the day Doctors Moore and Thomas, surgeons of Charlotte, arrived and operated on Perry. The latter died that night about ten thirty. He remained conscious till given an anesthetic, and all the time seemed mumbling a prayer. He made brief statements to Mr. Laney before becoming unconscious.

When Policeman Fowler arrested Dockery the latter told him it was not necessary to hold him as he would go anywhere without resistance. Soon after being taken to jail he sent for a lawyer and before night had employed the firms of Redwine & Sikes, Adams, Armfield and Adams, and Love and McNeeley.

Dockery has been running as a postal clerk between Monroe and Rutherfordton a long time. He has been regarded as of good character and saved his money. He is understood to have claimed that Perry was instrumental in putting poison or having it put in his food, from which he became violently sick that morning. He went out on his regular run on Capt. Green's train Friday morning. Just before the train reached Charlotte he told Capt. Green to have a man called at Charlotte to relieve him, as he was suddenly and violently sick. He gave evidence of being a sick man, but said that he was not in pain. Dr. Winchester of Charlotte came down and took charge of him, and the train went on. He came back to Monroe on the eleven o'clock train and it is not known how he passed the time before the shooting took place. The pistol used by Perry

was an ordinary thirty-two Smith and Wesson, while Dockery's pistol was a 32-20 special of tremendous power.

Perry was a well known character about Monroe, where he has been running a street hack for several years. In the light of remarks made about him since the shooting he was generally unpopular among both white and colored.

## FROM AIR TO WATER—DEAD.

Naval Air Ship Goes Wrong and Two Men Fall 1600 Feet.—One Dead.

Annapolis, Md., June 29.—The Naval Academy added its first victim to the death roll of the air today when Ensign Wm. D. Billingsley was hurled from a disabled biplane, 1,600 feet in the air, and fell straight as a plummet, into the depths of Chesapeake Bay. Lieutenant John A. Towers, chief of the Navy aviators, clung to the hurtling wreck that followed his comrade's course from sky to waters and escaped death, almost miraculously.

Ensign Billingsley, in a biplane that had been converted into a hydro-aeroplane by the addition of pontoons, with Lieutenant Towers as a passenger, left the aviation grounds at the Naval Academy here this morning to fly to Clairborne, some 18 miles across the bay. About 10 miles down the bay a gust of wind struck them. Ensign Billingsley was thrown forward across the steering gear, which was disabled. The front plans of the craft fell, and it dropped like a dead bird toward the water. As it fell, the pilot was catapulted out and turning over and over, his body outsped the disabled machine toward the water. Deep in the bay the body sank, and late tonight all the available boats in the neighborhood are out seeking it.

At the Naval Academy Hospital, Lieutenant Towers, almost in a state of nervous collapse, his head wagging piteously, told of the tragic story of his fall.

"Just before the accident," he said, "I looked at the altitude dial and it showed we were running at



Mr. F. G. Henderson, member of the Celebration Committee.

a height of about 1,625 feet. Just then a gust of wind seemed to come up from below. It struck the aeroplane underneath the rear planes and lurched violently. This threw Billingsley across the steering gear and the rudder planes went out of business.

## DROPS WITH GREAT SPEED.

"With another forward plunge, the biplane dropped down at express train speed. It all happened in a minute. Billingsley went out of his seat and clear of the plane."

"When the ship started to fall, I had one hand around the upright, between the planes, and I locked it there. I knew that was my only hope. I was torn loose from the seat but held on to the upright. I swung clear of the planes, and the gearing. The strain on my arms and fingers was awful, but I clenched my teeth and held on. I tried to kick the steering gear back into working order, but I could not make it go. I looked down and saw Billingsley turning over and over in the air."

The trembling officer halted his story to wipe the sweat from his ashy face, but went on immediately: "When the aeroplane had dropped about 900 feet, the front planes went down and under, until the ship had been turned completely over. When it was half-way over it steadied for a minute and the force of the fall was broken a little, but it gathered momentum again and when it hit the water there was a terrific crash. But I kept clear of the engine and the planes and managed to come to the surface safely."

Burglars blew open the safe in the store of A. J. Geymayer at Spencer Tuesday night. The office desk, fixtures, counters, show cases and goods in the store were badly torn up by the explosion and a piece of the safe was blown through the ceiling. The safe was completely ruined by the charge. It contained only about \$12 and a number of valuable papers, the latter being left intact.

Mrs. Beulah Matthews of Clover, S. C., is visiting Mrs. John Richardson, her sister.

## DEATH IN NIAGARA.

Two Small Boys in Boat Swept Down Whirlpool Rapids.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 22.—Donald Roscoe, 10 years old and Hubert Moore, nine years old, both of Buffalo, went to their death in a small boat this afternoon in the whirlpool rapids, while hundreds of men watched helplessly from the shore.

The boys were playing on the flat bottom scow half a mile above the rapids when the rope holding the boat broke and they were carried out into the stream and down the river.

Until the boat reached midstream it made little progress. After it passed the bridges the current carried it swiftly towards the rapids. The bridgemen did not see the boat until it was close at hand. Then they called headquarters and two companies of firemen were sent to save the lads if possible.

Hundreds swarmed to the river banks in a vain effort to rescue. The boys, realizing their fate, stood up as the boat neared the edge of the roaring whirlpool and shook hands in farewell. A second later they were engulfed by a great wave in the rapids. The boat shot out of sight. One of the boys was seen for a moment struggling in the rushing waters. Neither body has been recovered.

Never at any time was there a chance to save the boys. Scores of passengers in the cars along the gorge route watched the hopeless struggle at the water's edge. Men became hysterical and women passengers on the cars wept and prayed in distress at the plight of the lads, who were standing in the boat calling for help.

As the boat neared the swift drift, the first breaking of the waters from the calm upper reaches to the rapids it began to rock. The boys sat down to keep from tumbling into the stream. Then, caught in the swift drift the boat went racing under the Cantleaver bridge. Whatever hope the boys had of rescue was lost. They ceased their cries for help, turned toward each other and calmly shook hands, then, with the boat in the tumbling waters, threw themselves on the seats of the scow and clung with all their strength.

The craft held to its course until it encountered a huge wave, which crested at a height of 40 feet. It seemed to dive into the very middle of the wave, and when it came again to view it was bottom up. A second or two later a little head was seen bobbing on a wave below for a moment and then was seen no more.

## Monroe Public Schools.

The list of teachers for the Monroe Graded Schools for next year is as follows:

Principal, H. R. Hunter, Turkey, N. C.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

History and Science, H. R. Hunter; English, Miss Lelia White, Henderson.

Mathematics, Miss Lillian Kibler, Newberry, S. C.; Latin, Miss Jessie L. Porter, Lancaster, S. C.

German and Science, A. G. Randolph.

## LANCASTER AVENUE SCHOOL.

Seventh Grade, Miss Daisy Leak, Kershawville.

Sixth Grade, Miss Margaret O'Neal, Blenheim, S. C.

Fifth and Sixth Grade, Miss Mary Biggerstaff, Rutherfordton.

Fifth Grade, Miss Anna Ball.

Fourth Grade, Miss Lydia Benton.

Third Grade, Miss Lessie Covington.

Third Grade, Miss Mary Covington.

Second Grade, Miss Beulah Copple.

Second Grade, Miss Pearl Nance.

First Grade, Miss Mary B. Flowers, Red Springs.

First Grade, Miss Stella Mundy, Denver.

Librarian, Miss Daisy Leak.

## NORTH MONROE SCHOOL.

First Grade, Miss Evelyn Wolfe.

Second, Third and Fourth Grade, Miss Lola Price, Matthews.

## COLORED SCHOOL.

Principal, W. C. Killingsworth.

First Grade, Anna Chresfield.

Second and First Grade, Ella H. Christmas.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades, Sallie Griffith.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades, W. C. Killingsworth.

The schools will open on Monday, September 1st.

## Opposing Regiments Under One Tent

Siler City Grift.

Mr. J. D. Dorsett requests us to state that C. H. McConnell of Chicago has written him that he wants all the veterans of the 26th Regiment to stay in his tent at the Gettysburg reunion. This tent will have cots for 1,200, and it is planned to have the two regiments that opposed each other at McPherson woods at the Gettysburg fight to stay together under this tent, the two regiments being the 26th North Carolina and the 28th Michigan.

Another precedent was set by the administration when Secretary Bryan appealed to the German Ambassador, Count Bernstorff, to have the German government and people represented at the approaching Panama Pacific Exposition. This action was inspired by the hostile attitude towards the opposition of the great European powers, the hostile attitude being the result of objection to certain sections of the tariff bill.



Mr. C. C. Sikes, member of the Celebration Committee.

## Death of Rev. J. J. McLendon.

Rev. J. J. McLendon died at his home in Vance township last Wednesday afternoon after an illness of several weeks, in which he suffered from a complication of diseases. Though a native of Anson, he had lived in this county for nearly thirty years and was well known. He was nearly 72 years old, having been born Dec. 4, 1841. The funeral was held at Pleasant Plain, his home church, by Rev. Messrs. J. C. Gillespie and J. W. Whitley, and the remains were buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery at Matthews. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Conder Silston, T. J. Renfrow, John Broom, H. B. King, Houston Wilson, and James Shannon.

Mr. McLendon is survived by his wife and nine children: Mr. J. R. McLendon, who is practicing law at Rockingham; Messrs. A. M. and J. E. McLendon, and Mesdames J. L. Jones of Brown Summit, E. A. Ervin of Catawba; W. G. Nicholson, of Harmony; and Misses Nellie, Jessie, and Annie Lee McLendon. His wife was Miss Robertson of Iredell county, a sister of Rev. Dr. A. T. Robertson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was a native of Anson county and came of a prominent family, several brothers and sisters of whom survive. These are Messrs. S. H. McLendon of Charlotte, L. M. McLendon of San Angelo, Texas, W. B. McLendon of Ansonville, and Mrs. S. B. Carpenter of Ansonville. Mrs. E. A. Liles of Wadesboro, and Mrs. S. R. Townsend of Red Springs.

There was never a more sincere or lovable Christian than Mr. McLendon. Nor was there a braver soldier in Lee's army, or one that more faithfully lived up to the ideal expressed by his immortal leader when he said "Duty is the sublimest word in the English language." His reverence for God was profound and his love for humanity was no less striking and admirable. After spending his patrimony in the education of women at the old Ansonville Female College he started life over as a farmer and became a most efficient and successful one. His physical energy knew no bounds and he reared a large family of noble boys and girls and educated them in the schools as well as by his unvarying example of godliness and helpfulness. He was educated at the Louisville Seminary and loved to preach, and he always did it without money or price when he could get the time from the arduous and necessary labor of his farm. His mind was well stored and his heart overflowed with loving kindness. In later years he had much upon his mind the desire to write a series of reminiscences of his comrade in the war, but never found time to fully complete them. A few years before his death he received a considerable shock by being thrown from a buggy, by which fall his leg was broken. Yet he bore the pain with a cheerfulness and fortitude that was inspiring. We cannot say less of our kind and gentle old friend than that he was a gentleman and lived up to the creed, that he served his Master with a devotion worthy of all praise, and that his hand was never too tired to be held out at all times in sweet sympathy and helpfulness to all who needed it.

At the Pastime Tonight: "The Burden Bearer," "The Evil One" and "The Power of Sleep."



Mr. J. W. Fowler, member of the Celebration Committee.

## KILLED BY AUTO WHILE

Mr. Williams of Charlotte Crushed Under His Own Machine While Turning a Sharp Curve on Road.

For the second time recently the treacherous reverse curve on the River Road where it tends to cross the Southern Railroad tracks just this side of Juncos some six miles from the city, has overturned an automobile with its human load and yesterday afternoon the curve claimed a victim in Mr. Crawford A. Williams, who was almost instantly killed near 1:30 o'clock when his car turned turtle over the 15-foot embankment and crushed out his life as it turned over and righted itself. A little negro boy, Will Jordan, escaped practically unhurt.

No one actually witnessed the accident, though Mrs. W. L. Clark, who lives near the scene, saw the car prior to and just after it had taken the plunge. She was the first to reach Mr. Williams and with the aid of others who soon removed him to a shady spot where he gasped a few times and died without ever regaining consciousness.

It is believed that Mr. Williams misjudged his speed, the distance, and failed to make allowance for the treacherous nature of the curve. Upon most roads the curve is usually banked higher on the outer rim than on the inside so that the force of centrifugal velocity will be in a measure counteracted; but upon this piece of road, just where the car went over, the bed of the road is said to be just reversed and is really higher on the outside and this is believed to have played a great part in the overturning of the machine.

## GOING AT FAST GAIT.

Those who saw Mr. Williams in the car just prior to the accident state that he was going at a terrific rate of speed and this must have been the cause because he left Belmont at about 1:10 and it was only 20 minutes or less before he was dead by the roadside. He was running rather close to the outside of the curve all the way down as could readily be seen from the tracks left by the car which were traced back some distance. Mr. G. H. Brockenbrough, president of the Charlotte Pepsi-Cola Company, and in whose employ Mr. Williams has been for seven or eight years, stated last night that the strangest part of the whole accident to him was the report that Mr. Williams was speeding his car. He stated that he had never heard of Mr. Williams running too fast before and could hardly believe this to be true until he was told so by eye-witnesses. A desire to get back into the city where he had much work to do doubtless had some effect in inducing him to hasten.

## DANGEROUS TURN.

The place where the accident occurred is the identical spot where the colored chauffeur driving Mr. J. M. Craig's Chalmers "40" over-ran the turn, pitched headlong down the embankment, struck a telegraph pole and cut it in two, and threw all the occupants, three other darkeys, all joy-riders, into the red clay below. At this time no one was hurt, the escape of the darkeys being nothing short of marvelous. The car was damaged several hundred dollars. There have been other narrow escapes at the same place, although the danger of the turn is well known to all motorists. It is likely that Mr. Williams was aware of the hazard of this spot but he doubtless allowed the fact to slip his mind for the moment. The road leading up to the bend is one of the best in the county, with just enough of a down grade to induce speeding. The majority of the near accidents have heretofore been due to the fact, that drivers miscalculated the nature of the turn and their own speed until it was too late.

Mr. Williams was called to Belmont to fix one of the Charlotte Pepsi-Cola Company's motor trucks which had broken a part and was unable to return without repairs. He left with the repairs and fixed the truck, which was under the care of Mr. Hayes. It was near 1:10 o'clock when Mr. Williams left Belmont with Mr. Hayes in the motor truck coming on behind, though of course he could not keep up with the lighter car, which Mr. Williams was driving. When Mr. Hayes arrived at the turn he saw at once that an accident had occurred and he stopped and got out. He was only a few minutes behind Mr. Williams but the latter was dead when he reached his side.

President Wilson has visited the capitol so often that the event has ceased to be news. He called Wednesday while the Senate was in session and discussed appointments with 29 different senators. When the president contemplates making an appointment from a State represented by Republican Senators it is his custom to ask them if the appointment will be objectionable. In this way he forestalls deadlocks over confirmations.

The Asheville Citizen says Clifton Brown and Raymond Robin, two little negro boys, aged 12 and 14 years respectively, were drowned about a mile above Blountville Wednesday afternoon. Other negro boys who were in swimming at the time, stated to Deputy Sheriff E. M. Mitchell that the boys had been driven into deep water by a crowd of white boys, who rocked them from the bank. The coroner will investigate.