RANSOM BAUCOM REFUSED BOND BY JUDGE LEMMOND

Caston Baucom Denies He and Brother Charles Assaulted the Defendant, as Charged.

CHARLES BAUCOM HAD NO GUN

Ranson Baucom, of New Salem township, who shot and killed his brother, Charles Baucom, on Saturday afternoon, January 8th, was today remanded to jail to await trial at the next term of Superior court by Recorder W. O. Lemmond. Following the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, attorneys for the defense announced their intention to start habeas corpus proceedings to secure the release on bond of their client.

The defendant did not take the stand. Three witnesses, Sheriff Clifford Fowler, Caston Baucom, and Dan Smith, were introduced by the state.

Caston Baucom, also a brother of Ransom, was with his brother Charles on the ill-fated afternoon. He denied assaulting Ransom, and also declared that his brother Charles did not strike the defendant unless it was when he was lying on the ground unconscious from a blow received by the gun in the hands of Ransom Baucom. In brief, the testimony of Caston Baucom was:

"Charles and myself went to Ransom's store to get some gasoline on credit for Vann Passer. Ransom refused to credit Passer. Charles said he would go home and get the money. We started for Charles' home, but after driving away about a hundred and fifty feet, we heard Ransom shoot his gun. Charles dropped his gun also, and I shot while [illegible] Charles' home, the money for the gasoline was secured, and we started back. Charles left his gun at home.

"When we reached Ransom's store, I got out of the car, walked in the house, and called him. It was then dark. Ransom came to the door with his gun in his hand. I told him that Charles had the money to pay for the gasoline, and asked him to come out to the store and get it. He have it. We started, but before reaching the store Ransom decided that he needed a lantern, so he called to his son, Vann Baucom, to bring one. Arriving at the store, we waited for the lantern. I was watching the door of the house, and just as Vann appeared on the porch, I was struck over the mouth with a gun, and dropped to the ground senseless. Charles was shot while I was unconscious."

ESQ. T. W. SECREST ON OATS

Jackson Township Man Says Very Little of This Forage Has Been Sowed.

(From the Waxhaw Enterprise.)

"I have never known as few oats sown in this community at this time of the year, before this," 'Squire T. W. Secrest remarked, a few days ago. "In my opinion the people are making a serious mistake. By inquiring I have found that a good many have failed to sow simply because they were afraid they would have trouble in turning on the seed oats, although the merchants were willing to give them plenty of time. In my opinion oats are indispensable for feeding stock, and even yet I think it might be good policy [illegible] you can now [illegible]. Where it does not stand up as rather early to make predictions about the fruit crop, the 'Squire is also in his opinion that the only fruit in the fruit line this year will be blackberries and "simmons." He says that he has watched for years, and that it is an invariable rule that if no drops of water or tags of ice are found hanging on the boughs of trees New Year's morning, there will be no fruit in that year. This year there was neither, and the 'Squire stakes his reputation as an observer of signs that there will be no fruit. "It's an old Dutch sign," explained the 'Squire, "and the Dutch seldom go wrong. My mother watched it every year, and I always have. We have never known it to fail."

MONEY FOR NEGROES

Baptists to Spend a Hundred Thousand Financing Institutes.

The Baptist centenary fund will give generous aid to colored Baptists. Over twenty thousand dollars a year for five years will be spent in financing institutes and Bible schools for colored ministers which will be taught by picked men of the white church; but the main appropriations, following the usual policy of this denomination, will aid work done by the negroes themselves. Twelve thousand a year for five years is set aside for colored missionaries in the home field; and over four hundred thousand will be given to approved schools owned and operated by colored Baptists.

In addition to this, one of the best men in the white church, Dr. O. L. Hailey of Texas, has been made secretary of the commission on negro theological education. A fund of at least two hundred thousand is to be raised for a seminary which the white church will present to the colored communion. One feature of this movement is the "good-fellowship meetings" so successfully held in a number of cities through the South. At these meetings, which are largely attended by both races, white and black discuss the application of Christian principles to daily living which alone can insure permanent and peaceful racial adjustment in the South or elsewhere.

It will be recalled that in the great concerted move in Atlanta a few years ago for a revival in every Baptist church in the city, white and colored pastors served on the same committees, preached and prayed in each other's churches, and worked together for the revival in which they all had so much at stake.

DR. SMITH DIES SUDDENLY IN OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON

Veteran Eye-Specialist Stricken About 2:45, and Passes Away in a Very Short While.

WAS FIFTY-NINE YEARS OF AGE

Dr. Horace Smith, veteran Union county eye-specialist, died suddenly in his office in the Belk-Bundy building this afternoon at about 2:45 o'clock, after having been stricken with heart trouble a few minutes before while he was in the dental office of Dr. E. S. Green.

Dr. Smith was fifty-nine years of age. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Julian Griffin, Mrs. Henry Melton, Dr. Howard Smith, Mr. Fred Smith, Mrs. Herndon Hasty, Mrs. Louise Couch, and Miss Evelyn Smith.

For several weeks Dr. Smith had been in poor health, and had been confined to his home up until a few days ago. He had resumed his practice, however, and had apparently regained his health. At the time of his death he was sitting in Dr. E. S. Green's dental offices, which adjoin his, and was reading a newspaper. Dr. Green was working on the teeth of a Wingate patient when he heard Dr. Smith gasp. He asked his Wingate patient to get out of the dental chair and held Dr. Smith until he could summon aid. He found Dr. J. E. Asheraft in his office, also in the same building, and together they rushed to the side of the stricken man. He was beyond medical aid, however, having expired while Dr. Green was away.

The death of Dr. Smith has long been the close friend of hundred of Union county friends, who were dependent upon him for their glasses. He was a great sportsman, spending every summer at either the river or the ocean fishing from early morning to the late evening. He was highly respected, a philosopher who brightened the lives of a large circle of intimate friends, and a fine citizen.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made at this early hour, but it is presumed that it will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Plenty of Chance.

"Have I any chance to rise in this position?" asked a young man of his prospective boss.

"Yes, I think you have," answered the boss, "for I want you to open up the office every morning at six o'clock."

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH

The prayer meeting held in the church last Friday in the interest of the Educational movement, while not largely attended was very profitable. The Methodist Church proposes during the next months to stress the forms of Prayer, Life Service and Stewardship, after which a campaign for money will be put on by which it is expected that educational work will be put forward to the extent of thirty-three million dollars.

Bishop Darlington has promised to visit us later. A very sick child kept him away at the appointed time. He has our sympathy and our sincere wish that he may soon be able to be with us.

For the last several weeks the prayer meeting services have centered around lessons from the Book of James. This series of studies will close next Wednesday evening. The pastor has announced that various organizations of the church will have charge of the praper meeting services for a few weeks. The following have already been announced:

Feb. 2—In charge of Woman's Missionary Society.

Feb. 9—In charge of Board of Stewards.

Feb. 16—In charge of Wesley Philathea Class.

Feb. 23—In charge of Men's Class.

March 2—In charge of the Choir.

Mrs. D. McRae, one of our good women, wife of one of our most faithful officials, died at her home after days of suffering. She was buried Wednesday afternoon by the Pastor, assisted by Brother Snyder of the Baptist church. The bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of the entire congregation. Remember them in your prayers.

Best attendance in several months at Sunday School last Sunday. Several new members. The Sunday School promises to be a big surprise to some of our people. Better get in it before it gets too far ahead of you.

Sunday evening attendance was the best of the Conference year. Let's get out of the small town habit of going to church only once on Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the Pastor. You will recive a welcome to all these services. If you have no church home, we want you to worship with us.

Union County Road Commission

MONROE, N. C.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 6 Months Ending December 31, 1920.

Audit as per Scott-Charnley Co.,
C. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.
12-31-20.

RECEIPTS

Bank Balances, 7-1-20		$ 10,576.04
Loan 1st National Bank, W. C. Heath	$ 3,000.00	
Jno. Griffith, sheriff, Bal. 1919 taxes	11,535.14	
Received from Bond Sale	282,994.96	
Six loads Fertilizer	18.00	
State Aid from Maintenance 4-1—6-30-20	293.75	
Truck parts	8.80	
Jno. Griffith, Sheriff, 1920 Taxes	4,000.00	
I-beams sold	1,660.45	
Loan, 1st National Bank, W. C. Heath	2,500.00	
Crushed stone sold	568.25	
State Aid Contracts	19,044.47	
		$325,623.82
Total Receipts		$336,199.86
Accounts Payable		$ 52,762.03
Total		$388,961.89

DISBURSEMENTS

Towships:		
Buford	$ 4,657.58	
Goose Creek	2,056.98	
Jackson	3,704.93	
Lanes Creek	603.46	
Marshville	4,729.06	
Monroe	7,795.96	
New Salem	2,191.15	
Sandy Ridge	4,265.31	
Vance	5,321.62	
		$ 35,326.05
Construction New Road Contracts:		
Jackson Highway	47,155.88	
Wilmington-Charlotte, Proj. 40	6,399.07	
Wilmington-Charlotte, Proj. 29 & 39	23,368.71	
Monroe-Pageland	13,332.66	
Marshville-Euto	23,788.66	
Lancaster Road	6,122.37	
Stack Road	6,783.25	
Monroe-Weddington	4,077.35	
Marshville-Anson	465.56	
Morgan Mill	53,995.74	
Providence	38,887.51	
Concord	32,820.28	
Lawyers	5,957.50	
Antioch and Wesley Chapel	986.75	
Marshville-Olive Branch	4,769.86	
Icemorlee Mill Road	590.63	
		$269,501.78
General Fund	$ 63,810.79	
Paid Contractors from State Aid	$ 18,593.18	
Total Disbursements		$387,231.80
Bank Balance, 1-1-21	$ 1,730.09	
Total		$388,961.89

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

SIX MONTH JULY 1st TO DECEMBER 31, 1920.

ASSETS

Bank Balances	$ 1,730.09	
Due by County Sheriff, Taxes	36,560.45	
Township Deficits:		
Buford	$ 6,269.40	
Goose Creek	9,760.05	
Jackson	4,885.87	
Lanes Creek	951.38	
Marshville	2,382.10	
New Salem	1,366.65	
Sandy Ridge	4,779.71	
Vance	8,439.89	
		38,8835.05
General Construction Acct		32,546.82
Stockade Construction		6,467.05
New Roads Construction:		
Jackson Highway	100,800.40	
Wilmington-Charlotte, (Vance)	11,746.46	
Wilmington-Charlotte, Monroe & Marshville	23,368.71	
Monroe-Pageland	22,465.56	
Marshville-Euto	28,512.04	
Monroe-Lancaster	6,122.37	
Stack	10,183.25	
Monroe-Weddington	4,077.35	
Marshville-Anson	2,205.24	
Morgan Mill	73,895.74	
Providence	38,887.51	
Concord	32,820.28	
Lawyers	5,957.50	
Antioch and Wesley Chapel	986.75	
Marshville-Olive Branch	4,769.86	
Icemorlee Mill Road	590.63	
		867,389.65
Equipment		27,930.79
Office Furniture and Fixtures		1,163.65
Real Etate Owned		1,200.00
Capital Surplus or Deficits		35,147.30
Total		$548,970.85

LIABILITIES

Bonds Outstanding or Proceeds		$484,494.96
Surplus Funds.		
Townships:		
Monroe		11,262.57
Accounts Payable.		
Porter & Boyd, County Roads	24,921.65	
Porter & Boyd, State Roads, to Dec. 31, 1920	18,282.71	
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable	9,557.67	
		52,762.03
Federal Aid Funds On Hand.		
Due Contractors		451.29
		$548,970.85

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The landlady of a well-known Canadian boarding house always made a point of asking departing guests to write something in her visitors book. She was very proud of it—of the people whose names were in the volume, and the nice things they said.

"But there's one thing I can't understand," she confided to a friend, "and that is what an American gentleman put in the book after stopping here. People always smile when they read it."

"What was it?" queried the other.

"Just three words: 'Qouth the raven!'"