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SHOOTING SATURDAY MAY END FATALLY

**John See Shot by Ad Jarrett—
Both Men Involved in Affair
Say it Was Accidental.**

A rather serious and possibly fatal accident happened Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when John See was shot by Ad Jarrett with a 44 Smith and Wesson revolver. The ball entered See's body in the lower part of the abdomen on the right side and punctured his bowels in a place or two. The ball was still in his body when he left here Saturday afternoon for the Rutherford hospital. He walked from the place of the accident to the depot and went unassisted to the hospital. He did not seem to be suffering any serious pain at the time.

Both parties say that the shooting was accidental. They had been handling the gun and See unloaded it. Later Jarrett went out of the room and while he was gone, See re-loaded it. Jarrett came in and picked it up not knowing it had been re-loaded and placed it in his outside coat pocket and snapped it or rather thought he was snapping it, but the gun fired and the ball hit See, who was lying across the bed at the time.

It is said that See was there for the purpose of arranging to have his furniture moved into the house which belonged to Jarrett and which Jarrett was going to vacate immediately.

Jarrett is a resident of this town, See is from Georgia and has been working for the Construction company, near Marion on the concrete bridge across the Catawba river.

According to late reports from Rutherfordton, See is getting along nicely and his chances for recovery are favorable.

PAVING CONTRACTS LET.

Pursuant to their determination that Marion shall be a well paved town, the Board of Aldermen has just let contracts to the Wilson Construction Company for 15,000 square yards of street pavement, and to the Bolton Construction Company for 10,000 square yards of street pavement.

The following streets are to be paved: Morgan street, beginning with its intersection with South Main, to the Southern station; Depot street, from its intersection with Main street to Morgan St.; West Court St., from Logan St. to Green's Store; Henderson St., from the residence of Mr. T. E. Snipes to the railroad crossing near the Marion Ice plant; New St., from Garden St. to Madison Ave.; Madison Ave., from New St. to Court St.; North Garden St., to the corporation line; Spring Street, from Main St. to Garden St., and South Garden St. to Main St.; also State St. from Main to C. G. & O. railroad. When this construction work is completed the citizens of Marion will have cause to be justly proud of their town.

CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen C. R. McCall and Dr. P. D. Sinclair were appointed as a committee to take charge of the cemetery. The committee has had the cemetery cleaned off, trees trimmed, cut out, and much work done to improve the appearance of the grounds in general. This is work that has been badly needed for some time and Dr. Sinclair and Mr. McCall are to be thanked for seeing that it has been done so well. There is a plan on foot to continue the work and employ regularly a competent man to take charge of the work, his services to be paid for by assessing each owner of a lot in the cemetery such sum as is reasonable to maintain such service. This is a plan that should be encouraged and everyone interested should make known his willingness to contribute his just share of the expense, as well as show his appreciation of the efforts of the committee which have already borne some fruit at any rate.

PRIZE LIST FOR COUNTY COMMENCEMENT APRIL 14

The complete list of prizes for county commencement, to be held in Marion on April 14, is given below, several additions having been made to the list as published two weeks ago:

Most improvement in a one-teacher school: Cash prize of \$10.00, given by "Fashion Center."

Most improvement in a two-teacher school: Cash prize of \$10.00, given by Bryson-Snyder Company.

Most improvement in a three-teacher, or more, strictly rural school: Cash prize of \$10.00, given by J. D. Blanton.

Best exhibit from one-teacher school: Webster's International Dictionary, given by Marchants & Farmers Bank.

Best exhibit from two-teacher school: Webster's International Dictionary, given by Marion Progress.

Best exhibit from three-teacher or more, strictly rural school, Webster's International Dictionary, given by First National Bank.

Best exhibit from high school (a) first prize, picture, given by J. M. Tyler Furniture Company.

Best exhibit from high school (b) second prize, picture, given by McCall Brothers.

For the best Primary exhibit, \$10. Library, given by Bank of Old Fort.

For the best grammar grade exhibit, \$10. Library, given by D. E. Hudgins.

To one-teacher school situated not less than four miles from Marion, with highest percentage of census in parade: School globe, given by W. W. Neal.

To two-teacher school situated not less than four miles from Marion, with highest percentage of census in parade: School globe, given by J. Q. Gilkey.

To three-teacher or more school situated not less than four miles from Marion, with highest percentage of census in parade: School globe, given by J. F. Snipes.

To the school situated within four miles of Marion having the highest percentage of its enrollment in parade: School globe, given by Beaman Brothers.

To the winner in the recitation contest: Gold medal, given by Lawrence D. Greene.

To the winner in the declamation contest: Gold medal, given by John M. Coldwell.

To each member of the winning team in debating contest: "Life of Lincoln," given by D. F. Giles.

To the team winning in the basketball contest: A good basket ball, given by Carolina Hardware.

For the winning team between independent systems: Basketball, given by Hugh F. Little.

Prizes will be given for pole vaulting, high jump, broad jump, shotput, 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard dash. The winner in the sack race for boys, potato race for girls.

To the winner in the spelling contest: History of the World War, one volume, given by a friend of education.

To the winner in the composition contest: One year's subscription to American Magazine, given by a friend of the schools.

To every child who has been neither absent nor tardy for the year, a nice book will be awarded.

To the school having the best attendance for term of not less than six months based upon its enrollment, one \$30 library.

To the school with a census of 50 or more, having the highest percentage of enrollment, \$10 library.

To the school having the least percentage of tardies based on enrollment for term of not less than six months, \$10 library.

To the Community Club or Betterment Association doing the most constructive work for its school: A phonograph, given by McDowell County Teachers' Association; also a table and records, given by Marion Phonograph Shop.

Shop with home merchants.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

**Brief Mention of Some of the
Happenings in McDowell—
Items About Home People.**

OLD FORT

Old Fort, March 13.—The honor roll of the Old Fort High school is as follows: Eleventh grade, Clarence Mauney; 10th grade, Estelle Lavender and William Treverton; 9th grade, Jannie Parker, Marie Saborn, Pearl Turner; 8th grade, Dennis Haynes, Donald McIntosh, Charlie Stirewalt, Nell Hemphill, Myrtle Lytle, Rosa Turner.

Miss Kateryn Bailey spent Saturday in Asheville.

Miss Edna Boone of Asheville spent the week-end in Old Fort visiting friends.

The Marion District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church met in Old Fort Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The presiding elder, Rev. Z. Paris, was in charge. All of the charges in the district were represented. The services were opened Monday with the observance of the Lord's Supper. A great deal of business was attended to and everything was done in an orderly manner. It is hoped that great good will result from the meeting of the conference in Old Fort.

A movement is on foot to get together enough capital to supplement the capital to be furnished by two gentlemen from Spindale for the purpose of establishing a yarn mill in the old knitting mill building. Let us hope that this capital may speedily be brought together and that the hum of the mill may soon be heard. A meeting of the citizens of the town was called for Tuesday evening to consider the matter.

Those making the highest average in each grade in the Old Fort school are as follows: First grade A, James Atkins; First grade B, Edna Tate; second grade, Stella Sherrill; third grade, Sallie Owenby; fourth grade, Elaine Mashburn; fifth grade, Elizabeth Strickland; sixth grade, Annie White; seventh grade, Ward Treverton; eighth grade, Dennis Haynes; ninth grade, Janie Parker; tenth grade, Estelle Lavender; Eleventh grade, Vivian Sawyer.

Tickets are now on sale for the Chatauqua. First concert scheduled to appear here is the Alumni Quartet; second, The Gamble Concert Party; third, Pellitier Players; fourth, The Piedmont Trio. No better concerts ever visited this town.

The varsity quintet of the Old Fort High school won a double victory Friday when it defeated the Drexel and Morganton high school teams. The game with Drexel was played in the afternoon on the Valdese court, the score being 48 to 12. The team then journeyed to Morganton where it defeated the Morganton High school team by a score of 24 to 15. The game started with a rush, and for awhile the outcome was doubtful, but finally the Morganton team, unable to counteract the fast floor work of the Old Fort team, went down in defeat. Mauney starred at Drexel, making 22 of the 48 points, while Hughes starred at Morganton, making 16 points. Both games were hard fought and interesting. The team expects to meet the Valdese team Friday night, March 17, on the latter's court.

NEBO.

Nebo, March 13.—Mrs. J. M. Fair died at her home near Nebo on Sunday, March fifth, at 8 o'clock p. m. She had been ill for several months. Her many friends will be grieved to learn of her death. Mrs. Fair was a faithful member of the Methodist church. She was 74 years old. She is survived by a husband, three daughters, one son and a host of grandchildren and many friends.

Vernon Bradley and Melvin Burnett of Greenlee were visitors here last Sunday.

J. C. Mason made a business trip to Salisbury last Monday. Mrs. Kate Finley of Marion spent

last week with relatives here.

Robert Lentz made a business trip to Marion last week.

Misses Sudie Alexander and Marguerite Miller of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

R. V. McGimpsey made a business trip to Marion last week.

Misses Belle Somers and Mary Kincaid and Messrs. Walter Graham and Rufus Somers visited friends in Morganton last Sunday.

William Rowman and son of Marion visited the former's mother here last Sunday.

There will be services at the Methodist church next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

STONE MOUNTAIN

Red Top, March 13.—L. A. Haney, the county surveyor, passed through this section last Tuesday enroute to Bald Plateau on business.

Horace Nanney of Marion spent Tuesday in this section.

Miss Hattie Gilbert of Crooked Creek was a visitor at the home of C. J. Smith last week.

J. M. Nanney spent Monday in Marion on business.

W. L. Nanney spent Tuesday in the Crooked Creek section on business.

Cian Searcy of Fairview visited friends and relatives here last week.

J. Y. Elliott of Cedar Creek visited J. I. Nanney Sunday.

Mont Murphy of Uree was here last week on business.

Arlander Plemmons spent Wednesday on Broad River.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, March 13.—The men folks are grumbling about the weather, as they are getting behind with plowing and other spring work. Small grain is looking fine on the creek.

Mrs. Thomas Burgin, who recently underwent an operation at Old Fort, is reported to be getting along very well.

Alvis Lytle visited his brother, C. P. Lytle, Saturday night.

John Hoyle is having his house painted.

Joe Lavender visited friends in Lackeytown Sunday.

Mrs. Fate Grant has been right ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis of Old Fort visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Elliott Saturday.

J. N. Lavender is on the sick list.

Mrs. Anna Gibson died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ab. Gibson, after a long illness. Interment will be made today at Bethlehem cemetery.

Misses Carmel and Fannie Meiton of Marion spent the week-end at home here.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, March 13.—Mrs. Ed. Parker of Marion spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. H. Barnes.

Elsie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robertson, who has been very ill, is slowly improving.

Quite a delegation of young people of this place attended the singing at Harmony Grove Sunday.

The many friends of H. D. Smith, who has been confined at home by illness for some time, will be glad to learn he is able to be out again.

Mrs. G. P. Poteet and children were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swann.

The Chapel Hill school will close March 24th with a splendid program consisting of songs, recitations and plays.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 69 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; rain, 2.09 inches; sunshine, per cent, 57.

The dates of the State Fair in Raleigh are October 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1922.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The commissioners of Cherokee county have authorized the drawing of plans for a new county jail at Murphy.

The annual convention of the Western North Carolina Epworth conference will be held at North Wilkesboro on June 20-23. Several prominent speakers have been engaged to speak during the meeting.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College, field secretary for the Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention, has accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to graduating class at State College, Raleigh, on Sunday, May 28.

It is expected that over 1,000 delegates, representing the 2,648 classes of 14 denominations, will be present at the twelfth annual Baraca-Philathea convention in Hendersonville June 15-18. Rev. Dr. Henry Clay Morrison, of Whitmore, Ky., has accepted an invitation to address the state gathering.

J. Scroop Styles, of Asheville, who recently announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination as representative from the Tenth congressional district in the June primaries, stated Friday, The Citizen announces, that he will withdraw from the race. Mr. Styles asserted his withdrawal is in favor of Zebulon Weaver, present representative, but he will be in the race in the primaries of 1924.

Latest reports from Headquarters of the North Carolina department of the American Legion place the membership at around 6,000. This is almost equal to the 1921 total, which was 5,491 at the state convention in August. It is probable that the department membership for this year will surpass 7,000 when all reports are made for March. The national body states there are more than a million members in the United States.

Of the \$30,356,391.00 in cash received by the Baptist 75 Million campaign to date the Baptists of North Carolina have contributed \$2,211,741.50, it is announced by the Baptist headquarters in Raleigh. Of the total receipts \$28,799,971.15 came in through the payment of regular campaign contributions and the remaining \$1,556,348.26 in special contributions to designated objects fostered by the campaign.

FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE GRAND EDUCATIONAL RALLY

The colored people of McDowell County hope to make their County Commencement, to be held April 7th, the greatest educational rally ever held for their race in the county. All schools will be represented in the parade which will terminate at their new school building, where the program will begin with an educational address by Dr. G. C. Davis, State Supervisor of negro schools. There will be reading, composition and spelling and musical contests for which prizes will be given. There will also be prizes given for industrial arts and domestic science exhibits.

WOODLAWN SCHOOL CLOSES.

The most successful term in the history of the Woodlawn school closed last Friday. Both patrons and committeemen have been well pleased with the way the school has been conducted. Miss Alberta Clary, of China Grove, has been the efficient principal. During the year she has been ably assisted by Mrs. Katherine Corpening, Jock Lonon and Miss Annie Morris. Evidence of the patrons' interest in the school has been shown in the matter of attendance, which is something like 45 per cent higher than last year.

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