

MARIAN PARKER
 the body was delivered to him in his Bellevue apartment last Saturday night.

Injection of Cramer's name added new mystery to the case, and police in Los Angeles, apprised of Hickman's statement, launched a new search.

Little Martan was kidnapped last Thursday and Hickman related that he took her to a show on Thursday night. After that, he said he turned her over to Cramer and did not know where she had been kept until the body was returned to his apartment Saturday night.

In giving his version of the crime young Hickman remained calm until he mentioned the name of the slain girl. "Marian and I were good friends," he sobbed, "and we had a good time when we were together. And I really liked her. I am sorry that she was killed."

"This is going to be interesting before it is over," Hickman remarked to Buck Lieualen, one of his captors, as he sat down to relate the details of the crime.

"Do they only kill by hanging in California?" he next asked. "Oh, this is not California, is it," he asked, before his question could be answered.

asked to pose for a photograph, he said: "What should I look like—a crook?"—Reidsville Review.

EDITOR'S NOTE—From the Associated Press stories it is learned that Hickman at first said that a man name Cramer had killed Marian Parker, but Cramer was located in jail, which upset this claim of Hickman.

Captured in Oregon Hickman was transported back to the scene of his crime on the train. While confined in a cell the prisoner tried to end his life but was failed in two attempts. Prior to his departure from Oregon he became hysterical, his shrieks being heard through the heavy cell doors.

While en route the youthful slayer confessed that he slew the girl and took the whole responsibility for the Los Angeles murder. He disclosed the gruesome details of the terrible crime when quizzed saying that he strangled the girl with a piano wire and then cut up the body. This was done the same day of kidnapping.

The slayer admitted that it was a single handed crime, and gave as reason that he was afraid that girl would make a noise.

The confession was obtained after a whole day of grilling by California officials on the train. The Los Angeles police were heavily mobilized for the arrival of the train bearing the young man.

On arrival in Los Angeles Hickman was brought into court immediately but the hearing was held up for a time. He was to be arraigned Thursday. The youth remained at ease and answered questions clearly, and appeared not in the least disconcerted.

The father of Hickman is reported to have discovered him, but his mother is standing by him, having sent an attorney to appear in his defense.

HUNTERS FROM NEW YORK HERE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Express Themselves as Pleased With Reception—Accorded Them Their Return is Hoped For.

The week before Christmas Caswell had two distinguished guests from White Plains, New York, who had come down at the invitation of S. M. Bason and E. F. Upchurch to hunt quail in the open spaces of the county.

These gentlemen were: Albert W. Haigh, a prominent business man of White Plains, president of the Lawyer's Westchester Mortgage and Title Corporation, and John J. Ackerman, an attorney of White Plains.

During the three days they were in Yanceyville Mr. Haigh and Mr. Ackerman were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Graves. From reports it is learned that this visit proved to be a time of mutual enjoyment both for the host and hostess and the guests. The visitors are said to have expressed themselves as highly pleased with the cordial reception accorded them by the Caswell people and with the hunting. And Mr. Graves said he had never had more agreeable guests in his home.

Doak Poteat was the master of ceremonies during the hunting expeditions, and from all accounts Mr. Poteat is one of the most successful quail hunters in the county, having a dog that is in the blue ribbon class.

The officials of the Caswell Chamber of Commerce, in discussing the visit of Messrs. Haigh and Ackerman, say that they think Caswell county is one of the best hunting grounds for quail to be found in North Carolina, or anywhere else, for that matter, and that they would like very much to see hunting lodges established here.

It is certain that there are quite enough open lands in the county to furnish preserves for a large number of men who may wish to spend a part of every season here in sport and recreation. And the farmers who own large areas of land which they do not cultivate would no doubt welcome the hunters, who would help pay the taxes on the lands for the privilege of hunting.

The protection thrown around the game in North Carolina by the game laws is causing a marked increase in quail, turkeys, &c, it is said, and this helps to make Caswell county more attractive as a paradise for hunters.

The people of Caswell are glad to have had Messrs. Haigh and Ackerman visit them and trust that they will want to return every year.

BELK-STEVENS COMPANY OF REIDSVILLE TO BUILD

Mr. Cain, the manager informs the Messenger that the Belk-Stevens Co., of Reidsville, expects to make an extension to the building which houses their department store. This addition will be made of brick at the rear of the present structure, and will be 25x50 in dimensions.

The Belk-Stevens Co., are said to be doing the largest department store business in Reidsville. Mr. Cain says the business has increased to the extent of making more room necessary.

DELANCY—KECK

Mr. Irvin Delancy and Miss Emma Florence Keck, both of Reidsville, were quietly married on Dec. 11, the announcement of the marriage not being made till Dec. 25. Mr. Delancy is a member of sales force of the Belk-Stevens Company of Reidsville and a promising business man. Mrs. Delancy is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Keck, of Reidsville, with whom the bride and groom are now making their home. The Messenger extends best wishes to the happy couple.

BLANCH ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Talley, of Danville and Miss Mamie Atkins, of Witt, Va., visited Mrs. Eliza Wood Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Eliza Wood had as her supper guest Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wood and family.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson who has been visiting her grand mother for two weeks has returned home. Some very fine hogs have been killed in this community. Mr. Bruce Hatchett killed one weighing 535 pounds. Mr. Howard Wood killed two, one weighing 400 lbs. the other one 385 lbs. We think that does pretty good for the bachelors.

We welcome in our community Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gardner and family.

Wishing the editor a merry Christmas and a prosperous New

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