

EARLY SUNDAY MORNING KILLING--AND ALL OVER TEN CENTS.

HUMAN LIFE BECOMING ENTIRELY TOO CHEAP

A Crap Game On The Outskirts Of The Town Early Sunday Morning Ended In The Shooting To Death of Racker Manson By G. Henry Rogers--Rogers Made His Escape And is Still at Large.

On last Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock after the business stir in town was over, quite a number of the sporting crap shooting guys from town proceeded to take a walk to the country for their health. Evidently they had all decided that the home of Jim Smithwick, a negro living on the land of Mr. Wheeler Martin, near Skewarkey, was a good place to rest. And after seven or eight of the good fellows had arrived and fallen to the floor on their knees in proper crap style, a quarrel soon ensued between George Henry Rogers and Racker Manson.

It was shown at the Coroner's inquest that Rogers demanded the payment of ten cents from Manson, who refused, asserting that before he would do it he would die and go to h-- twice. Whereupon Rogers jumped up and drew his pistol, Manson getting up also and starting toward Rogers, who shot him with a 38 calibre Colt's automatic revolver, the ball going through the left arm, striking the lower rib of the left side and deflecting downward through the intestines.

All the crowd broke and ran, not a friend was left with the dying man, who was making frightful lamentations. Manson walked about 30 yards and lay down in the road. He was attended by Dr. Warren, and was conscious about 4 hours, living 12 hours after the shooting at 12:30, A. M. The sheriff and police force were soon on the hunt for the murderer, but he had given them the slip. It is said he went to the house of a colored friend about 4 miles in the country took to the woods early Sunday morning. He is still at large.

An inquest was held Sunday afternoon by Dr. Warren, special Coroner, with the following jury: F. K. Hodges, H. D. Cook, T. W. Thomas, S. R. Biggs, W. E. Rogerson, W. C. Manning, who found that the deceased came to his death by a pistol shot wound at the hands of Geo. Henry Rogers. He was chauffeur for Dr. Warren and was considered a bully among his race. Racker Manson was also considered to be of a doubtful character.

The testimony at the inquest tended to show that there is lawless bands of negroes around Williamston, who go about gambling and selling liquor, and when one is caught, he depends upon the false oath of others of the gang to raise him out of the mire. It was very apparent that a part of the witnesses were ready and willing to make false oath to shield the gang.

Should Take Advantage

Raisers of hogs in this county should take advantage of the help to be given by Farm Demonstrator Holliday, who is prepared to inoculate hogs with the serum, which has proven to be a prevent of cholera. Don't wait but act quickly for killing time will soon be here.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION AT KINSTON, N. C.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. C. A. Jeffress was at home to her friends in honor of Mrs. Edwin Hodge, Jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., who is here with her husband, a representative of the Imperial Tobacco Co., on the Kinston market for this season.

On the front veranda, which was beautiful in its color scheme of yellow flowers and potted plants, the guests who began to arrive at 4:30, were welcomed by Miss Susie Perry and were directed by her to the punch bowl presided over by Mrs. G. V. Cowper and S. C. Sitterson, who dispensed refreshing orangeade. Miss Virginia Copeland then showed the way to the front hall, decorated in a profusion of summer flowers over which candles shed a softened radiance. Mrs. Dan Quinnerly in her usual cordial manner, greeted them and gave them over to Mrs. C. Felix Harvey, who introduced them to the receiving line, consisting of Mrs. Jeffress, Mrs. Edwin Hodge, Jr., the guest of honor, Mrs. M. M. Gary, Mrs. T. A. Duke, of Maysville, Mrs. T. H. Dixon, Miss Sarah Stuart, a bride-elect, and Miss Minnie L. Kelly, of Washington.

In the room the color scheme was effective in beautifully tinted roses and asters. At the entrance to the dining room stood Mrs. R. E. Copeland, who conducted the guests in where white roses and white asters combined with delicate green fronds of ferns together with a bank of hydrangeas in the center of the room made a lovely scene. The table was attractive with its collection of silver candlesticks, cut glass and handsome cluny cover. The center piece was a handsome cut glass basket filled with white asters and asparagus fern with a large tulle bow tied on the handle. Misses Annie Hyman, Harvey and Margaret Goodson, Mrs. H. A. Storm and J. G. Dawson served delicious ice cream in green and white with cakes and mints. During the afternoon Mrs. Richard West on the violin assisted by Miss Vida West on the piano, rendered many sweet selections.

Mrs. E. V. Webb bade the guests adieu after an afternoon of rare pleasure. Eighty guests called from 4:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

Pays Six Per Cent

When a person places 25 cents or more each week in the Building and Loan, he gets six per cent interest on it. The savings of the wage earner, though small, are safely placed at a rate which the money of the financier brings. One or more shares in the Association will mean something for a rainy day, and will give a feeling of security through life. The Martin County Association will open another series on Sept. 4th, and investors in shares will get 6 per cent on their money.

Remember the share-holders get six per cent on their investment in the Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Rose spent the week-end near town with relatives.

Mrs. Ida Peel

My dear wife was born July 4th, 1875, and died in the early morning, May 20th, 1915, leaving an infant; and the following afternoon her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Elder John N. Rodgerson, and Elder William B. Harrington, and in the presence of a large number of sympathetic friends was laid to rest beside her baby that had preceded her to the "rest beyond" nearly seven years.

My wife was the daughter of Henry and Cindy Corey. She was dutiful and respectful to her parents. On Dec. 1st, 1895, we were married by the late Elder Henry Peel and our marriage was blessed with eight children, seven boys and one girl, of which seven survive her. The infant that she left is now being cared for by her sister, Ludie, the wife of Mr. Joseph M. Lilley, in a most tender and kind manner. Mrs. Lilley spares no time in waiting on and doing for it in an affectionate, maternal way.

She received a hope in our Lord and Savior, and she, accompanied by me, was received in the Church at Smithwick Creek, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1897, and was baptised the following morning by Elder Henry Peel. She lived up to the faith and performed her duty unto the Church until her death, and I truly believe that the Church has lost a true and conscientious member and one that believed that God is "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." The community has lost a friend and neighbor, and her children have lost a mother so kind and true, and I, myself, have lost a companion so devoted and faithful. She was a great light in our home, but God in His omniscience saw fit to close that light to us that it might shine in a better world. Her tongue that once spoke so many comforting words unto me and her children is now silent in the grave; but when the "righteous is called" her tongue will loosen and silence will be broken to sing praises unto him, "the Giver of every good and perfect gift."

The Lord has blessed me with smaller lights, our children, and my desire and prayer is that they may follow the footsteps of their mother, being dutiful to me, kind unto their neighbors, and trust in one God and one Savior. I am now spared here, for how long I know not, to mourn after her, and while I have lost a wife and companion, I believe that Heaven has gained a soul. When I have passed the same ordeal that she has passed, then I may be with her in that Kingdom, where we will know as we are known.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Pleny Peel.

To Meet in Elizabeth City.

At the Bankers Association held in June, the State was divided into ten groups similar to the Congressional Districts. Williamston is in Group One, and the meeting of this group will be held at Elizabeth City in September. Charles H. Godwin, Cashier of the Bank of Martin County, is Secretary-Treasurer of the group, and is arranging to make the meeting a splendid success.

L. H. Bailey was a pleasant caller at the office on Tuesday. He has been with the Burroughs-Pittman Co., at Scotland Neck for several years, and is another Martin County boy making good in his adopted home.

RECEIVES LOAD NO. 10 SHOT.

Mr. Hoel, Who Lives About Seven Miles Southwest of Town Has a Close Call--His Face and Body Filled With Shot.

Wednesday night about 9:30, George Hoel, who lives near Bear Grass heard some one shooting at a tenant house belonging to him, and going near the parties called to ask them the reason for their action. No reply was given to him, but hundreds of small shot came his way, entering into his face and body. He claims that the parties doing the shooting were Jim Mizell and Samuel Wynn.

Hoel sent for a physician and yesterday he was brought here to the office of Dr. Saunders, where he was given further treatment. But for the smallness of the shot, Hoel would have been killed, as the parties were only about 25-yards away.

ANOTHER BIG STILL BAGGED

Sheriff Crawford And Chief Edwards Capture a Monkey Rum Kettle in Deep Run.

On Monday Sheriff Crawford, accompanied by Chief of Police Edwards and Jack Edwards went down in the "Mill Necks" woods in the Jamesville neighborhood. After climbing the hills, passing thru many of the valleys of the famous "Deep Run," and after almost quitting the hunt in despair, they suddenly scented the odor of "Monkey rum," then quickly adjusting their noses to the wind, they started straight ahead to the still, which was located in a thickly wooded nook. The blue smoke was curling in rings upwards to the sky, and the proprietor was quietly watching the sparkling stream flowing from the worm of the kettle. As he was neither blind or deaf, at the first sound of footsteps and the shake of the bushes by the officers, he made for taller timbers with a fusilade behind him.

The officers then proceeded to where they had seen the smoke issuing and the bushes shake, and found the still running in full blast. The still was of the crude type, having a capacity of about 32 gallons. About 4 gallons of rum, 3 barrels of beer and an empty barrel were the stock taken. Everything was taken to Williamston except the beer which was destroyed on the premises.

Tobacco Sale

In the report of the Board of Agriculture recently published, Williamston appears to have sold a total of 2,709,453 pounds of tobacco last season. But this amount does not include the sales of December and February which totaled 718,727. This added to the above amount makes the number of pounds sold 3,428,180 for last season.

With a better and larger crop of the weed in this section, the prospects for handling more pounds are good. The Williamston market is prepared to handle every pound brought here at the very highest price given anywhere.

Compulsory Education.

The State laws require that parents or other responsible persons send all blind, deaf and dumb children to the State Institution for the Blind at Raleigh, where they will be trained and educated so that they may be able to care for themselves thru life. This education is free and every parent who has an afflicted child should enter it at the beginning of the fall term on September 23rd.

The efforts that have been expended to lighten the world of the blind have worked miracles, and the State of North Carolina is doing great things for its afflicted children. It is urged upon the parents or relatives of such children that they take advantage of the opportunity offered to make these afflicted ones self-supporting and at the same time increase their happiness.

Those desiring information for the education of such children in Martin County should write to Dr. B. L. Long, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton, N. C.

Meeting Closed.

Sunday night marked the close of the meetings which were conducted by Rev. Geo. N. Stevenson, of Canada, at the Christian Church. All other churches closed for this last service, and a large crowd gathered to hear Mr. Stevenson on the subject of "International Peace." The music was unusually inspiring, and a solo by Mrs. D. W. Buashea, of Kentucky, added to its attractiveness. Mr. Stevenson gave a most interesting and instructive lecture, which is engaging the attention of thinkers of every country on the globe. The speaker's familiarity with the history of the world and the world picture of the blessed days of peace, held the attention of the congregation throughout the time. Mr. Stevenson, who had been the guest of Editor Manning while in town, left Monday for Wilson, where he joined his family.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Tobacco Board of Trade was held Monday night and the following officers were elected for the year: W. T. Meadows, President; W. A. James, Vice President; H. M. Burras, Sec-Treas. Following are the firms represented at the meeting: American Tobacco Co., Export Leaf Co., Imperial Tob. Co., Liggett & Myers, Debrill Bros. & Co., R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co., Jno. E. Hughes & Co., and several large independent buyers.

Small Fire Sunday.

Sunday morning just before going out of her home to attend Sunday school, Mrs. John D. Simpson went into her cook room to see if everything was all right as was her custom, and discovered that the wall was on fire from the oil stove. Quick work put the fire out. But for the precaution of Mrs. Simpson, the result would have been disastrous.

Whether the lattices in the tower of the City Hall are necessary or not seems to be a mooted question. At any rate they were placed there at first, and should not be left in their present condition. The wonder is how they get damaged. The attention of the City Fathers is called to this item for quick attention.

TWO TOBACCO BARNS BURNED

Several Hundred People Go From Williamston to Help Check The Fire--The Tobacco Loss Is \$300 And the Barns About \$250.00

Saturday afternoon about 5:30, while several of the men on the farm were in town, a tobacco barn belonging to Mr. Eli Taylor caught on fire on the outside and soon was in a light blaze. A strong wind was blowing, and the barns (5 of them) were being looked after by a young son of Mr. W. H. Edwards. A slow fire was running and the tobacco was green, but for a time it seemed that all barns with the pack house in which was stored the crop (except the tips) from 36 acres would be consumed. A hurry call for help from Williamston brought 17 autos full of men, who soon had the fire under control.

At one time some bags which were on fire were accidentally carried into the pack house. But were discovered in time to avoid any damage. Two barns burned causing a loss of about \$300. Last year the entire crop of Mr. Taylor was destroyed by hail.

Messrs. Eli and Joseph Taylor desire to express their sincere thanks to each one who went out to help save the barns. They know that but for the aid rendered by the people who went from town, that their entire crop in barns and pack house would have been destroyed, and the loss would have been hard to bear. With grateful hearts they thus publicly desire to return thanks to every helper.

At Bear Grass

The notice of the meeting of the Kehukee Association at Bear Grass in the Gospel Messenger had several errors, and corrected should read that the Association will be held on October 2, 3, 4. That those coming from the West will be met at Everetts on Friday evening, Oct. 1st, those from the East will be met at Williamston as stated. It is earnestly hoped that every one who desires to attend, will perfectly understand the correction.

A Native Of This County

The State Journal of last week had a picture of R. O. Everett with an extract from a speech that he delivered recently at Holly Springs. Mr. Everett is a leading member of the Durham bar and a probable candidate for Attorney General of the State. He is a native of Martin County and a worthy scion of one of the prominent families of the Eastern section.

Meets September 2nd.

The Farmers Institute meets here on September 2nd, and it will be an auspicious occasion for the tillers of the soil in Martin County to get together for co-operation in the marketing of their products. Let every man and woman who can, come to Williamston on that day if only for one day's outing. Such gatherings are always beneficial as well as pleasant.

Beginning Sept. 1st, the Gaiety will put on good shows each and every night. Nothing but high class pictures will be shown.