

NORFOLK GUNMAN CAUGHT BY WADDY

Norfolk Southern Conductor Turns MacPherson Over to Authorities at Moyock

The little town of Moyock, half way between Elizabeth City and Norfolk was thrown in confusion and excitement Monday morning, when over the phone from McBrides came instructions from Captain Waddy, conductor of the Norfolk Southern train operating daily between Norfolk and Edenton, to be prepared to arrest and hold a murderer when, within a few minutes his train could arrive at Moyock. News of the sensational attempt at double murder in South Norfolk Sunday night had not yet reached there.

Fred Foust, local constable for Moyock, was advised of Captain Waddy's order and hastened to deputize a number of his fellow townsmen to assist him in making the arrest. A various assortment of firearms had hardly been distributed among the deputies when Waddy's train pulled in.

Constable Foust swung aboard the local before it came to a stop. In the doorway of the coach bulked the substantial form of Captain Waddy.

"Where is my man?" said Foust. "Here he is," said the conductor, switching around and bringing his hand down on the shoulder of a young man standing almost immediately behind him. Foust grabbed the other shoulder, the prisoner was assisted to the ground and then the constable's hand running rapidly over the prisoner's person, encountered a hard object in his clothing. A hand was run into the pocket and when it was withdrawn the automatic which did fatal work at South Norfolk Sunday night was brought to view.

Norfolk was advised that Charlie McPherson, who on Sunday night shot to death John Lassiter and painfully wounded Mrs. Jennie Sawyer as the two were leaving church, was being held at Moyock for the Norfolk authorities. By the next train a Norfolk deputy arrived in Moyock and assuming charge of McPherson took him back to Norfolk on the local train in the afternoon.

McPherson boarded Waddy's train at Hickory Ground, presenting a ticket for Moyock. Before he took his seat he asked for the morning paper, and gave the negro porter a quarter when the paper was brought to him. The newsboy on Waddy's train lives in South Norfolk and as soon as he had given McPherson the once over he recognized him, and communicated his knowledge to the Captain. At the next stop Captain Waddy sent the phone message to Moyock which brought about McPherson's arrest. As his train approached that station he had the back door quietly locked.

The fact that McPherson got a ticket to Moyock led many to believe that he has relatives in Currituck, Camden or upper Pasquotank. A reporter for this newspaper heard the statement several times yesterday that McPherson had relatives in Newland township in this county.

Account of the Shooting

Mad with jealous rage, McPherson Sunday shot and instantly killed John Lassiter and seriously injured Mrs. Jennie A. Sawyer as they were leaving the Pentecostal Holiness church in Liberty street extended at the closing of the evening services Sunday. McPherson had been friendly with Mrs. Sawyer for some time, and, according to those acquainted with them, was insanely jealous of her. Sunday night Mrs. Sawyer went to church

A QUESTION FOR THE MERCHANT TO ANSWER

To The Advance:
I am greatly interested in the discussion being carried on at the present time regarding selling methods, and I would like to inquire how it is that stores which claim to be selling at actual cost do so when "overhead expenses" of more than twenty per cent to thirty per cent must be allowed for, in figuring the margin between the actual cost and the selling price.

When a merchant with a thirty per cent "over-head" advertises goods at ten per cent below cost does he not lose twenty per cent instead of ten per cent on the transaction?

If a business house continued this policy toward the consumer, as many of them claim they do, their stores could not last more than from three to five months at the most, as I am informed that the most these stores can hope to clear is five per cent, which is usually taken from discounts and not by increasing the marginal difference between the actual cost and the selling price.

Is not such a merchandising policy bad for the consumer? Most of the cutting is done on standard trade-marked goods well known to the public. Does not this practice encourage the substitution of inferior merchandise, which is urged upon the consumer with the claim that it is "just as good"? On what are these losses made up? Are widely advertised brands used as "bait" to lure the public into such an establishment to sell them something else at a compensating profit?

H. S. OVERMAN.

TO ADOPT BY-LAWS

The members of the Albemarle Building and Loan Company will meet tonight in the East Hall of the Kramer Building at eight o'clock to adopt the by-laws of the organization and to transact such other business as may be necessary at this time.

A large number of subscriptions has been secured since the last meeting of the Company, and announcement is made that business will be begun by the first of March

with John Lassiter. McPherson, arming himself with a revolver, followed them.

In the church McPherson drew out his revolver and showed it to several people sitting near him, and told them that he was going "to get them," designating Lassiter and Mrs. Sawyer with a nod. The people to whom he was talking paid only slight attention to him.

When the services were over, McPherson was one of the first to leave the building. Taking a stand near the door, he waited for his victims to come from the church. Lassiter and Mrs. Sawyer came from the church mingling with the departing congregation. As they came down the steps McPherson stepped forward and tapped Lassiter on the shoulder.

"I want to see you a minute," said McPherson in a quiet tone.

Lassiter half turned to McPherson and said "all right."

McPherson without further ceremony fired the fatal shot over the shoulder of Howard Porter. Lassiter dropped without a groan to the ground. The bullet penetrated his brain. The woman screamed "Oh, Charlie," and started to run. "I'll get you, too," yelled McPherson and he fired upon the fleeing woman. She ran back into the church. Examination by a physician later revealed that she had been struck in the back but the ball glanced at her shoulder blades and the wound is not believed serious.

McPherson, still wielding the weapon, turned and darted through the startled throng of church goers. Nobody attempted to stop him. The entire congregation was temporarily petrified at the horror of the crime committed almost upon the steps of the church.

MAKES FORTY DOLLARS IN ENTERTAINMENT

Knotts Island, Mores Point, Feb 18 On Saturday evening February 13th an entertainment and box supper was given at Mores Point school house under the direction of Miss Tate who is principal of the school. She was assisted by Messrs Walter Bowen, William H. Waterfield, John Sheppard and others. Music was furnished by Mr. A. J. Simpson. More than forty dollars was realized within a few minutes from the sale of supper and a voting contest. The house was filled to its capacity and everybody enjoyed themselves. One of the main features of the occasion, as witnessed by your correspondent was the quietness and good behavior which prevailed. Everybody seemed to be joyful and good natured but very quiet.

The good ladies of Mores Point furnished the supper put up in neat fancy boxes which brought from 40 to 95 cents each. But if each box contained the quantity and quality your correspondent was heir to, they were well worth the money.

Miss Tate has matters well in hand and is doing all she can to promote the children and help the community. The children love her and the parents are doing all they can to assist her in the good work. Mr. Editor if you have an opportunity of visiting Mores Point you will find the most genuine, good natured and kind people to be found anywhere in the State.

BOX SUPPER AT PROVIDENCE

There will be a Box Supper at Providence School No. 2 Tuesday night February 22nd. Everybody is invited to attend.

RELIEF-BASNIGHT

Joshua Relfe and Miss Louise Basnight, the former from Newland township, were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden Friday night at his residence on Selden street.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

At the Wednesday night prayer service the pastor will continue the study of the teaching of Jesus regarding Prayer. The service will begin promptly at seven-thirty.

At the close of the prayer meeting the Teacher Training Class will meet for study. A full attendance is desired; not only officers and teachers of the Sunday School but also all who are interested in the problems of religious training will be welcomed in this class.

GIVES WASHINGTON PARTY

Little Miss Margaret Foreman entertained a number of friends Tuesday afternoon at her home on West Main street. She was assisted by Misses Dorothy Jones and Helen Williams. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, tea, and salted nuts were served. Various games were played and souvenirs of little hatchets were given. Those invited were: Misses Margaret McCabe, Isabelle Meekins, Mary Wyson, Eva McMullan, Iva Mae LeRoy, Charissa Winslow, Clara Dawson, Adelaide Dunstan, Margie Belle Carr, Eunice Adams, Marion White, Maude Leigh, Elizabeth Hathaway, Elizabeth Nash, Elizabeth Kramer, Eloise Cohoon, Eloise Chesson, Margaret Spragins, Margaret Hill, Ruth White, Bernice Twiddy, Mary Wright, Millicent Pool, Valeria Scott, Lina Stevens, Emily Jennings, Lillian Hooper, Ruth Johnson.

Captain George Lyon and daughter, Miss Helen Lyon, have returned to Norfolk after attending the funeral of Mr. Amariah West.

Mr. J. B. Doles has returned to his home at Zuni, Va. after attending the funeral of Mr. Amariah West.

WILL ELECT DIRECTORS IN MEETING TO-MORROW NIGHT

The stockholders of the Elizabeth City Building and Loan Association met Monday night in the offices of E. F. Aydtlett to discuss plans for effecting an organization and drafting by-laws.

E. F. Aydtlett was elected chairman of the meeting and G. R. Little, secretary.

Roscoe W. Turner then stated that he had been at work on the proposition of establishing a building and loan association here for the last two years. Over a year ago his plans were nearly perfected when unforeseen circumstances compelled that he give them over for a time. He had recently taken the matter up again and was much encouraged at the interest manifested in the movement among all classes in Elizabeth City.

H. T. Greenleaf who has had the matter of soliciting stock in hand was called on for a statement and declared that he had met with most favorable response. He felt sure that the securing of all the stock necessary would be a matter of comparatively little difficulty.

The following committee was then appointed to draft by-laws for the association: R. W. Turner, S. R. Siff, W. H. Zoeller, M. B. Simpson and H. T. Greenleaf. H. T. Newbold, H. T. Greenleaf and W. R. Lambert were named as a committee to press the soliciting of stock.

Wednesday night a second meeting will be held to adopt the by-laws and to elect a board of directors.

LOSES MEAT AND SMOKEHOUSE

Mr. W. C. Dawson who lives on Culppeper street, lost his smoke house and its entire contents by fire this morning between ten and eleven o'clock.

The fire was discovered by negroes living just back of the smokehouse, who at once notified Mr. Joshua Dawson. Mr. Dawson gave the alarm and the Minnie Lee was ordered out, followed by two hose wagons and a hook and ladder truck. The smokehouse burned to the ground but adjoining buildings were protected by the efforts of the fire company, and a woodhouse belonging to Mr. Glover, which had caught from the smokehouse, was saved.

Mr. Dawson had been smoking his meat and had left the fire in the care of the children, and although this had happened many times before there had been no accident. The loss of meat, old furniture stored in the building, and the smokehouse itself totalled about a hundred and fifty dollars.

LITTLE CHILD DEAD

The two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Long, on Pearl street, died on Saturday, February 12th. Death was due to illness from scarlet fever, the child withstanding the attack of the malady but one week. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. C. E. Culbreth of City Road Methodist Church and interment followed in Hollywood cemetery.

T. E. L. CLASS HOLDS MASQUERADE PARTY

The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church will hold a masquerade party tonight at the home of Mrs. Bert Davis on Southern Avenue. A very enjoyable occasion is planned and it is hoped that all of the class will be present.

BOND-GARRETT

John W. Bond of Windsor and Miss Mattie E. Garrett of this city were married, Monday by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at his residence on Selden street. The bride who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Garrett of this city, is only sixteen years of age, but her father gave his consent that the marriage should take place

FUNERAL AMARIAH WEST

The funeral of Mr. Amariah West was conducted by his rector, Rev. C. A. Ashby, at Christ Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ashby was assisted by Rev. J. P. Cunningham of the First Methodist church. Following the funeral services interment was made in Hollywood cemetery.

The active pall bearers were: E. F. Spicer, M. R. Griffin, Miles Jennings, C. P. Harris, W. L. Small, B. S. Sawyer, J. B. Ferebee; honorary, T. P. Nash, H. C. Grice, C. W. Grice, Matt Baker, D. B. Bradford and R. T. Venters.

Among those attending the funeral from outside the city were: Captain George Lyon and daughter, Mrs. Helen Lyon, Mr. Wiley Dozier and Mr. Tull of Norfolk; also Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doles of Zuni, Va.

Mr. West's death came on Friday afternoon at five o'clock. For seven months he had been ill and for two or three years before his death it was realized by his family that his end was approaching. On Friday morning his physician stated that he would not last through the day.

Amariah West was seventy-two years old and a native of Camden county. Thirty five years ago he moved to Elizabeth City, and not many years later he was at the head of the city's police department a position which he held for a number of years, and a prominent member of the Pasquotank Rifles, a crack military company which sent him as one of their six representatives to take part in the competitive drills at Raleigh during the Southern Exposition held there in 1884.

Over twenty six years ago Mr. West accepted a position with McCabe & Grice and from that time to the beginning of his illness was continuously in the firms employ and to the last one of its best salesmen. His figure, almost always the first to appear when the customer entered the store, was a familiar one to hundreds from all over this section and to nearly every one making regular visits to Elizabeth City's shopping district.

Mr. West is survived by a wife, one sister, Mrs. Mary J. Dozier of Norfolk, and nine children; six daughters and three sons. The daughters are Mrs. James Doles of Ivor, Va., and Misses Annie, Ida, Mary, Inez and Helen West of this city. The sons are Messrs Sam and Lee West of Hopewell and Milton West of this city.

Mr. West identified himself with Christ Church several years ago and was a prominent member of the Masonic Order.

JARVISBURG HONOR ROLL

Jarvisburg, February 21—The honor roll for the Jarvisburg School during the month of January is as follows:

Miss Nell C. Wilson, Teacher
Third Grade: Walton Dutcher.
Fourth Grade Rosa Gregory.
Miss Mattie Maye Pridden, Teacher
First Grade: Clarence Gallop, Grace Newbern.
Second Grade: Vernon Barco.

ENTERTAINS JUNIOR WHIST CLUB

Miss Olive Aydtlett entertained the Junior Whist Club Friday evening at her home on West Main Street. Following the game delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Elsie and Dorothy Gregory, Lescelles Griffin, Virginia Flora, Nannie Mae Long, Kathryn Jones, Mattie Weatherly, and Mae Fearning; Messrs William, and Elwood Weatherly, Vaughn and Ned Griffin, Fay Hussey, Shelton McMullan, Aubrey McCabe, Herbert Aydtlett, James Aydtlett and Julian Etheridge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Blades have returned to their home in New Bern after a visit to relatives here.

NOTED ORATORS TO SPEAK HERE

Ex-Governor Patterson and Dr. Madison Swadener Will Appear at Alkrama Next Week

Hon. Malcolm R. Patterson, ex-governor of Tennessee, and Dr. Madison Swadener of Indiana, national lecturer of the anti-saloon league of America, will speak at the 'Dry America' rally to be held here in the Alkrama theatre on Thursday February 9th.

These are two of the nation's most gifted leaders of the prohibition movement in America and the opportunity to hear both of them at home is a rare one indeed—one which no doubt the people generally, those who are foes as well as those who are friends of the prohibition program, will make the most of.

W. B. Moran, from the headquarters of the National Anti-Saloon League, arrived in the city Sunday, and after calling on a number of friends of the temperance movement held a conference on Monday in the law offices of J. B. Leigh with a number of the city's representative citizens. Dr. B. C. Henning was chairman of this meeting and C. R. Pugh, secretary.

After discussion of the situation here J. B. Leigh, C. W. Melick, George J. Spence, J. G. Gregory, C. A. Ashby and C. R. Pugh were named as a committee on publicity and arrangements, and this committee will be hard at work from now until Thursday of next week working toward securing a big audience to hear the speakers on that date. Already they have secured the Alkrama theatre for their meeting and it is their purpose that their work shall be done thoroughly and efficiently.

DEATH OF MRS. BRAY

Mrs. Sarah Jane Bray died at the home of her son, Ben Bray, on Riverside January 23rd at the age of seventy-two. The funeral was conducted by Rev. D. P. Harris and interment was made in the family burying ground at Forks. Mrs. Bray is survived by five children, Ben and Henry Bray, Mrs. Sue Price, Mrs. Sadie Harris, and Mrs. Addie Harris.

WILL OFFER BESS CITY PLACE IN VIRGINIA LEAGUE

Messrs H. T. Greenleaf, D. Guy Brockett, Louis Selig, Jerome Flora and R. W. Turner left this afternoon for Norfolk where at five o'clock they will meet the directors of the Virginia Baseball League with reference to the matter of getting league baseball in Elizabeth City. It is stated that the directors are ready to offer Elizabeth City a franchise if their terms can be met and the Elizabeth City fans are in Norfolk to find out whether these terms are prohibitive or not.

ROAD SUPT. FINED FIFTY DOLLARS AND COSTS

J. E. Provo, Superintendent of the Pasquotank county chain gang, was fined fifty dollars and costs in police court this morning on the charge of having shot Curtis L. Heath last Christmas while under the influence of whiskey. The defendant put on no witnesses and his council asked the witness put on by the state few questions. Curtis claims that he was shot by Provo without excuse and in a moment of recklessness. Provo appealed and bond was asked in the sum of one hundred dollars for his appearance at the next term of Superior court. Interesting developments are expected at that time.