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MARTIN KILLS HIS SON-IN-LAW

Pink Martin Uses Shotgun To End Life of Marshall Laney—Claims Self Defense.

Marshall Laney, age 23, was shot and killed by his father-in-law, Pink Martin, at Martin's home on the Burntontown section in this county Sunday afternoon when Laney, in an alleged drunken condition and cursing those in the house, broke down the door of Martin's home and advanced upon his father-in-law with an open knife.

Martin's wife, Laney's wife, and Minnie Martin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin were witnesses of the killing. Bill Edwards, a neighbor, was near the home at the time the shot was fired and came to the scene immediately. He had been brought by Minnie Martin who had gone to his home with the report that Laney was threatening to kill her father.

According to evidence taken by a coroner's jury, Laney, who had been staying at the home of his father-in-law, left the house at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning and returned about 1 o'clock, cursing and under the influence of whiskey. There had been no previous trouble between him and his father-in-law, it is said. When he entered the yard he was cursing Mr. Martin. He opened his knife and threatened to kill him. Mr. Martin told Laney he wanted no trouble

between them, saying that they wanted them to have no trouble.

Laney is reported to have cursed Mrs. Martin and to have added, "I am going to come into the house anyway, as I am not afraid of any of you." At this point he pulled a bottle of whiskey from his pocket with the statement that he intended to get drunker, that he had a half gallon more whiskey, and money to buy still more than that.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin had retired to the house, and Laney started into the room where they were. Mrs. Martin then closed the door to keep him out. Laney swore that he was coming in, whereupon he went into the dining room. According to evidence from Mrs. Martin, Laney then took an ax and bursted down the front door.

Mrs. Laney induced her husband to leave the house, however, and to go down the road with her. Laney entered the house three different times, and the third time he made the statement that he was going upstairs to remove a little bed he desired. Martin told him to go back, and repeated the statement that he wanted no trouble. At this point Laney advanced his knife and advanced on Martin, who took his shotgun and fired into Laney's head.

Sheriff C. L. Ingram, who arrested Martin and brought him to the county jail Sunday afternoon, reports that a sixteen gauge shotgun was used, and that the shot entered Laney's head above the right eye. Had the shot been a half inch higher, Sheriff Ingram said, it would probably have missed entirely. The gun was fired at close quarters, as evidenced by powder burns on the face of the dead man. The entire top of Laney's head was blown off, with the shot passing on into the ceiling of the room. A coroner's jury consisting of W. F. Curtis, W. C. Arvey, Bob Davis, W. G. Mallonee, W. H. Sellers, and Walter Gibson found that Laney "came to his death by a gun shot wound at the hand of Pink Martin, the shot taking effect in the head over the right eye."

Although Martin and Laney are reported to have had no previous "hard feelings," Laney's wife admitted that some harsh words had passed between them about three years ago. No evidence of ill feeling between the two had been seen since then.

Laney had been staying at the home of Martin for about two months, following his return from East Tennessee where he had been employed. It is understood that he had no home of his own and that he was employed on public works from time to time. During the last few weeks he had been helping Mr. Martin on the latter's farm. Laney was for some time employed by the Ritter Lumber company in this country where he is reported to have given his employers some trouble as a result of drinking.

Martin made bond of \$3,000. No date has as yet been set for his trial, but a preliminary hearing is expected to be held early this week.

A soda water bottle, half filled

WILL CELEBRATE ON JULY FOURTH

Four-H Club Program, Fiddlers Convention and Oxford Singing Class Feature Attractions.

"The day is to be a day of loud, joyous, rollicking fun. Everyone must leave all their troubles and cares behind, and just laugh, laugh, laugh," reads a part of a letter written by Lyles Harris, county agent, to 4-H club members in this county concerning the part they are to have in the Fourth of July celebration at Franklin next week.

"It is the finest thing of its kind for the entertainment of children that I have ever seen in Franklin. Last year the presentation here was wonderful," stated Bill Moore this week, referring to the program of the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class which is to be rendered at the court house Wednesday evening, July 4, at 8:30.

"A soul-stirring, blues-killing, jolly good time will be in store for all. All fiddlers, banjo pickers and guitar pickers are invited to take part. Prizes will be awarded to the best fiddlers, banjo pickers, best dancer, prettiest girl and ugliest man." This statement comes from Fiddling Jim Corbin who is putting on an old time Fiddlers' Convention at the court house.

These are the statements of the sponsors of the three main features of entertainment for the day. One

of the additional attractions will be

S. H. Lyle, Jr., announces that Fred Thompson in "Sunset Legion" will be presented on July 4th, in addition to a number of short features. All 4-H members will be admitted to the show in the afternoon for ten cents.

The complete program for 4-H members for the day follows:

10:00 a. m. Meet at Schoolhouse
10:30 a. m. Parade Begins
11:00 a. m. Formation at Square

12:00 M Meeting in Court House
Presidents and secretaries go on rostrum with adult leaders
Yell-Nine Rahs.

Song: America

Address: James M. Gray, State Supervisor of Farm Demonstration work

Song: The Club Trail

Recitation: "Mother," by Howard Moffitt

1:00 p. m. Dinner on hill back of creamery

2:00 p. m. Moving Picture; visits to Banks, Franklin Press, Court House, Creamery, Cannery, etc.

The Rotary Club of Franklin will be the guests of the 4-H club. Invitations will go from the 4-H members to Dick Jones, secretary of the Rotarians, inviting all members to have dinner with the 4-H picnickers.

Each club member will wear sleeve bands, and each club will carry a banner. The presidents and secretaries will be responsible for these. The sleeve bands will be four inches wide, made of white cloth, with a green four-leaf clover stitched on. Visitors will recognize all 4-H representatives by this emblem on the Fourth. The banners will be six feet long, and the name of the club will be printed on each in large letters.

The frog jumping contest must not be forgotten. It is not listed in the program, but will be arranged for after the program has gotten under way here on the Fourth.

Another story in this issue of The Press gives information concerning the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class. Franklin people are familiar with the high class programs that the old time fiddlers have put on here in the past.

Girl Dies

Virgie Collins, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins, died of flux last Saturday. The remains were interred at the Iota Baptist church on Sunday afternoon.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM

There will be a children's day program at Louis Chapel July 1. We hope to have a large crowd and a good time. Everybody invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.

with whiskey, a knife, a bunch of keys, smoking tobacco, and a box of snuff were taken from Laney's pockets following his death. He is a native of East Tennessee, and the body will be returned to that state for burial.

FINISH SURVEY BY AUGUST 1ST

Thomas Porter Makes Interesting Report of Progress On Park Survey—Grows Grandpa Whiskers.

T. W. Porter, Jr., one of the crew surveying the boundaries in the area of the Smoky Mountain park region was in Franklin over last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter. Thomas, weighing 170 pounds and sporting a growth of whiskers that could only have been grown in the Smokies, tells some interesting things about the ruggedness of the region. The Smokies, he reports, are far wilder than the Nantahala region of this county, and the scenery surpasses that of Macon mountains.

Signs of bears are common among the Smokies, and Tom reports having seen a cub only last week. Deer are more scarce, he says, but a greater variety of birds are to be found in any similar mountain section.

The surveying crew has been over Clingman's Dome, the second highest mountain in North Carolina, with an altitude of 6,680 feet. The top, however, is covered with a thick growth of balsams which makes impossible a good view from the main top.

The crew with which Tom has been working is now surveying on the Tennessee line above Proctor. The work will be completed about the last of August, it is said. The entire work of surveying the land boundaries of the Smokies is under the direction of W. N. Sloan, of Franklin.

Those from Franklin in the crew

named below.

and others from distant states are with the various crews in the Smokies. Those from Franklin are: Sam Greenwood, Carl Dalton, Harry Wilson, Roane Bradley, Norton Holbrook and Thomas Porter, Jr.

Death of Walter Shephard

Walter Shephard, son of Mr. Jim (Boy) Shephard, died Friday from a serious overheat after which pneumonia developed. He was about 30 years of age. He leaves a widow to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Sewells Arrive

Mr. and Mrs. John Sewell of Miami, reached Franklin Friday of last week and will be here for the season at their summer home, Summer Hill.

With what they have in the way of entertainment and recreation.

With the completion of the golf

links at Highlands and the erection

of the club house under construction

by the same Atlanta business men

who are sponsoring the golf course,

the town is destined to become the favorite gathering place of tourists seeking recreation in mountain resorts.

The Highlands Edition of The

Press, with several pages devoted to

enterprises of the town will be of

interest to all Macon county people

and the people of Highlands will

probably desire to preserve their

copies of The Press, or to order extra copies for friends.

It is believed that the Highlands people will

cooperate to the fullest extent in making

their own edition of the county paper as complete and as full of information and entertainment as the management of The Press desires to make it.

BETTER BUSINESS BULLETIN

A Business Boosting Bulletin for Promoting Local Business Interests

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Adopt the Mail-Order House Method of Promoting Sales

The mail-order house has made wonderful strides in the past ten or twelve years, and the secret of this great success is simply persistent advertising and their method of promoting sales by featuring leaders or low price merchandise in their catalogs and other advertising matter.

The local merchant has a very great advantage over the mail-order house in the use of this kind of advertising because he is in a position to present to the buying public of his trade territory, interesting merchandise offerings every day or week through his home newspaper.

Competition with mail-order prices hits the local merchant pretty hard these days, with prices tumbling and mail-order houses sending out supplements and "flyers" every few weeks with alluring price reductions on certain goods.

The local merchant however, can easily counteract the trade-pulling influence of the catalog house's price reductions on these leaders simply by going over his stock carefully each day or week and selecting those items which can be featured in his newspaper advertising at a substantial reduction.

Mail-order advertising always offers a saving on certain articles in order to promote the sale of other goods. This same method of promoting sales can be used even more effectively by the local merchant on account of his being located in that community and giving prompt and personal advice to all customers.

The home merchant can present to the buying public through regular newspaper advertising, interesting price reductions on certain items that will bring the people to his store where other merchandise can be seen and examined and where coats, suits, dresses, hats, etc., may be tried on. Any good saleswoman knows the advantages of exclusiveness and personal becomingness in making a sale of high grade merchandise to a "price" buyer.

By using a certain amount of space regularly in your local newspaper, and by featuring a few items at attractive prices—along with your cordial invitation to visit the store, you have a big selling advantage locally over the mail-order house, and you have also a very speedy and effective means of combating mail-order competition in your home community.

GIRL BRINGS

UGLY CHARGES

Potts and Holland Charged With Serious Crime—Released on bonds of \$1,000 Each.

A taxi, liquor, two men, a girl and a night spent in the Nantahala mountains are all mixed up in a sordid story told here Monday afternoon in a justice court presided over by Magistrate George Carpenter. The girl seventeen years of age charges Albert Potts, about thirty years of age, and a taxi driver, and Norman Holland, a lad of eighteen summers, with rape while the car in which they had been riding was stuck in the mud at Black Gap on the Clay county line on highway No. 28 about 20 miles west of Franklin. According to the evidence of the girl she and the two men started to church on the Cullasaja Sunday night about 8:00 o'clock. The girl's 12-year-old brother was also in the car. On reaching Franklin, the little boy was given a dime by Potts to procure some candy. After the lad left the car the men and girl drove up the Cullasaja river and obtained a cache of liquor consisting of half a gallon. The party then returned to Franklin where a puncture was repaired. This done the car went west on highway No. 28 and finally became stuck in the mud at Black Gap at 1:00 o'clock Monday morning where it staid until 6:30 before the men were able to get the car out. During this time the girl claims that she was dragged from the car by Holland and held while Potts assaulted her. Holland then committed an assault while the

car was held by Potts, said the girl. Potts assaulted her the second time, she claims. After the car was released from the mud the men drove the girl to her home. On the way home the girl claims that Potts threatened to kill her should she tell what happened during the night. On reaching home the girl immediately told her mother what the men had done. The mother swore out a warrant at once and this was served by Deputies Coffey and Cabe at the homes of Potts and Holland who live at Pine Grove, a few miles southeast of Franklin. The men were brought to town and lodged in jail and at the trial Monday afternoon were bound over to superior court of charges of rape.

Attorneys George Patton and J. F. Ray represented the defendants while Attorney Dean Sisk was in charge of the prosecution. The girl claimed that from the time the party left Franklin the last time and started out on highway No. 28 she begged and cried to be carried back home. However, the cross examination brought out the fact that she had several opportunities to make out-cries and that she did not do so. Attorneys for the defense also brought out the fact that the girl's clothing was not torn and that there was no mud nor dirt on her garments.

The defense attorneys claimed that the story of assault was concocted by the girl as an explanation to her mother as to why she remained out all night. Both men were released Monday afternoon on bonds of \$1,000 each.

Pocketbook Wins Rides

Every pocketbook one sees in the road may not have been lost. There are, in fact, nine young prodigals in Franklin who have been reduced in material things to the ownership of but one pocketbook among them. This, however, they do not use to keep their money in. Instead, they use it to catch automobile rides, and here is how they do it.

Out at Lake Arbordale, where the nine take a daily picnic in hot weather, they do not feel inclined to walk to town after a plunge into the water. Accordingly, they carefully place their pocketbook in the middle of the road. Seven of the number hide in the bushes, and the other two walk a few yards from the pocketbook and flag the first congenial passerby.

"Look! there's a pocketbook," says one of the two when they have gotten to the point in the road where it is visible. The motorist puts on his brakes, and jumps from the car before it has stopped. But before he gets to the pocketbook, the seven hidden schemers jump from the bushes, regain their precious pocketbook, and ask for a lift to town.

Then, if the motorist is good natured, he says: "All right, boys, hop on, and save your pocketbook for the next sucker."