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## MARSHALL WOMAN DEAD AND HUSBAND IN JAIL

Fell From Cliff After Quarrel-  
ling Following Serious Do-  
mestic Troubles

Mrs. Adam Abram Price, age about 30, died at the Marshall hospital Saturday morning, June 30, from injuries resulting from falling from a cliff in Marshall last Friday afternoon. Mr. Price is in jail with a strained foot and other bruises which he received when he fell from the same cliff at the same time. A long story of domestic troubles was related by Mr. Price, who says that he was trying to get his wife to stay at home and attend to their children. These two people had been married since 1914 and two daughters, ages about 11 and 13, live with Mrs. Price's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burnett at New Bridge, near Asheville. The body of Mrs. Price was taken to Asheville Saturday for interment Sunday. For quite a while Mr. Price, who is 34, has been operator for the Southern Railway. They lived for about a year on Hayes Run occupying the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tweed, but for the last few months, the home had been broken up, he temporarily "laid off" from his job, and she travelled around from place to place. For a few days prior to the tragedy they were staying with relatives and friends on the southside of Marshall, near the cliff from which they fell. Mr. Price was born in Madison County and has lived in the County nearly all his life, where he is well known. He was staying at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. L. Miller and he says he was trying to get his wife to agree to live right and stay at home and bring the children home. He says that she spent every thing he could make and had gotten him in financial difficulties, going in debt and on one occasion forged a check. At one time she was in jail and had been under other serious charges.

The preliminary hearing is set for today (Friday) before Mr. Roy L. Gudger, J. P., when he will probably be bound over to Superior court.

## TWO MEN ESCAPE AFTER SHOOTING

THREE MEN IN JAIL; TWO  
BEING SOUGHT

Three men, Spurgeon Davis, of Asheville, Paul Davis, South Carolina, and Boney Randall, of Anderson Branch, are being held in the County jail here, while officers of Madison and Buncombe counties are searching for two other men, John Wesley Davis, of Asheville, and Ernest Payne as the result of a shooting affray which took place in the Anderson Branch section, near Barnard, at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The shooting is said to have grown out of a free for all fight at the home of Ernest Payne, on the Branch.

Randall, who is 18 years old, was carried out of the mountains to the highway on a blanket Sunday night by officers, who arrived at the scene of trouble at about 11 o'clock. He was shot twice by Payne, it is said, who fired a shotgun twice at long range at the youth. Dr. Harry S. Ditmore, of Marshall, accompanied the officers to the place and gave Randall medical attention. The fine shot literally peppered his body from head to feet, it is said, about 75 of the lead pellets having taken effect in his body. His condition is not serious, however, it was said Monday.

An account of the affair given by deputy sheriffs Charles H. Ramsey and Ervin M. Randall, of Marshall, was that Randall and the three Davis men, in a drunken condition, went to the home of Payne where it is said they and Payne became engaged in a quarrel. It is said that Payne forced or persuaded Randall to leave his home, and that when he returned later, shot him twice.

Payne made his escape into the rugged fastnesses of the Big Pine Creek mountains before the officers arrived. A preliminary hearing for the defendants will be held some time this week, it is thought.

Randall was already under suspended road sentence of eight months on a larceny charge, sentence having been imposed 12 months ago, officers said Monday.

## THE PROHIBITION PLANK

The Smithfield Herald, published at Smithfield, N. C., by a woman, Mrs. Lassiter, is one of the best papers in the State. Following is an editorial which recently appeared in her paper:

There has been more or less comment upon the plank in the Republican platform concerning prohibition and some conjecture as to how strong a plank the Democrats will write at the convention in Houston. The Republican plank has been characterized as being strong for enforcement of the eighteenth amendment.

It seems needless that either party should deem it necessary to write at all about a matter that is a part of our constitution and that should be as "vigorously observed and enforced" as the woman's suffrage amendment or any other. The country has spoken in regard to prohibition: The majority of the people want it. But there will always be the job of enforcement, just as there is of the law against stealing, murder and other crimes. A modification of the law would not do away with blacked liquor. The bootleggers did business in competition with the government when dispensaries were allowed instead of open saloons.

The thing that the country wants is not so much a strong plank in a platform, but a strong phalanx of officers, Federal, state, county, and town who would not wink at violation of the prohibition law, and who would round up the violators and give them such a dose of punishment that they would not find it profitable to keep the business up. Another glaring need in this connection is for the public to quit saving that the prohibition law cannot be enforced. The prohibitionists need to improve their morale. When folks stop joking about the law and put their moral support squarely behind it, it will not be necessary for either political party to insert a plank in their platform concerning its enforcement.

The Roanoke-Chowan Times published at Rich Square, N. C., by Mr. A. J. Connor for more than 30 years, has the following to say about the above editorial:

The best editorial we have seen on the prohibition question appeared in the Smithfield Herald, last week. The Herald's editor is a woman, but she has a clear idea about this liquor question. Like the Herald we do not see how any good can result from a prohibition plank in the platform, why the Eighteenth Amendment should be singled out for endorsement than the other eighteen amendments that have been made to the Constitution since its first adoption. It is just as much a part of the Constitution as any of the other amendments, all of which all public officers take a solemn oath to uphold and obey.

## WOMEN MEET AT ENON

With representatives from several churches in attendance, the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the French Broad Association, was held at Enon Baptist Church near Marshall, Tuesday, July 3rd, 1928.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. R. L. Moore, Association's Superintendent and Mrs. E. N. Elmore was Secretary. Special features of the morning session were reports of the societies and several most interesting

talks, namely "Relief and Board," Mrs. J. H. Dew, Ridgecrest; Association Standard, and the place of the individual society in reaching it—Miss Joy Beaman, Student Secretary Baptist Student Activities, Raleigh; Mission Study, Miss Della Huggins.

A most delicious picnic dinner was served on the church lawn.

The devotional was conducted by Mrs. H. L. Smith, Marshall, N. C. The afternoon session was hymn, scripture reading by Mrs. R. H. Morgan; prayer by Mrs. Crawford Bryan; conference on Young People's Work led by Mrs. E. C. Coates. Miss Joy Beaman spoke on the Margaret Fund and our W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky. "Enlistment Plans of the Ruby Anniversary" were presented by Mrs. J. R. Morgan, Supt. Asheville Division, Waynesville, N. C. Rev. Mr. J. R. Owen spoke on Prohibition and says it is up to the women to save the country's terrible, evil liquor.

The value of "Stewardship" and what it means to our denomination was discussed by Mr. R. L. Moore.

Mrs. Moore made an address on "Tasks Ahead" which was very impressive.

The officers elected for next year are Superintendent, Mrs. R. L. Moore; Asst. Supt., Mrs. H. L. Story; Mission Study Leader, Miss Della Huggins; Personal Service Leader, Mrs. A. L. Plennmons; Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Elmore; Young People's Leader, Miss Ethel Gregg; Asst. Leader, Mrs. H. L. Smith.

The next meeting will be held with the Madison Seminary Church in 1929.

## J. WILL ROBERTS WINS BY 372 VOTES

With complete reports from all precincts in the 16 townships in Madison County received, the final count gave J. Will Roberts, fifth consecutive term incumbent, a lead of 372 votes over his opponent, Mayor Grover C. Redmon, of Marshall, in the register of deeds contest. The vote for the second primary held Saturday was approximately the same as that held June 2. In the first contest, Mr. Roberts led the ticket with 216 votes over Mayor Redmon, his victory Saturday having given him an additional lead of 156 votes.

## POLICEMAN BESTS PRISONER IN DUEL

Man Shot Three Times in Gun  
Fight—Woman Struck by  
Stray Bullet.

Washington, D. C. June 26, 1928  
Editor Marshall News-Record,  
Marshall, N. C.,

Dear Sir:  
You will find enclosed two newspaper articles, telling of a pistol battle between Sergeant Ommar R. Reese and a colored man, which happened May 14th, in Washington, D. C., and I hope you will please publish them. I am sure the readers of your newspaper will be interested.

Sergeant Reese was recently commended by the Secretary of War, for his gallantry.

He is a son of Mr. Lowery A. Reese formerly of Madison County, N. C. Sergeant Reese was born at Gables Creek, N. C., and moved to the capital 24 years ago.

Thanking you in advance and wishing your paper great success, I remain,  
Yours respectfully,  
H. S. REESE.

P. S.—The article was taken from the Evening Star, a Washington newspaper.  
H. S. R.

The article follows:  
One woman was shot as a score of Pension Office clerks ran frantically for safety during a running pistol duel between Sgt. Ommar R. Reese of the Park police and a drink-crazed colored man, shortly before 9 o'clock on the morning of May 14th, at the corner of Fourth and F streets.

One of the fusillade of shots struck Mrs. Reta Ray Taylor, 32 years old, in the leg. She was taken to a drug store where the wound was dressed.

Six shots were fired by each man. Three of the policeman's bullets found their mark in the body of his opponent, Thornton E. Abdomes, who was shot through the abdomen and twice through the left leg. Reese

was unscathed.

Examination of a tree from behind which the policeman directed his fire revealed 12 bullets, some of them steel jacketed, and police began a search for a confederate of the wounded man, who is believed to have fired from ambush during the battle.

The policeman had just put Glanton under arrest on the complaint of S. O. Thomas when the prisoner suddenly jumped back with an oath and pulled a .38-caliber gun. A bullet passed near the policeman's face as he dodged and reached for his own pistol.

At the sixth precinct, where Sgt. Reese reported the affair, he said he had shot only in self-defense. "I fired only after he fired at me," Reese said. "It was his life or mine."

Taken to Casualty Hospital after the shooting, it was decided that an operation on Glanton was necessary. No charge has been placed against Sgt. Reese, as a dozen witnesses volunteered to testify that the shooting was in self-defense.

Sgt. Reese Lauded For Pistol  
Encounter

For bravery displayed during a pistol duel with a colored assailant at Fourth and F streets recently, Sgt. O. R. Reese of the United States park police was officially commended in a letter written by Capt. M. H. Parsons, superintendent of the park patrol force.

"I wish to take this opportunity to both personally and officially compliment and commend you for the exceptionally brave and efficient manner in which you stood up to a colored assailant in Judiciary Square recently and fought a winning gun battle. Being fired upon by your assailant at very close range, you outmaneuvered him and escaped yourself without injury while apparently mortally wounding your man."

A copy of the letter has been filed with the service record of Sgt. Reese, who lives at 720 Fourth Street northeast.

## FROM MARS HILL

Miss Caroline Biggers is home for the summer. She is Dean of Women at Meredith College. Miss Welch, dietitian of Meredith, stopped over with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Tilson are moving to Sylva. Mrs. Bryson is in the hospital there now. She recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is rapidly recovering.

Mrs. C. Y. Tilson is in Sylva visiting her son, Mr. Clifford Tilson.

Mr. T. C. Cox is spending a few weeks with his parents in Winterville.

Miss Clea Edwards has recently returned from Hickory, where she has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. L. I. Lippard.

Mr. Lee and Mr. McLeod returned home for the week-end. They are in Summer School at the University of North Carolina. Mrs. McLeod's sister is spending the summer with her.

Mrs. I. N. Corpening, of Missouri, is visiting her son, Mr. Albert Corpening.

Mr. R. T. Allen, of Lumberton, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ramsey.

## THE FOURTH CELEBRATED

Nearly every business in Marshall closed for the Fourth, some closing only a part of the day.

Quite a number of Marshall people went to Asheville for the ball games and other amusements.

## BOY DROWNED

Wilbur Brown, age 18, of Riverside Heights, was drowned at Reems Creek near Weaverville about three o'clock, July 4. It is said that the boy could not swim and was wading around in shallow water when suddenly he stepped off into deep water. His companions tried to rescue him but when they found they could not, they called for help. Hooks and ladders from the Asheville fire department were used in an effort to locate the body, but up to a late hour Wednesday night, the body had not been found.

The boy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown of Riverside Heights, his brother, Clarence, and two sisters, Missa Thelma and Daisy Brown of Asheville.

## MADISON COUNTY TO HAVE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

The Man Who Quit

"The shouting and the tumult dies" and Coolidge really did not choose to run. This is entirely incomprehensible to countless men. They simply cannot understand a man who, with everything going his way, with the power to continue his tenure of high office almost certainly in his hands, deliberately quit. And the fact that so many men cannot understand this is the reason why the highway of life is littered with so much wreckage. For a large proportion of those wrecks were men who didn't know when to quit. They fill the bankruptcy courts, they are found in the alms-houses, they are found in the hospitals, more especially those devoted to the treatment of neurasthenia, and they crowd the graveyards. A great many people, to be sure, have no choice, no opportunity, to withdraw. They must keep plugging or starve. But these are not the people who make wrecks of their lives. It is not the fight for the weekly pay-envelope that drives men mad, but the fight for an extra million, or an extra term of office, or an extra piece of land, when the fighter already has enough to keep him decently, or even luxuriously. For in that case it is not the stern, but wholesome, fight for the existence, but a fight for fighting's sake, for the thrill of it, for the extra pulse-beat it brings. And this is a form of depravity akin to the depravity of the opium-eater. None of that for Calvin, thank you. He is in good health. He is said to have saved enough money to live on comfortably. His reputation is excellent. If he sought another term, he would risk all these advantages, and for what? A thrill. Oh, no. Cal is no fool. He does not choose to run.

Charity and Children

S. S. PROGRESSIVE  
CAMPAIGN

CONTINUES WITH MARVELOUS  
SUCCESS

The Sunday School Progressive Campaign which was lauded in the French Broad Baptist Association the last Sunday in June still continues and is producing great results. The first rally was held with Grape Vine where 8 churches sent delegates. At this place the general Sunday School address was delivered by W. R. White of Marshall, Route 3. The meeting was beneficial to Kingdom development.

The campaign entered its second phase at Upper Laurel the first Sunday in July. The 11:00 o'clock address was delivered by R. L. Moore. The delegates and workers who were present seemed greatly impressed.

The third meeting will be held in Group 2 with Gabriel's Creek church the 2nd Sunday in July. The 4th meeting with Group 1 at Middle Fork the third Sunday in July. The last rally will be held with Marshall church which is a member of Group 3.

The Sunday School groups and their leaders are as follows:  
Group 1—Mars Hill, Little Ivy, Middle Fork, Bethel, Paint Fork, Paint Gap, California. Leader—Fred Jarvis.

Group 2—Piney Mountain, Locust Grove, Grand View, Gabriel's Creek, Bull Creek, Laurel Branch, Long Branch. Leader—J. M. Ammons.

Group 3—Marshall, Madison Seminary, Enon, Walnut Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Caney Fork, Davis' Chapel, Walnut, Hot Springs. Leader—Robert Tweed.

Group 4—Peek's Chapel, Grape Vine, Grape Vine (Mission), Big Laurel, Union Valley, Chapel Hill, Hopewell, Laurel Seminary. Leader—Shad Franklin.

Group 5—Ivy Ridge, Little Creek, Poston Creek, Upper Laurel, Laurel Valley, Rice's Creek. Leader—S. A. Braley.

As late as 1889 the dried flesh of the viper was described as a drug in the authorized English medical dictionary.

Any family can get together on the proposition that an automobile is a necessity.

A moor considers it a sin to cut bread with a knife, declaring that hands were given for that purpose.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners last Monday, it was decided to employ a home demonstration agent for Madison County. Quite a number of the women of the county went before the commissioners in behalf of this officer and after hearing the discussion, the matter was passed. As the State and Nation pay two-thirds of the salary, Madison's part of the salary will be only \$600.

## ACCIDENT MARS NEWPORT RACES

According to the Asheville Citizen, the much advertised, and largely attended Fourth of July races staged at the Newport fair grounds Wednesday afternoon, was marred both by accident and rain. A considerable delay was caused by the burning out of a bearing in the car driven by Chief Sunhawk, of Lowell, Mass., and when the cars did finally get on the track, John Ramsey, 22, of Newport, when the races were just getting well under way, ran into a tree, probably fatally injuring himself and demolishing his racer. He was hurriedly picked up by an ambulance and rushed to the hospital. It was found that his legs were broken in several places, a hole cut in his head, and his body covered with bruises and lacerations. It is not thought that he can recover.

## SHALL THE DREAM COME TRUE

We recall nothing in the past that seems so full of promise for a lasting peace among the leading nations of the earth as the responses coming to Secretary Kellogg's treaty proposals. Only a few years ago, he would have been quite generally put down as a dreamer. To be sure, to many he seems that now, but when, in their Memorial Day addresses, two such different men as the President of the United States and General Pershing speak so hopefully of the negotiations going on to this end, it would seem as if here was another of humanity's great dreams almost ready to come true.

President Coolidge said at Gettysburg, near the very spot where Lincoln delivered his immortal tribute to the dead, "It seems to me that the greatest honor we can do to those who have died on the field of battle; that this republic might live is soberly to pledge ourselves to bend every effort to prevent any recurrence of war. The government of the people, by the people, and for the people, which Lincoln described, is a government of peace, not of war, and our debt will not have died in vain if, inspired by their sacrifice, we endeavor by every means in our power to prevent the shedding of human blood in the attempted settlement of international controversies." And General Pershing, standing Memorial Day in that beautiful cemetery in France, referred to our American dead spoke of "the fallacious theory that war is an essential element in the national policy of a government," and denounced ideas that nations rise to greatness through cruel and barbaric methods. Both these men gave evidence of their hope that by some agreement among themselves as Secretary Kellogg's plan suggests the nations of the world might unite with one another in a solemn compact to eliminate war.

Let every one of us, each up to the measure of his power by word and deed, help forward this movement. The peoples of the world do not want war. They must make their representatives know this beyond all misunderstanding. Alas, even as we write, thousands of fine young Boston youths out of our schools are marching through our streets each with a gun upon his shoulder. Shall we keep on talking peace, officially, and at the same time be inflaming the minds of our youths with such of the pomp and pageantry of war as we can get our schools to indulge in?—Our Dumb Animals.

Humming birds pass the winter in Central America.