

TWO MEN KILLED AND GIRL SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN SHOOTING AFFAIR SUNDAY

Three Men In Jail And 12-Year-Old Girl In Hospital
PRELIMINARY HEARING TO BE MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Arthur Stanton and Albert King are dead and Stanton's 12-year-old daughter is fighting for life in an Asheville hospital as a result of a gun battle last Sunday afternoon about five o'clock between the dead men and Sampson and Arnold Landers, brothers of the Laurel section of Madison County. The two Landers brothers are in the jail at Marshall, held for the shooting of the two dead men and Hubert Stanton is in jail held as a witness. Arthur Stanton, formerly of Madison County, recently of near Greenville, Tenn., and Albert King of the Laurel section were shot to death following ill feelings and malice and hatred which had been harbored for some time. King, Stanton, and his 12-year-old daughter, were on one car when they met a truck on which the two Landers brothers and several picnickers were riding. There seems to be two versions as to who started the shooting, but King was shot to death under the steering gear of his car and was in that position when the sheriff arrived, several bullets having pierced the body. Stanton was instantly killed also and the daughter was shot in two or three places about the face and head and her hand was shot so that the middle left finger had to be amputated at the hospital. The girl is said to have a chance at recovery and is in her right mind. Sheriff Ramsey happened to be riding out that way when the shooting occurred near Belva and in a few minutes the house where the Landers boys lived was surrounded and they surrendered, saying they were ready to go. The preliminary trial is set for next Monday and will be heard by Ex-Sheriff R. S. Ramsey. The coroner's verdict was that the two men came to their death by bullets fired by the two Landers brothers.

Albert King, age about 45, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King of Marshall and is survived by his wife and eight children, as follows: Mrs. Paul Cuthall, of Asheville; Willis King and Chester King of Madison County; Mrs. Mary Lee Bishop, Miss Robbie King, Martha King, Auz King and the baby. He also leaves three brothers and four sisters, viz., Leroy King, Greenville, Tenn., Raleigh and Bruce King of Madison County, Mrs. A. C. Gentry, of Laurel; Mrs. Lula Biva Thomas of Laurel, and Miss Etta King of Asheville.

Arthur Stanton, age about 40, is a nephew of Mrs. W. E. King of Marshall, Mrs. King being named Stanton before marriage. His father, Bev. Stanton, is now serving a sentence in the State prison for violation of the prohibition law. Hubert Stanton, now held in jail in this case, is the only brother of the dead Stanton and he leaves two children, one a boy about 7 or 8 years old and a girl about 12. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Ray of Greene County, Mrs. Arthur Gentry of Walnut and Mrs. Grace Blevins, of Kansas City, Mo.

The funeral services for the two dead men were held Monday, conducted by Revs. Scott Chandler, Bullman, and Howard Chandler. Interment followed in the Stanton graveyard near Belva.

This tragedy is perhaps the most regrettable to occur in the county in many years. Wednesday's edition of the Asheville Citizen carried on the first page cuts of three people now in Madison County jail charged with taking human life—the two Landers brothers and Flossie Shelton, who is charged with shooting her husband about the middle of July. While Madison still maintains its name of "bloody Madison," this is not the only county in the State, and this is not the only State in the Union, where such tragedies occur. Crime is rampant throughout the world and death follows in its wake.

Start Surfacing Hot Springs To State Line Road

The tar and gravel forces of the North Carolina State Highway commission began the resurfacing of the stretch of Highway No. 20 between Hot Springs and the Tennessee line Monday. This will be the second coat of tar and gravel on this stretch of road.

It is reported that the eight mile link between Hot Springs and Laurel River will not be treated this year. Some changes in curves are contemplated before this piece of road is improved with a hard surface. This is the only piece of top soil road between the Tennessee line and the Atlantic coast on No. 20.

Machines to harvest sweet clover seed are being made from old binders at a cost of from \$50 to \$75 in Stanly County.

Associational B.Y.P.U. Program

Mars Hill, N. C., Aug. 18, 1929

KEY NOTE: Living for Jesus.
10:40—Song Service.
11:00—App. of Committees.
11:10—Sermon—Rev. E. N. Gardner
12:00—Dinner.
1:45—Song Service.
2:00—Devotional—Rev. Ralph Morgan.
2:10—Report of Committee.
2:20—Special Music.
2:30—How to Increase the Interest In The Local Union—Bonnie Chandler
2:40—The Value of Standards—Fred Anderson
2:50—Our Associational Opportunity—Max Roberts
3:00—The Value of the Association—B. Y. P. U.—Rev. H. L. Smith (Marshall)
3:10—Open Conference.
3:30—Special Music.
3:35—Message Living for Jesus—Rev. E. N. Gardner.

MADISON NATIVE POPULAR ARTIST

MISS PEGGY METCALF VISITING RELATIVES AND FRIENDS HERE

From Bluff in Madison County, has come a sweet singer in the person of Miss Peggy Metcalf, who has gained popularity in Northern cities as a vocalist.

Peggy Metcalf is her stage name. A year ago she married Vincent D. Daniels, of Sunnyside, L. I., who is a piano teacher, jazz orchestra director, globe trotter, and composer. They are a couple unusually talented in music.

Miss Metcalf is visiting friends and relatives in Western North Carolina and while here has given a number of programs, one at the George Vandarbilt roof garden, and two over radio station WWNC. She sang for an hour over WWNC Wednesday night, accompanied by "Red" Cross at the piano.

This native artist specializes in blues singing. She has a contralto voice of fine quality. While in the north, Miss Metcalf sang over radio station WEA, New York, and other stations. Some of her most popular numbers include: "Dina," "I Ain't Got Nobody," and "After You're Gone."

Miss Metcalf will remain in this section until September 15. She is visiting her cousin, T. R. Russell, of Leanhurst Boulevard, Buena Vista, and plans to spend the week-end in Bluff, visiting G. V. Russell, an uncle. The singer is the daughter of Robert R. L. Metcalf. Her mother, before her marriage, was Miss Victor Russell, both parents being from Madison County.

Besides singing over the radio, Miss Metcalf appeared on the New York stage and in some of the largest cabarets of the metropolis. Her last appearance was at Colonial Inn, Singac, N. J. She retired from public life on February 1, last, and says her attentions, for the most part, are now being devoted to the duties of house-keeping. Her appearances here have been occasioned by the requests of friends and relatives.

FRED SHELTON IS NEAR DEATH

The latest report is to the effect that Fred Shelton, who was said to have been shot by his wife, Flossie Shelton, is in an extremely grave condition with little hope for recovery, and after being unconscious for more than 36 hours, he is gradually growing weaker.

It will be remembered that Shelton was shot by his bride of only a few weeks, Flossie Shelton, and was taken to a Greenville, Tenn., hospital on the night of July 15. Mrs. Shelton fled from their home in the Laurel section of the County and surrendered to Tennessee officers several days later. She was released from jail on bond after a report that her husband's condition was considerably improved. However, she was ordered re-arrested Monday night by Solicitor R. M. Wells, and is being held without bond in the Madison County jail.

Minister—"I hear, Paddie, they've gone dry in the village where your brother lives."
Paddie—"Dry, mon! They're parched. I've just had a letter from Mike an' the postage stamp was stuck on with a pin."—Schafer Magazines.

French Broad Association To Meet At Grand View

The one hundred and twenty-second annual session of the French Broad Baptist Association will be held with the Grand View Baptist church next Thursday and Friday August 22-23. All the thirty-four churches should make an effort to have their delegates and Church Letters there at the beginning of the Thursday Morning Session. Come praying that this may be the greatest session ever held.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Raleigh, Aug. 14.—More than 12,000 white boys and girls graduated from the public high schools of the State at the end of the year just closed, it is revealed from tabulations completed and released today by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. A total 12,145 finished this year and 11,278 the previous session, or an increase of 867 graduates during a year's time.

Of the total number of pupils who graduated this year, 7,795 were from rural schools and 4,350 from special charter or city schools. The year 1927-28 there were 7,073 rural and 4,245 city graduates of white high schools. In other words, the number of rural graduates increased during one year's time 10.2 per cent, or exactly three times the percentage that city graduates increased.

Comparing this year's figures with those five years ago, 1923-24, there is found a 75 per cent increase in the total number of white public high school graduates. In 1923-24 the total number of graduates of the white high schools was nearly 1,000 less than the graduates of the rural schools this year.

The largest number of graduates from the rural schools in any one county was in Buncombe, where 273 boys and girls were given diplomas or certificates of graduation from high school. Johnston County had a total of 231 white high school graduates, and Mecklenburg had 216.

There were only five graduates of rural high schools in Scotland County, 15 in Chowan and 16 in Camden. There was not a county that did not have at least one standard rural high school sending out its graduates.

ONE MURDER CASE ON COURT DOCKET

MADISON JURORS DRAWN FOR AUGUST CRIMINAL TERM

About 150 cases are on docket for the criminal session of Superior Court for Madison county, which will convene here on Monday, August 26. It has been announced. Among these cases will be one murder case, that of State vs. John Davis, who is alleged to have shot and killed Bunt Roberts, of the Doe Branch section of Madison county in a quarrel. Davis, immediately after the shooting, caught a train to Marshall, where he surrendered to Sheriff R. R. Ramsey, stating at the time that he had done the shooting, adding: "I had to do it," that being the only statement he would make at the time.

MARSHALL P. T. A. SEPTEMBER 3

The President of the Parent-Teacher Association at Marshall, Mrs. S. B. Roberts, wishes us to announce that there will be a meeting of this association the first Tuesday in September, which will be September 3rd. This is to be an important meeting, says Mrs. Roberts, and all are urged to attend.

STILL CAPTURED ON SPILLCORN

A still was captured on Spill Corn Wednesday, at which four men and four women were working. One man and one woman were lodged in jail, the others escaping, it was said.

S. S. CONVENTION A SUCCESS

The Annual Madison County Sunday School Convention met at the Flats of Spring Creek last Saturday and Sunday, as previously announced. The convention was largely attended, the attendance being estimated at 750. The devotional exercises were led by Mr. J. A. Dennis of Marshall and speeches were made by Dr. J. H. Hutchins, Dr. J. T. M. Knox, of Marshall and Miss Daisy Magee, State Sunday School worker.

"WHOOZIT IN MADISON"

"STEVE AND GUY"

We announced last week that we would operate on the above subjects at this week's clinic and some of you are no doubt eager to get the paper, regardless of your politics. We regret exceedingly that we must disappoint you this time. One of the above firm is carrying his left arm in a sling and it is positively against our policy to jump on a cripple.

PULL TOGETHER

Editor News-Record:
Have read with delight the article of Mr. A. W. Whitehurst in your issue of August the first, "How To Reduce Taxes." In the article, Mr. Whitehurst explains how to make the bank account grow and when you have the money then it reduces the taxes though they may be high and taxes are high anywhere you may go, really unreasonably high.

In my articles of June the 7th and July the 26th, I suggested that some one write good stories of Madison County and describe the beautiful scenery as an advertisement in order to bring tourists and home seekers to spend their money there, but I believe Mr. Whitehurst's suggestion is the better one, and both are good. And so are the suggestions of your farm demonstrator, excellently good. Now put into practice Mr. Whitehurst's suggestions and also your farm demonstrator's and those that do it in a short time will say, "It's reduced my taxes" and if they don't, I'll agree to eat my old hat, and my reason for saying that, I know a man in Illinois that told me he had cleared ten thousand dollars on his poultry farm in the year 1924 and if it can be done in Illinois, it can be done in Madison County, N. C.

The slogan "My Country" as edited by your County farm agent is a good one. The whole U. S. is "My Country" and to get it closer home, I suggest we also have this slogan, "My Home County," and if anything is wrong it isn't "My Home County"—it's you. If you want to live in the kind of country you like, do not put our clothes in our grip and start on a long hike, for you'll only find what you've left behind, as there is nothing that's really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your County and county officials. It isn't the County and officials—it's you. If everybody works and cooperates and nobody shirks, you can raise the county from the dead and when you have made our personal stake, let your fellow make one, too, then "My Home County" will be what you want to see. It isn't "My Home County"—it's you. Get together, cooperate with each other and don't knock. Remember the slogan, "My Home County" and make it the best county in the State of North Carolina.

In your issue of August 1st a writer was still hammering to know what has been done with the taxpayers' money after the information has been given and published in your paper, and if that writer has ever made a suggestion to better conditions, I cannot recall it at this time, and his articles sound more to me as a knacker and not a booster, for he has made the whole State of North Carolina a Republican State. "Not yet, brother."

Again I wish to say that I do not ask for any honors, favors or notoriety by these articles. I would not have a public office under any consideration even if I were eligible, but what I do want is to see "My Home County" the best county in the State of North Carolina to live in, and it can be made so if everybody will cooperate and pull together.

I am
Yours for the best,
J. HENRY ROBERTS,
747 Morrell St.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Another Higgs Graduates From Wake Forest

Ferdie L. Higgs is following in the footsteps of his "kin." He is the fourth of the Higgs family to graduate at Wake Forest College. He has been preceded by three cousins, all of which have made a name for themselves in their respective fields: Dr. A. T. Higgs, a noted physician in Asheville, N. C.; Hon. W. H. Higgs, a well-known lawyer in Asheville; and Rev. J. B. Higgs, a missionary in China.

All these Higgs were born and reared in mountain homes under the dome of Murray's Knob in Madison County on the head waters of Spring Creek near the Haywood County line. All were members of the Flats of Spring Creek Baptist church.

Ferdie L. Higgs entered Wake Forest in 1916 but he was called to take up arms for his country. For two years he was with the 81st division in France. After the Armistice was signed he attended the University of Grenoble for one session and took lectures at Oxford in England.

When Ferdie L. came back to his native country he went to the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., for three years. He came back to Wake Forest last year and got his Bachelor's degree this summer.

Ferdie L. Higgs is a man of sterling character. His personality is one which is admired by everyone with whom he is associated. He can stoop to nothing base. His friends are many. He has won a place in the confidence of his fellow students and his teachers.

He has the true spirit of his race. He is constantly forging his way upward. His ideal is high.

Ferdie L. expects to spend his life

NEXT WEEK: ZEB MERRILL, OF ROUTE 2

The Story of a Man Who Has Done His Part to Lift Cow Trading to a Plane of Respectability. And How Zeb Handled the Worst End of IT to a College-Trained Town Guy Who Undertook to Match Wits with Zeb in a Calf Trade!

Shinn—That girl you picked up at the dance the other night was from Ireland, wasn't she?

Foots—No, from Iceland.

Sixty-one boys attended the club camp held in Buncombe County last week.

HOME COMING

OCTOBER 12-19, 1929 August 3, 1929

Mr. H. L. Story, Marshall, N. C.
Dear Sir:

There was a time when several hundred thousand good citizens of North Carolina chose their places of residence in other states of our nation. Those were days when North Carolina hovered near the lower end of all lists giving the ratings of states in their order of accomplishments and progress. Those days, when we thanked God for the one or two states which were below us on all lists, are gone. Now we are setting our pace to keep abreast with the best states of the union.

North Carolina has made unequalled progress during the past twenty-five years and has now reached such a position amongst the states of the union that our 1929 Legislature decided by resolution (Resolution 17, Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1929) to invite all former citizens of this State who now live in other states to come back for a visit. Therefore, the Legislature of 1929 set aside the week of October 12-19 as HOME-COMING WEEK and State Fair Week.

The central committee on HOME-COMING WEEK met in the Governor's office on Tuesday, July 30, and decided that it would be fitting for each county in North Carolina to have a home-coming on Saturday and Sunday of October 12 and 13. In order that your county may begin plans at once for our COUNTY HOME-COMING the committee named in Resolution No. 17 selected for your county the committee named on this letter, as follows:

C. M. Blankenship,
W. M. Roberts,
W. L. George,
J. H. Davis,
J. W. Roberts,
R. R. Ramsey,
H. L. Story,
Ira Flemmons,
J. H. Hutchins.

The county committee should have a meeting at once, elect a permanent chairman, expand the committee, and appoint additional committees, if so wishes, and begin work without delay.

It is suggested that the home-coming program for the counties consist of a public meeting at the county seat, public speaking by some distinguished son of the county now living in another state or county, dinner, picnic, or barbecue, and a sight-seeing trip on Saturday, October 12. On Sunday, October 13, the churches might like to have native sons, now preaching elsewhere, return for sermons in the old home county.

Very truly yours,
J. W. HARRELSON,
Secretary to the Committee.

Mrs. Prim—"I didn't see your husband in church this morning."
Mrs. Grim—"No, he doesn't dare go now."
Mrs. Prim—(shocked)—"Doesn't dare go? Why?"
Mrs. Glim—"Last Sunday the pastor prayed for the loose livers of the parish. After the service my husband asked him if he wouldn't slip in just a few words about his floating kidney—and the minister threw a hymn book at him!"

The gum-chewing girl
And the cud-chewing cow
Are somewhat alike.
But different somehow.
What difference?
Oh, yes, I see it now:
It's the thoughtful look
On the face of the cow.
—Dairy Farmer.

Ruth Coleman of Alamance County and Boyce Brooks of Duplin County were pronounced the champion health club members of North Carolina at the recent 4-H short course. These two young folks came up from county and district contests and are said to be almost perfect specimens of physical perfection.