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MADISON MAN NEAR DEATH; BODY RIDDLED WITH BUCKSHOT

Assailant Wounded in Duel Fought Saturday Night

Plato Hensley, age 30, lay near death at his home three miles across the State line in Tennessee Sunday night, while his alleged assailant, McKinley Shelton, was being held under bond at his home in the Laurel mountains of Madison County. Hensley's body was riddled with buckshot, and Shelton received a bullet wound in his shoulder in the duel between the two men, which was fought Saturday night. Shelton was unable to accompany the officers to the county jail Sunday on account of his shoulder, according to Sheriff R. R. Ramsey.

According to Sheriff Ramsey, the trouble between the two men, which ended in a pitched gun battle, occurred at Shelton's home, early Saturday night, while both men were under the influence of whiskey. It is reported that several witnesses fled to cover as the men exchanged shots at close range. It was said that two charges of buckshot struck Hensley, and because of his critical condition, he was taken the shorter distance across the State line.

It seems that there had been previous trouble between Hensley and Shelton, and that a quarrel preceded the duel Saturday night.

"BEADS ON A STRING" VERY MUCH ENJOYED

PLAY BY TEACHER TRAINING CLASS MAKES HIT IN MARSHALL

The three-act play, "Beads on a String," staged by the Teacher Training Class under the direction of Miss Clemmie Casey, and presented in Marshall last Friday evening at the school auditorium, was quite a success and much enjoyed by those who attended. The cast called for about half boys and half girls, and as there was only one boy in the class, it was necessary to make men out of some of the women. Josie Bryant, attired in a man's black suit, a moustache, and pipe with a long stem, was quite effective as Mr. Davis, the father of Bennie. Winnie Bryan did her part well in the role of Mrs. Davis. Molly Mallerton, the part played by Mary Morrow, had a rather tangled love affair, her sweetheart, Bennie, being hard to find at times, but the affair ended well, as all affairs should. Nell Cantrell, in the double role of Bennie Davis and Zezalee, proved herself a real actress, and should she find that she has missed her calling in taking the training course, she should have no trouble in getting a position on the stage. Vivian Rector, as Cleopatra Oleomargarine Johnson, acted well her role as a black servant. Miss Violet Wright, graceful and cute in any role, is no less so in taking the part of a boy. In the play she was Harold Beem, but when she sings, she makes the other fellow "beem". Rubye Payne, as Abner H. Dinkler, the famous "defector", was a scream from start to finish, being very ludicrous as a half-wit detective. Rubye also proved herself quite an actress, and is good in any role. Annie White, playing the part of Jeanette Blue, was anything but "blue" until the last of the play, when Bennie got most of the money of Uncle Benjamin. How refreshing it was to see a real man among these fake men—Fowler Wallin, as Benjamin Davis, Esq. He did his part well in the play, and shows grit and determination to win success by continuing as the only male member of this Teacher Training Class.

The play was well attended, despite the fact that Marshall has had more than the usual amount of such amusement in the last few weeks. Music before the play was furnished by Marshall's three-piece orchestra—Mrs. C. E. Cline at the piano, Mr. Chas. Davis, violin, and Mr. Harry Davis, trumpet. Several select-

ions were enjoyed by the audience before the curtain was drawn.

Between acts the music was rendered by Mrs. C. E. Cline, one vocal solo by Vivian Rector, being one of the numbers.

GENERAL NEWS IN PARAGRAPHS

150 visiting mountaineers of the Buncombe County night schools were granted an impromptu reception Thursday by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, following their visit with the President himself. Touched by the sight of these night school pupils in the rain and by word of the homespun gifts they had brought her, Mrs. Hoover hurriedly sent down her invitation, and laid aside her knitting as the mountaineers came in.

The first electrocution not held on Friday in Raleigh since 1925 was held last Thursday afternoon, when Robert Mangum, Negro, died in the chair, to pay with his life for stabbing a farmer to death and then attacking his wife. One shock, lacking two seconds of a full two minutes, carried out the death penalty.

The newest agricultural scheme in use in North Carolina is the "Ice Patch." This name applies to a plot of ground to be put aside and planted to some quick selling and profitable crop such as sweet peas or other flowers; a truck crop like Irish potatoes; or early garden vegetables. The entire proceeds will be used solely for buying ice for comfort in hot weather.

James S. Duncan, Greensboro attorney, was elected State chairman of the Republican Party of North Carolina, last Thursday at the State Convention held in Charlotte, N. C.

Robert Neighbors, 45, shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Nannie Neighbors, 36, just west of the Asheville city limits Sunday night at 7 o'clock. After he had shot his wife, he took her head on his lap and defied anyone to come near him. Officers, arriving on the scene, subdued him, but his wife was then dead.

Four negroes, a preacher, two deacons and a 13-year-old girl, were drowned Sunday afternoon in the Mississippi River during an Easter baptismal service. Another negro, a deacon, escaped drowning in an attempted rescue.

REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN ELECTED

G. O. P. STATE PRIMARY CERTAIN TO BE HELD

Republicans of North Carolina, holding their convention in Charlotte last Thursday, elected James S. Duncan, Greensboro attorney, State chairman of their party and put planks calling for tax reduction, State supported schools, and vigorous enforcement of all laws in their party platform. Duncan swept to victory on the first ballot over a field of four candidates. Mrs. Juanita Gregg Winn of Liberty was named vice chairman.

The convention left no doubt that the party will hold a primary this year for the first time in its history. At this convention, the Charlotte Armory was nearly filled throughout the session of the convention. It has a seating capacity of 8500.

THE PUBLISHER'S COLUMN ABOUT VARIOUS MATTERS

MARSHALL IS BEING CLEANED UP

MARSHALL is undergoing a cleaning up of its alleys and vacant lots, such as has not been the case in many a day. Junk automobiles, tin cans, and such rubbish is being hauled off and put out of sight. Sooner or later these places which have been eye-sores will be converted into places of attraction and usefulness, beautiful flowers and shrubbery taking the place of unsightly spots here and there.

A large portion, if not all the credit for these improvements is due the recently organized Woman's Club. It is true these women could not execute their plans without the cooperation and aid of the town authorities enforced by the chief of police, but the influence which set in motion the machinery necessary to bring about these improvements emanated from the above mentioned organization. When it comes to cleaning up, men usually leave it to the women, at least to do the suggesting, and woe be unto the men if they fail to carry out those suggestions. This is the week set apart by the authorities to put the house of Marshall in order and those who fail to heed this order are threatened not only to be cited before the mayor and fined, but also may incur the ill will of the women behind this movement—a punishment more to be dreaded than citations and fines—hard as a fine would be to pay in these strenuous times. Let the good work be accomplished, therefore, without complaint and no matter how much praise is due Mayor Carl Stuart or Chief of Police Grover C. Redmon for their untiring efforts along this line, let the women have all the credit. If you men have furnished the brawn after the women have furnished the brains, if you have furnished the ideas after the women have suggested the ideals, what credit should you have?

Seriously, regardless of where the credit should be, the improvements are already quite noticeable and when the women have finished their good work of cleaning up, painting up, and beautifying, we shall all, as well as tourists, enjoy a much more attractive Marshall.

ASHEVILLE SETS MID-JUNE AS TIME FOR THIRD ANNUAL RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL

Mid-June, the time this year when the wild rhododendron gardens scattered over the mountain slopes in the vicinity of the city will be at the height of their colorful glory has been set as the time for the Third Annual Rhododendron Festival. The festival which has come to be known as the most colorful celebration in the south is expected to attract this year one of the largest throngs of visitors ever entertained in Asheville.

The date of the Festival is set in accordance with the advance of the blooming season of the wild mountain shrubs which in June color entire mountain sides with their massed flowers. Principal shrubs which attract the attention of visitors during the June flowering season, are the rhododendron which in its three principal varieties ranges in color from white to purple, the mountain laurel

a mass of pink blooms and the azalea which presents a riot of color from pure white to deep, flaming orange.

Foresters and botanists predict that the mountain shrubs this year will be unusually gorgeous in the abundance of their bloom as judged by the appearance of the early blooming varieties. The wild gardens which cover large areas of the mountain summits and slopes near the city may be reached by visitors over the network of fine highways which radiate from the city through the surrounding mountain region.

Plans for the 1930 Rhododendron Festival are already being made and officials predict that the event this year will be one of the most interesting and colorful celebrations ever held in Asheville. Growing in popularity from year to year, the event in June is expected to attract an even greater national notice than was accorded to two previous annual Festivals.

TAX RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR MADISON CO. ORGANIZED

A lady met a government hospital patient hobbling along on crutches. "Young man," she asked, what's the trouble? Rheumatism?" "No, ma'am," replied the patient, "patriotism."

Tailor's Wife (phoning doctor)—Come quick, Dr. Hardt; my husband is having a fit! Dr. Hardt—I'll be there at once. This is the first time I have ever known of his coming anywhere near a fit.—The Pathfinder.

MARION DOCTOR BADLY SHOCKED BY ELECTRIC WIRE

DR. R. B. BUTT IN HOSPITAL; NARROWLY ESCAPES ELECTROCUTION

Electrocution of Dr. R. B. Butt, of Marion was barely avoided this morning (Monday) at 10:30 o'clock when his head came in contact with a high tension wire on an X-ray machine. Dr. H. B. Dittmore, who was with Dr. Butt at the time, gave him first aid at once. But it was more than an hour before he began to show signs of returning consciousness.

He is now in the Marion General hospital recuperating from the shock. His forehead was burned, his hair badly singed, and his entire body injured by the heavy current. The nerves in his spinal column were so paralyzed that he had scarcely any control over his limbs tonight.

He was placing T. C. Morgan, a boy with a broken leg, on a table preparatory to X-raying the leg at the time his head touched the un-insulated wire. The shock knocked him down, causing him to receive additional bruises from the fall. He will probably recover within a brief time, according to information from the hospital tonight, provided no complications develop, and he is left quiet and allowed to rest for the worst injury is the general shock to his body.—Asheville Citizen.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

MONARCH MANUFACTURING COMPANY MEETS WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the stockholders of the Monarch Manufacturing Company, Inc., will be held at the plant April 28th, at 8 P. M.

Everyone should be present at this meeting. Yours very truly, VIVA HAYTON, Sec'y.—Treas.

"WE" SET NEW FLYING RECORD

Lindbergh and Wife Share Honors After Long Flight

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and the young wife he taught to fly scarcely a few months ago shared a new and brilliant air record Monday. The wheels of their powerful, streamlined ship touched the ground in New York at 11:52 P. M., Eastern Standard time, exactly 14 hours, 45 minutes and 32 seconds after they left Glendale, California, to explore a new transcontinental airway along the upper altitudes which Lindbergh believes will become the path of the future, and speedier transport service. It was this idea, rather than any desire to break the speed record of Capt. Frank M. Hawks, whose time was 17 hours and 43 minutes, but Capt. Hawks' time was for non-stop flight, whereas the Lindberghs made a stop en route, at Wichita, Kansas. For additional gasoline so that they would not need to throttle their motor.

Enthusiastic Meeting And Delegates Sent To Raleigh

As announced in Tuesday's paper, a mass meeting of the citizens of Madison County was held at the court house Saturday afternoon. After a few announcements as to the purpose of the meeting, Sheriff Ramsey was called to the chair as temporary chairman. Speeches were made by J. Herschel Sprinkle, Mr. J. Coleman Ramsey, Mr. John A. Hendricks, Mr. Guy V. Roberts, Mr. Horace Sams, Mr. C. B. Mashburn, Mr. Robert Tweed, and others, after which a motion was passed that an organization be perfected. Mr. J. Coleman Ramsey was unanimously elected as the chairman of the Madison County association for property tax relief. He immediately assumed the duties of the office. Messrs. J. B. McDevitt, and Horace Sams were elected vice-presidents; Mr. Robert Teague, secretary. It was moved and carried that the executive committee consist of one taxpayer from every voting precinct in the county. A committee was then appointed to go out and prepare the list. While they were out, the matter of the delegates to go to Raleigh Monday, the 21st, was taken up, with the result that Messrs. Guy V. Roberts, G. H. Roberts, Enoch Rector, the county commissioners, H. L. Story, and any other citizen who should go be recognized as delegates. It was hoped that at least four or five of the number named could attend the meeting, which was to be at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh Monday morning, April 21st. The committee appointed to present the names of the executive committee made the following report which was adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Township No. 1, Ward 1, H. K. Ramsey.
- Township No. 1, Ward 2, S. A. Ramsey.
- Township No. 1, Ward 3, Geter Ramsey.
- Township No. 1, Ward 4, F. E. Runion.
- No. 2 Township, Ward 1, William S. Rice.
- No. 2 Township, Ward 2, Otis Chandler.
- No. 2 Township, Ward 3, Stranger Gosnell.
- No. 3 Township, Willie Silvers.
- No. 4 Township, Ward 1, Clyde Brown.
- No. 4 Township, Ward 2, Levi Hamlin.
- No. 5 Township, T. A. Higgins.
- No. 6 Township, G. Henry Roberts.
- No. 7 Township, Joseph Payne, Jr.
- No. 8 Township, Ward 1, H. S. Davis.
- No. 8 Township, Ward 2, Dewey Brown.
- No. 9 Township, Joseph Lawson.
- No. 10 Township, Ward 1, Bailey Rice.
- No. 10 Township, Ward 2, Pinkey McDevitt.
- No. 11 Township, Ed English.
- No. 12 Township, Kelly Wilds.
- No. 13 Township, Chas. Baldwin.
- No. 14 Township, A. L. Coats.
- No. 15 Township, Dr. L. E. Burnett.
- No. 16 Township, C. C. Peek.

R.—I had the grandest time last night, but after 11 o'clock I can't remember a thing that happened. W.—Then how do you know you had a good time? R.—Oh! I heard the cop tell the judge about it this morning. Moe.—Believe me or not, but Ah drove dat motorcycle aroun' the track so far Ah could see de tail-light on mah machine. Sam.—Dat's nothin'. Out on de road yesterday Ah drove so far Ah left mah motor a mile behind me Sunday Chapsin.

Art of Old-Time Housewives

What is more natural than that the early American housewife, after a winter of self-making, should seek the domestic pleasures of the "Ladies' Club"? This is a new and old-fashioned "Ladies' Club" to be held in the "Old Fashioned Club" by Miss E. Kelly (Mrs.)