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MAN MURDERED ON CARNIVAL GROUNDS

With Only Slight Provocation Geo. A. McClellan Shot and Instantly Killed Everett Wheeler Saturday Night.

Last Saturday night about 11 o'clock Everett Wheeler was shot and instantly killed by Geo. A. McClellan in one of the show tents on the carnival grounds which is located in the ball park near the Durham & Southern station. The murderer escaped from under the tent immediately after the fatal shot was fired and is still a fugitive from justice. Relatives of the dead man in Macon, Ga., were notified Sunday morning and the body was shipped there Monday afternoon where it will be interred.

In the 49 show tent, where the murder was committed Saturday night, there were several dozen people present. Wheeler, who was manager of the show where public dances were given, had invited several young men from the stage, some of whom were annoying the dancers. All who were told to do so left the stage at once except McClellan, who persisted on remaining where he was and continued to interfere with the dancers. Wheeler finally pushed McClellan from the stage and when he had gained his balance he took his pistol from his pocket and took deliberate aim at Wheeler and fired. The bullet entered the back of his victim's head who fell to the ground and was pronounced dead in a few minutes by Dr. Warren who was immediately summoned. He died without speaking, or gaining consciousness; the ball penetrating his brain. McClellan escaped from under the tent and at this time has not been apprehended.

As soon as the spectators realized what had been done a great deal of excitement prevailed in the tent. Some of the girls became frantic and the men were beside themselves for an instant. The crowd was quiet in a few minutes, however, but not until McClellan had made good his escape.

The body was taken in charge by the Barnes & Holiday Company late Saturday and prepared for burial. It remained in their store until Monday afternoon, when it was shipped on train to Macon, Ga. Wheeler had no money and the undertakers bill and railroad fare was provided by public subscription.

Coroner Green came to Dunn from Lillington Sunday night and summoned the following jury: A. E. Norris, foreman; Marvin Wade, E. Lee, B. M. Brewer, E. L. Parker and Ralph Parker. Evidence was taken for two hours Sunday night; the jury being dismissed at 12 o'clock to meet again Monday afternoon at 3. About fifty witnesses had been examined when C. E. Edge was called to the stand Monday afternoon and upon being questioned by Foreman Norris, admitted that McClellan did the shooting and that he was an eye-witness to the murder. With this information in hand the jury rendered a verdict that Wheeler came to his death by gun shot in the hands of Geo. McClellan.

Wheeler was a young man about twenty-one years of age and was one of the most popular members of the carnival. He bore a good reputation and was seldom in trouble. All those present are of the opinion that McClellan shot without sufficient provocation, and after Wheeler had turned around to leave him.

McClellan has held a position in a commissary operated by C. E. Broughton, somewhere down in Sampson, since January. He bears a good reputation and came here from Carro Gordo, N. C., where his people live and are prominent in the social and business life of that section. He is about twenty-five years of age and was seldom seen in Dunn. He left with \$200.00 of Mr. Broughton's money, but this amount was returned to the owner Monday night, a brother of the fugitive coming to Dunn and delivering it to Mr. Broughton, and immediately returned home in an automobile.

All the town and county officials are putting forth every effort to catch the man, but as yet no definite information has been received. His was a cowardly act and he should suffer for the crime he has committed. Those who were with him on the fatal night cannot explain why he did the shooting. They say he was drinking, but was not drunk enough to be noticeable.

A small blaze was discovered on one of the frame buildings opposite the cotton yard yesterday afternoon. The fire was seen burning on top of the roof near the stove due in a few minutes after the alarm was sounded the fire department was on the job and the fire was extinguished without much damage.

LAND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Very Little Change is Required to Adapt Building and Loan Associations to Suit the Farmer.

Very little change is required to adapt building and loan associations as operated in this country to the use of the farmer. When organized and worked in the cities and towns the payments are weekly or monthly, generally 25 cents each week on each share of stock. Worked in this way they provide a mode of systematic saving for the shareholder, and usually mature the shares, when of the par value of \$100 in a little less than six and a half years. The par value of stock can be put at \$300, \$500 or even more, and thus extend the time and make the time of maturing about eleven years, fifteen years, and so on. The association is made up of and owned by its shareholders, who receive all of the profits thereof. These associations are run at the lowest cost of any business in the country, and in this State, where the legal rate of interest is 8 per cent, generally makes a profit of 4 per cent, and in some cases over 7 per cent.

The change necessary to be made to adapt these associations and their working to the use of the farmer is the mode of payment for shares. The farmers cannot afford to agree to pay for their shares weekly, except in cases where they have a variety of crops, such as give returns practically every month in the year, as dairy farming, trucking, etc., but the payments on shares must be called for and made during the time in which the farmers harvest and market their money crops. An example of this is shown in the statement of conditions where the money crop is tobacco or cotton, as it is in a large portion of this State. In sections like this it is probably better for the payments to be made during the month of November, December and January, or possibly beginning a month earlier. The payments would be \$45.00 for each of the three months, or \$135.00 a year on each share. This would give the money ready for loaning by the first of February—generally the time when loans are desired by farmers. A thousand shares in any association would give \$135,000 each year. The association can be run for not more than \$500, which would leave a net amount for loaning of \$13,000. This money would be loaned upon real estate mortgages, and this amount for interest would be \$1,300.

By using the notes so secured for getting an additional sum. If the additional amount obtained should be as much as \$7,000, then the association would have for loaning each year \$20,000, or in five years, \$100,000. Of course, one unsettled problem in the proposed business is how the additional amount may be obtained for loaning purposes, and at such a rate of interest as will be satisfactory to the farmer and possible in the work of the association.—Report of Insurance Commissioner Young.

SOME SAFETY "DON'TS" FOR MOTHERS.

- Don't dry-clean in the house.
- Don't get off a car backwards.
- Don't touch an electric light with wet hands.
- Don't lock up the children alone in the house.
- Don't leave broken glass, crockery, nor tin scattered around.
- Don't allow children to coast down inclines into the street.
- Don't allow children to hold onto moving vehicles.
- Don't allow children to jump on moving street.
- Don't put pencils, money nor pins in the mouth.
- Don't use re-carts without springs and back-supports.
- Don't use a thermos bottle for the baby's milk.
- Don't rely on others to observe traffic rules; use your head.
- Don't value your time more than your life at crossings.
- Do label all medicines. Keep poisons out of children's reach.
- Avoid unsanitary soda fountains.
- Watch traffic signs.
- Cross the street at crossings only.
- Avoid crowded and poorly ventilated places of amusement.

SAWDUST AS A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Sawdust will extinguish small fires in garages, and its value is greatly increased by the addition of bicarbonate of soda (baking powder). The sawdust floats and forms a blanket over the burning oil, while bicarbonate of soda, when exposed to heat, gives off carbon dioxide gas, which helps to prevent combustion by shutting off access of air. A mixture of ten pounds of bicarbonate to one bushel of sawdust has been found to be satisfactory.

LIGHTNING FIRES.

The report of the Kansas fire marshal on lightning fires and losses is hardly less striking than that of the Indiana official. In his report for 1915, Marshal L. T. Hussey reports a total loss of 203 lightning fires, with aggregate losses of \$264,455. In only three instances, or less than 1.5 per cent, were the buildings robbed. The aggregate losses for these three fires being \$2,750; the percentage of losses being only slightly more than the percentage of the number of fires.—Fire Protection.

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R. Y. P. U. PROGRAM FOR OCT. 2, 1916.

- Group No. 2. Led by Miss Lula West.
- Subject: A worthy life.
- Song—Make me a channel of blessing.
- Introduction—Leader.
1. Scripture reading—Psalms 1: 1-2.
 2. A Worthy Life—Its conditions. Miss Clara Naylor.
 3. A Worthy Life—Its constituent elements. Mr. Willie Morgan.
 4. The worthy life makes the honor and glory of Christ a touchstone of conduct. Miss Minnie Guy.
 5. Take Christ with you in every activity. Mr. H. G. Poola.
 6. Solo. Miss Iva Pearson.
 7. Another element of a worthy life is a positive interest in men. Mr. G. V. Beard.
 8. Another element of a worthy life is fellowship with others in Christian service. Miss Ethel Bailey.
 9. The worthy life is identified with Christ in suffering. Miss Iva Pearson.
 10. Prayer.
 11. Song. Take my life and let it be.

Spectacular Production Coming

Looming big on the local theatrical horizon is the announcement that "Ramona," W. H. Clane's prodigious pictorial and musical dramatization of Helen Hunt Jackson's famous historical California romance of the same name, is to be sent here for a brief engagement being booked at Metropolitan Opera House Friday and Saturday, October 6-7. Twice Daily at 1-3 p. m.

Briefly described "Ramona" is what has been termed a cinema operatic spectacle. The reference to opera is meant to imply that while the countless incidents of the narrative are being visualized on the screen the story is also being told in a musical score comprised of more than 200 separate compositions, to play which a special orchestra is provided. The production is termed a spectacle because of its scope and the enormous scope of the dramatization as a whole. In fact it is the longest play ever sent on tour, requiring nearly three hours for presentation and rendition of its beautiful score. The task of producing "Ramona" occupied eight months' time and Mr. Clane and associates who have gained valuable experience in their adaptation with making "The Birth of a Nation" found it an even greater undertaking than their first huge labor for the films. They made the production with more than 1,000 scenes, using from 3,000 to 5,000 people at a time for the more spectacular moments. Massive settings, even whole villages were built especially for the production.

"Ramona" comes here after an amazing vogue in the greater cities. In New York and Chicago last summer, even when played at a \$2 scale of prices, its attendance records equaled and often passed those of other theatres housing the latest great Broadway hits of the speaking stage.

Mr. D. G. Grant, of Newton Grove, was here yesterday on business. In an ad in this issue of the Dispatch he is offering a tract of land for sale, located 1 mile from Newton Grove.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds have been filed for registration in the Office of Register of Deeds since our last issue:

D. S. Stephenson and wife to John R. Young, one lot in town of Angier. Consideration, \$1,500. Deed dated September 28, 1916.

M. F. Morris to C. C. Morris, one lot in town of Angier. Consideration, \$100. Deed dated October 26, 1916.

M. F. Morris and wife to Nancy G. Stephenson, \$ 3-4 in Black River township. Consideration, \$1,200. Deed dated January 1, 1916.

J. C. Williams and wife to Joseph F. McLeod, one lot in town of Angier. Consideration, \$75. Deed dated April 10, 1916.

Mrs. L. J. Stanciford to Halvin McLeod, 20 acres in Olin township. Consideration, \$500. Deed dated July 31, 1916.

Eva Godwin, mortgagor, to J. Willie Moore, 128 acres in Aversboro township. Consideration, \$2,750. Deed dated April 16, 1916.

Jas. Keenan and wife to H. C. Campion, Lot No. 1 subdivision of lands of Eden Plant Fruit Company in Johnson township. Consideration, \$500. Deed dated April 15, 1916.

B. F. Stephens and wife to J. E. Caviness, 20 acres in L. R. township. Consideration, \$200. Deed dated November 15, 1916.

M. D. Tew and wife to Willie Pope, part of Lot No. 4, Block "AN" in town of Dunn. Consideration, \$1,000. Deed dated August 22, 1916.

B. E. Pope and wife to Louise E. Williams, one lot in town of Dunn. Consideration, \$550. Deed dated August 24, 1916.

K. A. Williams and wife to R. O. McLeod, 11 3-4 acres in Grove township. Consideration, \$1,200. Deed dated September 12, 1916.

Nancy G. Stephenson to D. S. Stephenson, one lot in town of Angier. Consideration, \$1,500. Deed dated September 28, 1916. Harvest Post 23.

Information has reached the Dispatch office that Mr. Claude E. Pope, formerly of Dunn, but now of Taylorville, Illinois, will be married to Miss Alta Lomb, of that city, October 31st, 1916. The wedding will be a quiet affair, only relatives and close friends of the contracting parties, will be present. The couple will spend their honeymoon in St. Louis, and other western cities, and will be at home at Taylorville, Illinois, after November 1st.

Mr. Pope is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pope, of Dunn, and spent the early part of his life here, where he has a number of close friends, beside numerous relatives. The bride-to-be is a native of Taylorville, an accomplished musician and cultured young lady.

W. C. T. U. PROGRAM

To Be Held at Baptist Church Wednesday, October 4th.

1. Song.
2. Scripture Reading and prayer.
3. Report of Secretary and Treasurer.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.
6. Reception of New Members.
7. A Quis on alcohol.
8. Leaflet—"How Can I Win New Members" by Mrs. J. E. Crockett.
9. Reading—"The Price of a Drink" by Reva Jernigan.
10. Solo—Miss Grace Holliday.
11. Parliamentary Quis.
12. Leaflet: The Tale of Two Papers by Mrs. Anna H. Young.
13. Solo—Miss Kathleen Jeffreys.
14. Reading—"Is The Young Man Safe" by Miss Mary McKay.
15. Leaflet—"Why I Never Tasted Liquor" by Mrs. J. W. Whitehead.
16. Duett—Mrs. Herbert McKay and Miss Jackson.
17. Hymn—Blest Be The Tie That Binds.
18. W. C. T. U. Benediction.

This meeting will be held at the Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon, October 4th, at 3:30 o'clock. This will be the first meeting since we disbanded for the summer months, and we hope to begin our meetings with renewed energy, and do work along lines, not previously attempted. We have at least 25 or 30 departments of work, and any we decide to take up, will be of great benefit to the entire town. This is a cause in which every mother or it seems should be especially interested, and we do earnestly hope all ladies, whether members or not will meet us. Please don't think if you come to the meeting you will be expected to join. Such is not the case. Of course we will be delighted to have your name for membership. This however, we will not urge but we do want you to come out and work with us.

Your presence will inspire, and make our little band, feel that you are interested, and that we have your co-operation in this great work. We have tried to arrange an interesting program, and we do not believe you will regret in your spirit with us.

MRS. ERNEST F. YOUNG, President.

UNCLE SAM PAYING \$5 FOR RECRUITS.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The first rewards of \$5.00 for regular army recruits secured by postmasters under the new national defense act, the War Department announced today, have been paid to Postmasters William J. O'Donley, of Ditch Okla., and Joseph M. Stiman, of Greenburg, La. War Department officials frankly describe the new recruit system as "the last gasp of volunteer enlistment." They point out that in giving a \$5.00 premium to postmasters for each recruit, the government has made a supreme effort to obtain its soldiers without drafts to a sufficient number of recruits to fill the enlarged regular army. If not to be obtained, it will become necessary to adopt universal training or some system of compulsory service.

MANY PERSONS ARE INJURED

Reports from Indiana Show That 140 Persons Lost Their Lives in Fires Last Year in That State.

In connection with the loss of life by fire in Indiana there is also given a record of injuries, showing that 140 persons were injured by fire in Indiana last year. Of these, 47 were due to gasoline explosions, 29 to kerosene explosions, 24 were injured while putting out fires, in 11 instances women's dresses came in contact with fire, six were due to fireworks, six children played with matches and four children played with fire and were injured, six were due to lodging and dwelling house fires, four to gas explosions, three to lightning, and one to a film explosion. With the possible exception of the three injured by lightning, all of these casualties were preventable.—Fire Protection.

GASOLINE

Underground storage of gasoline not only protects the barrels, but it is a measure of economy. The present high cost of gasoline is of vital interest to automobile owners; storage tanks placed underground not only safeguard the barrels, but prevent waste from evaporation. Gasoline should not be kept in the home in any receptacle except an approved safety can. From the careless use of gasoline in open cans, bottles, etc., there has resulted the death of fourteen adults and one child during the year. Kerosene stoves caused the death of eleven adults and six children. Approved safety cans in the home where the use of inflammable liquids is necessary, will eliminate the deplorable loss of life in this manner. One hundred and ninety-nine (199) orders requiring consumers to procure safety cans were issued.—Fire Marshal W. E. Langley.

SOME LESSONS IN FIRES

It is a Time That All Parties Should Become Terribly in Earnest in Fire Prevention.

It is time that all parties should become terribly in earnest in the matter of fire prevention. This applies with special force to city officials and business men. Three recent fires in the South have not only resulted in the loss of life and property, but have also resulted in the loss of many lives. We pride ourselves in this section that we are not in danger of the conflagration hazard, but it must be borne in mind that the conflagration hazard depends upon the proportion that the amount of loss in any one fire bears to the amount at risk. Judged by this, we can have a conflagration over a small city or town.

The fires referred to above were at Paris, Tex., Nashville, Tenn., and Augusta, Ga. All occurred within less than two days of each other. Thorough investigations show that the cause of these fires were poor and faulty construction, shingle roofs, open elevators and wooden stairs. Without the shingle roofs the fires would not have spread as they did. The results in these fires are startling. In Paris 264 acres were burned over, embracing 1,440 buildings with 1,651 combustible roofs. At Nashville six blocks were entirely consumed and part of twenty-seven blocks, the loss amounting to \$1,250,000, with insurance of \$854,525. At Augusta the loss was given at \$7,000,000, with insurance of about \$3,000,000. The fire swept over thirty-two blocks and 218 acres, destroying 151 business houses and 541 dwellings.

It is well for us here in North Carolina to sit up and take notice of and warning from these fires. It is possible, even probable, that such fires may strike us also.

LICENSING INSURANCE AGENTS.

It is well to understand the law governing the licensing of insurance agents and the duty imposed on the Insurance Commissioner under it: (Chapter 79, Laws 1914.) The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That before any license is issued to an insurance agent in this State, the agent applying for such license and the company for which he desires to act as agent, shall apply for such license on forms to be prescribed by the Insurance Commissioner, and before any license to such agent is issued the Insurance Commissioner shall satisfy himself that such person so applying for license as an agent is a person of good moral character, that he has not willfully violated any of the insurance laws of this State, and that he is a proper person for such position.

CHIMNEY AND FLUES.

The Census Statistics, page 54, shows that defective chimneys and flues are causing many fires, one thousand and six (1,006) in 1915 alone. Builders are showing increased interest with regard to the safe construction and installation of heating systems, chimneys and flues, as a safe arrangement in the beginning precludes all possibility of fire originating from these sources. Every property owner should arrange for a careful inspection of chimneys and flues each year and immediate correction of any defects found.—Fire Marshal W. E. Langley.

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HON. M. L. GODWIN SPEAKS ON ISSUES OF CAMPAIGN

Distinguished Speaker Addresses Meeting at Wrightsboro.

Hon. Hannibal L. Godwin, of Dunn, Democratic nominee for Congress from the Sixth district, delivered the main address at an ornate and well-attended mass meeting of voters at the Wrightsboro school house last night in which he presented the record of the Democrats in Congress in an able manner, and appealed to the voters of this county to put their stamp of approval on a party which had done so valiant service for the great mass of American citizenship.

Congressman Godwin received a welcome that was whole-hearted and sincere. Although there are less than 200 people here in the townships more than 150 people were in the audience, which entirely filled the building and included quite a sprinkling of people from Wilmington who made the trip out in automobiles. Both before and after the speaking, large numbers came forward to greet Mr. Godwin and shake hands with him a few minutes.

The meeting was called to order by C. C. Cashwell, Esq., secretary of the County Democratic Committee, following which Mr. Thomas E. Cooper, chairman of the county executive committee, introduced the speaker of the evening with a few appropriate remarks. Brief addresses were also made by L. Clifton Grant, Esq., Democratic nominee from New Hanover county to the State Legislature, and Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs for the Wilmington district.

Mr. Godwin discussed both National and State issues, and discussed them in a straightforward and lucid manner which carried conviction to the minds of his hearers as he explained the great constructive measures which have been enacted into law during the past three years by Congress during the administration of President Wilson.

Mr. Godwin's address, which reviewed the record of the Democratic party in detail, pointed out that while the Republican party had had every opportunity to serve the people, its leaders had become so strongly entrenched in power that they had become intoxicated with their power; that they disregarded the wishes of the people and legislated in the interest of the money kings.

He declared that the Democrats through passing an income tax had equalized the burdens of taxation by placing a just percentage on the property of the rich, thus lightening the burden borne by the farmer and man of moderate means. He declared that Hughes, as governor of New York, had admonished the legislature not to adopt this amendment to the constitution. He declared that although Hughes criticized the present administration, he had never yet said he would repeal, if elected, a single measure passed by the Democrats.—Tuesday's Wilmington Star.

PUBLIC SPEAKINGS IN HARNETT

County Chairman Ross announces the following speakers for Harnett county. The people in the various townships should turn out and hear these speakers and learn something of the issues that are being discussed in the campaign.

Hon. N. A. Sibelair at Duke Saturday night, Sept. 24th.

Democratic Rally and Picnic at Swann's Station on Friday night, 29th. Several good speakers to be present.

Democratic Rally and Barbecue at Angier Oct. 7th Hon. Victor S. Bryant, the speaker.

Democratic Rally and Barbecue at Coats Oct. 21st. Ex-Governor Kirch in the speaker.

Hon. A. L. Brooks at Lillington Oct. 2nd, at 11 o'clock.

Hon. A. L. Brooks at Dunn Oct. 2nd, 7:30 o'clock.

NEWSBOY ARRESTED.

Held Under Bond on Charge of Selling Papers With Whiskey "Ads." Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 13.—Matthew Mincy, a newsboy, was held under a \$500 bond here today charged with selling New York, Jacksonville and Cincinnati newspapers containing liquor advertisements. It is the first case of its kind to be brought here under Georgia's new prohibition law.

Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, will speak at the Metropolitan Opera House here Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. He is one of the State's leading orators and will make an interesting talk. Mr. Brooks will talk on politics and Democracy will be his theme. He is always at his best in this particular line and so many as possible should be present on this occasion. The ladies are cordially invited.