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WHITE WOMAN ATTACKED

MISS EMMA DIXON ASSAULTED BY NEGRO

Unknown Brute Attacks Maiden Lady in Secluded Spot and Chokes Her Into Insensibility—John Worthey Arrested on Suspicion But Woman Was Unable to Positively Identify Him and He Was Released from Custody—Local Police Work Diligently on Case.

In a secluded spot, half a mile or more from the public road, Saturday afternoon about 1 o'clock, Miss Emma Dixon, aged about 45 years, was attacked by an unknown negro man and brutally choked. She was left lying in an unconscious condition and when she came to herself her assailant had fled. Miss Dixon lives with her mother, who is about 80 years old. These two are the only occupants of the old Dixon home place and their nearest neighbor, a brother of Miss Dixon, Mr. Frank Dixon, lives about a quarter of a mile away.

There was no witness to the crime. According to Miss Dixon she had been to the spring, about 75 yards from the house, to get a bucket of water and was about half way back to the house when some one behind her spoke. She turned around to face a negro who asked her if she had any chickens to sell. To this she replied "No." The man sprang at her throat and began choking her. A desperate struggle ensued and she was soon choked into insensibility. The brute failed to accomplish his purpose, due perhaps to the fact that he became frightened and fled from the scene. An hour later when officers visited the spot there were abundant evidences of a hard struggle on the ground beside the pathway.

As soon as she regained consciousness Miss Dixon walked to the house and told her mother of the crime. As soon as she had rested sufficiently to regain her strength she walked to the home of her brother, Mr. Lane Dixon and told him of the occurrence. Mr. Dixon went immediately to the home of Constable Madison Kendrick, a mile away, notified him and phoned Chief of Police Wiley Carroll, Sheriff McLean being out of town.

Chief Carroll, Constable Kendrick, Policemen Hord, Craig and Lindsay and ex-Sheriff W. C. Abernethy took the city's bloodhounds and went immediately to the scene of the crime, arriving there about an hour after it had occurred. The dogs took the trail at once and headed straight for town. They followed a trail without interruption until they reached the corner of Columbia street and Third avenue, where they lost it. The search was kept up until late Saturday night and was resumed again Sunday morning.

About 11 o'clock Saturday night Chief Carroll arrested John Worthey, a negro tenant on the farm of Mr. Madison Kendrick. There was strong suspicion against him as he filled the description of the man as given by the woman and was known to have been in the neighborhood of the Dixon home cutting wood about noon Saturday. Sunday morning officers took Worthey to the Dixon home to ascertain if the injured woman could identify him. She said he looked very much like the man who assaulted her but she could not positively identify him. There was no further evidence against him and yesterday morning Solicitor Wilson ordered his release from custody. As described by Miss Dixon her assailant was a black negro with a mustache and wore blue overalls. The description fitted Worthey but his shoe did not fit the track found in the vicinity of the crime by the officers.

There was considerable feeling on account of the crime and, had Miss Dixon positively identified Worthey as her assailant, it is possible that trouble would have developed had he been placed in jail in Gastonia.

The last reports from the injured woman were to the effect that she had about recovered from the shock and was able to be up.

Suggestions.

Our Dumb Animals.

A kind word to the driver of the delivery wagon which calls at your house asking him if he is careful to blanket his horse, and if he doesn't find kindness better than the whip, or jerking at the reins, will help him to "Be Kind to Animals."

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TOM QUICKEL WINNER

BEATS 25 IN STORY-TELLING CONTEST

Son of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Quickel Gets Torrence-Morris Medal as Best Story-Teller in City Schools—Will be in Contest for Van Sleen County Medal—Important Information as to Other Contests.

(Written for The Gazette.)

Last Saturday the best oral story teller from each room of the city schools came to the Central building for a contest which was to choose the story teller to receive the gold medal offered by the Torrence-Morris Company. The result of Saturday's contest was the selection of Tom Quickel of the fourth grade, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Quickel. On Tuesday afternoon Tom is to compete with Miss Louisa Reid for the honor of representing our schools in the county commencement and for having the opportunity to try for the gold medal offered by H. M. Van Sleen for the best story teller in the county.

Several of our teachers who came from other schools say that this work of story telling is one of the most unique features of school work in their experience. The idea came to us about six years ago when the Torrence-Morris Company gave an added impetus to our work by offering the schools a number of prizes. The gold medal, Mr. Morris insisted, should be offered for something that would be open to every one. That it has fulfilled his mission is evident from the fact it has never been won by the same grade twice.

In the six years that this prize has been offered it has been won by the following pupils and grades: First year, Miss Louisa Reid, of the sixth; second year, Miss Louisa Reid, of the seventh grade; third year, Edgar McLean, of the tenth grade; fourth year, Little Virginia Huss, of the first grade; fifth year, Miss Aline Reid, of the ninth grade; this year, Tom Quickel, of the fourth grade.

Tom Quickel's victory is all the more honor to him for his having had some of the best story tellers of the schools against him and for having won over 25 others. Among those who should receive special mention in Saturday's contest are Dan McConnell, Kenneth Campbell, Leon Schneider, Lottie Warren, Mary Costner. Dan McConnell led all the primary department till Kenneth Campbell surpassed him. Leon Schneider of the intermediate department won over him. Lottie Warren of the primary department surpassed Leon and made him take second place in the intermediate department.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the auditorium our schools will select the speller to represent us in the old-time spelling match of the county to be held Thursday at the same hour. In the last contest the speller will be selected to represent Gastonia township in the county commencement.

The declamation contest to select our declaimer for the commencement contest will be held in the auditorium Wednesday evening at 8:30. The pastors are requested to move up or shorten the prayer-meetings somewhat to give time to meet on time.

The recitation contest for Gastonia township will be held in the auditorium Thursday evening at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these contests. Miss Louisa Reid won in both the essay and short story contest in Gastonia township. Her efforts are now in the hands of the judges of the county contests for these lines of work.

In the parade Saturday Gastonia city schools will be known by the emblems of white and green. We request that each patron of the schools urge the children to help us show the visitors what we have in the schools.

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TWO GO TO CHAPEL HILL

DALLAS AND BELMONT WIN DEBATES

Gastonia Team Won and Lost and is Debarred from Contest for Aycock Trophy—Dallas and Belmont High Schools Each Won in Both Debates and Will Contest for the Aycock Trophy at the University in April—Debates Held Over State Friday Night.

Gaston county will be represented this year by two debating teams in the preliminary debate at Chapel Hill April 3rd for the Aycock loving cup. These will be the teams from the Dallas high school and the Belmont high school, each having won on both sides in the preliminary triangular debates held last Friday night. To have one team in the contest is an honor for any county, to have two teams in the contest is a double honor. Gastonia failed to make good, though she won one side of the debate. Below are given the particulars with reference to the three triangular debates held in the county last Friday night.

More than 30,000 in the high school auditoriums over the State listened last Friday night to the discussion of the same question, namely: "Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina Should be so Amended as to Allow the Initiative and Referendum in Statewide Legislation." The debates were all held under the auspices of the High School Debating Union, fostered by the literary societies of the State University and under the management of Mr. E. Ralph Rankin, a Gastonia boy who is making a record for himself at Chapel Hill. The high schools of the State are arranged in triangles. The question for debate is uniform over the State and in order to go to Chapel Hill to contest for the Aycock loving cup, given by the literary societies of the University, a team must win both the affirmative and negative, each school putting out two teams.

GASTONIA'S TEAMS.

Gastonia and Shelby met here and at Shelby Friday night, the Gastonians having the affirmative side here and the negative at Shelby. At Shelby Mr. Ernest Warren and Miss Elva Gaston represented Gastonia and won. Shelby's debaters there were Messrs. Durham Moore and Wiseman Kendall. Gastonia was represented here by Mr. Judson Shannon and Miss Louisa Reid. They lost to Shelby. The judges at Shelby were Judge W. S. Hall, of Gaffney, S. C.; Mr. Yorke Coleman, of Rutherfordton, and Mr. Childs of Lincolnton. The judges here were Dr. J. Moore McConnell, of Davidson College; and Messrs. T. A. Adams and F. M. Redd, of Charlotte.

DALLAS WINS BOTH.

In the debating contests held Friday night the Dallas High School teams won both the affirmative and negative decisions, the affirmative team defeating Bessemer City High School at Dallas and the negative defeating Cherryville High School at Cherryville. This entitled the Dallas teams to enter the final contest to be held at Chapel Hill in April.

At Dallas the affirmative team, Miss Annie Newton and Lathan Friday, gained the decision over Messrs. Williams and Ormand, of Bessemer City High School, the judges being Messrs. A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia, A. L. Quickel and Kemp Nixon, of Lincolnton.

At Cherryville the negative team from Dallas, Ernest Lineberger and Purvey Summey, won over Cherryville, the judges being Messrs. C. A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, S. J. Durham, of Gastonia, and Ray Funderburk, of Mount Holly.

In the Dalas township preliminary contest held at Dallas yesterday the winners were as follows: Earl Ramsey, of High Shoals, in declamation; Eury Queen, of Alexis, in spelling; Sam McAllister, of Dallas pole vault; Clarence Hovis, of Dallas, standing broad jump; Brady Stroup, of Alexis, running broad jump.

BELMONT WINS BOTH.

Affirmative Team Defeated Gastonia and Negative Won at Huntersville—Township Preliminary Contests Held Monday.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, March 23.—The local high school debaters of the negative team who debated against Huntersville Friday night in the high school debating union won the decision of the judges there. The local debaters on the affirmative side won at home the same night. By thus winning both these debates, the local teams are eligible to go to Chapel Hill to compete in the final debate. The affirmative debaters at home were Frank Hall and Ray Armstrong. The negative was composed of Miss Lillian Lewis and Davidson Hall. The judges here were Messrs. C. W. Tillett, Jr., and E. W. Pharr, of Charlotte, and A. C. Jones, of Gastonia. At Huntersville the judges were Rev. C. M. Pickens, Rev. J. E. Wool and S. H. Lassiter, of Cornelius.

In the preliminary contests for South Point township held here today Paul Trawick, of Belmont, won in spelling, Miss Irma Reid, of Lowell, in recitation, and Ray Armstrong of Belmont, in declamation. The athletic events were postponed to Wednesday.

The girls' basket ball team of the local high school defeated the Charlotte High School team at Charlotte last Wednesday by a score of 32 to 21.

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS

GASTONIA WOMEN HEAR MISS JAMISON

Instructor from State Normal Delivers Interesting Lecture Under Auspices of Woman's Betterment Association — Other Lectures to Follow in the Spring — Tells Women How to Combat the High Cost of Living.

Under the auspices of the home economics committee of the Woman's Betterment Association Miss Minnie L. Jamison, instructor in household economics at the State Normal College, Greensboro, lectured to the women of Gastonia at the Central school auditorium Friday afternoon. A goodly number of ladies were present and were not only delighted but greatly benefitted by the lecture.

Friday's was the first of a series of lectures which the committee hopes to have for the women of the town during the spring months, the ultimate end being the employment of a teacher of household economics for the city schools. At a luncheon given by Mrs. D. A. Garrison Friday prior to the lecture the members of the committee, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. D. E. McConnell and Mrs. J. F. Thomson discussed with Miss Jamison ways and means of attaining that end. The possibility of also securing two instructors, one for East Gastonia and one for West Gastonia, to go among the people and instruct them in household economics and in means and methods of keeping the homes healthful and sanitary, was also discussed. That out of these discussions and plans will eventually come something tangible seems altogether probable.

In her lecture Friday Miss Jamison used the blackboard to great advantage. For instance she drew a diagram of a cow, showing where the several cuts of meat are obtained; also a diagram of a cut of meat as it appeared enlarged under the microscope. She also placed on the blackboard a table showing the relative proportion of the several ingredients of various kinds of meat. This part of her lecture was intended to show the women how they could make the cheaper cuts of meat as palatable as the higher priced cuts. She also gave numerous other recipes for lessening the housekeepers work. Many valuable suggestions were made by the speaker which will no doubt be of great benefit to the ladies who heard her in the future conduct of their home work.

It is probable that the committee will secure Miss Jamison for another lecture on "Food Values" some time during the spring.

At the Ideal Theater today the program includes "Devil Fox of the North," a melodramatic feature in two parts, and "Slim Becomes a Cook," a Slim comedy.

The Tropical Amusement Company, which showed all last week in Kings Mountain, is giving a week's exhibition in Gastonia on the Davis lots on East Main avenue. Large crowds attended the first performances last night. The company has an excellent band, which is to take part in the street parade on County Commencement Day.

A BIG DAY SATURDAY

FIRST COUNTY COMMENCEMENT DAY

Thousands of School Children From All Over Gaston Will Gather Here for First County Commencement Saturday—Big Parade in the Morning—Where the Various Exercises Will Be Held—Number of Handsome Medals to Be Awarded.

Saturday will be gala day in Gastonia. The occasion will be the first county commencement of the public schools and it is expected that 5,000 or more of the 9,000 school children in the county will be present together with their parents and friends. Should the weather be propitious it is altogether probable that 10,000 visitors will be in Gastonia for the occasion. County Superintendent of Education F. P. Hall, the principals of the several high schools and the 200 public school teachers have been working diligently for many weeks past to perfect all arrangements for this day. Everything is about in readiness and all who come are insured a good time.

THE PARADE.

An immense parade of school children will be one of the features of the comencement. It will be the first of a series of events and will start from the grounds of the Central school on South Oakland street at 10 o'clock. It will be lead by the Royal Italian Band furnished free of charge by the Tropical Amusement Company, now playing Gastonia, through the Chamber of Commerce. Next will come members of the Junior Order, about 500 in number. Following will be the schools of the county in alphabetical order. The line of march wil be as follows: From Central school up Oakland street to Main avenue, down the south side of Main to York street, back Main avenue to Oakland street on the north side of Main, breaking ranks at the intersection of Main avenue and Oakland street.

WHERE EXERCISES WILL BE HELD

Immediately following the parade the several contests will be held as follows:

Debater's Contest at court house with Prof. Joe Nixon, of Cherryville, in charge. Medal, given by Torrence-Morris Co., to be presented by Rev. W. E. Abernethy, of Shelby.

Reciter's Contest at First Presbyterian church in charge of Prof. Ray Funderburk. Medal, given by Mr. D. P. Dellinger, to be presented by Rev. J. H. Henderlite.

Essay, Short-Story and Spelling Contests at Main Street Methodist church, Prof. H. A. Query in charge. Medals to be presented by Rev. J. Abernethy. Essay medal is given by The Progress, the short-story medal by The Gazette and the spelling medal by Prof. F. P. Hall.

Declaimers Contest in the opera house in charge of Prof. J. B. Henson. Medal, given by Mr. S. N. Boyce, to be presented by Mr. S. J. Durham.

Oral Reproduction of Stories Contest in auditorium of Central school, in charge of Prof. J. S. Wray. Medal, given by H. M. Van Sleen, to be presented by Mr. A. E. Woltz.

The medals for debate, recitation, essay, short story, declamations and spelling are on exhibition at Torrence-Morris Company's.

The medal for best oral reproduction of stories is on exhibition at H. M. Van Sleen's.

SPECIAL RATES ON P. & N.

On the regular interurban cars leaving Charlotte at 8:15 and 9:15 the P. & N. will give special round trip rates Saturday as follows: Mt. Holly, adults 45 cents, children 25 cents; Hutchison, adults 45 cents, children 25 cents; Belmont Junction, adults 40 cents, children 25 cents; Goshen Grove, adults 40 cents, children 25 cents; Ray, adults 30 cents, children 15 cents; McAdenville, adults 30 cents, children 15 cents; Lowell, adults 25 cents, children 15 cents.

PRIZES FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Following are the prizes for the athletic events, which will constitute one of the features of county commencement day, Saturday of this week:

100-yard dash, half dozen half-hose, given by Swan-Slater Co.

220-yard run, pair of athletic shoes, given by Robinson Shoe Co.

440-yard run, pair of oxfords, given by Stowe Clothing & Shoe Co.

First relay race, cash given by Harry-Baber Co.

Second relay race, cash, given by Ideal Grocery Co.

Third relay race, umbrella, given by Gastonia Clothing Co.

Fourth relay race, leather purse, given by Adams Drug Co.

Running broad jump, pocket knife, given by Gastonia Hardware Co.

Standing broad jump, pair scout shoes, given by J. M. Belk Co.

Running high jump, two boxes stationery, given by Kennedy's Drug Store.

Pole vault, book, given by O'Neils.

Throwing baseball, baseball, given by Torrence Drug Co.

The greatest number of single events, glove or bat, given by Standard Hardware Co.

These events will take place on South York street between Third avenue and the pines at T. C. Smith's residence. They will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

MASS MEETING

OF

Gaston County Farmers

City Hall, Gastonia

SATURDAY MORNING

MARCH 28, AT 9 O'CLOCK

Hear Mr. E. S. Millsaps

Of Statesville, N. C. who is in charge of farm demonstration work in forty-two counties in this state, under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture. Other speakers will have interesting talks on

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Gastonia Chamber of Commerce

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WEST GASTONIA, Mar. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Counts went to Charlotte, Tuesday to purchase the spring goods for H. W. Counts.

Mrs. C. A. Hendricks, left Thursday for Spencer for a week or 10 days visit to relatives.

Mr. Ernest Hull, of Charlotte, visited friends at the Loray this week.

Miss Mattie Magness, of Latimore, arrived Saturday to take charge of the millinery department for H. W. Counts.

Mr. Carr Dalton left Thursday for Spencer, where he will spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Ethel Nesbitt is indisposed at her home on West Main avenue.

Azzleen Davis, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis, has been sick but is improving.

Mr. J. H. Burgin, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is now able to be up again.

Mr. Boyt Jenkins, of McAdenville, spent a few days this week with his brother, Mr. A. J. Jenkins.

Mr. Augustus Corn, of Glendale, S. C., has accepted a position at the Loray.

Mr. Grady Settlemyer, of Clifton, S. C., visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Settlemyer this week.

Mr. Jule Jenkins, of Columbia, S. C., visited his brother this week, Mr. A. J. Jenkins.

Miss Jennie Hamleton spent a few days this week with relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. Maggie Harrell left Monday for a few days visit to relatives in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham, of Gaffney, S. C., have accepted a position in Loray.

Mr. Roe Davis and family have moved to Charlotte.

Misses Nonnia Petitt and Agnes Bates, of Spartanburg, S. C., are visiting thier aunt, Mrs. S. Settlemyer, this week.

Miss May Ross, of Bessemer City, spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. D. S. Kendrick.

Lila, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sahms, is quite sick with measles.

Junior Order in Parade.

Members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, from 300 to 500 strong, will head the procession in the big parade of school children of Gaston county Saturday. This parade is to be one of the features of county commencement day. Members of Gastonia Council No. 68 are requested to meet in the council's hall at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning in order to get together and march in a body. An invitation has been extended to the councils at Charlotte, Clover, McAdenville and a number of other towns in this section to join the Gastonia Juniors in this march. The Junior Order is one of the most diligent organizations in the country in the promotion of education and patriotism.

Mr. William King, of Chester, S. C., spent Sunday here with Mrs. King, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean.

Mrs. J. C. Galloway, who has been quite ill since last Friday, when she suffered an attack of acute appendicitis, is reported as being somewhat better today.