

THE REIDSVILLE REVIEW

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ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

SPRAY MAN IS SHOT TO DEATH NEAR THE CITY

Tom Robertson Killed in Battle With Officers at Nance's Spring He is Believed to Be the One Who Shot and Killed Policeman McCuiston in Greensboro.—Three in Murder Car Pursued by Officers Only One Gets Away—Three Cases of Liquor Found in Dodge Car—Sain Man Was Out on Bail on Charge of Shooting Officer Henry Dallas, of Leaksville, a Few Months Ago.

Responding to a call from Greensboro that W. Thomas McCuiston, a Greensboro policeman had been shot and killed, and that a Dodge car containing the murderer, was headed this way, Chief C. W. Jackson on Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock dispatched a couple of cars with posess on roads to Greensboro and Summerfield. Deputy Sheriff T. G. Dallas, Policeman Rascoe and Jim Mobley took the direct road to Greensboro, while Chief Jackson and Policeman E. H. Carroll went out on the Summerfield road. When the two last named were near Nance's spring, three miles south of Reidsville, they heard shooting and proceeding about one hundred yards came upon the men who had engaged in the battle. It is believed that Robertson, who was being pursued by Greensboro officers, heard the Reidsville car approaching waterpump on the driver of the Dodge car cut suddenly into a yard of a country house and was backing. Apparently his plan was to throw his car into the road at a narrow place, just in front of the approaching cars and cause a collision, but to escape before the impact. But the pursuers were too close. It is claimed that Robertson offered resistance and reached his hand to a rear pocket. The officers then opened fire. One bullet entered Robertson's right side ranging through his right breast, while another, the one that doubtless caused instant death, entered his neck and punctured the jugular vein. The pursuing officers might have captured Robertson alive but they were under the impressions that two companions were in the Dodge with Robertson and they were taking no chances.

Robertson's body was brought to a Reidsville undertaking establishment. Some one identified him as a man by another name but later a Spray citizen correctly identified him. About 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Dave Robertson, parents of the deceased, viewed the dead body and claimed him as their son. The body will be sent to Spray Saturday.

Robertson is a dark complexioned youth about 21 years of age, and is the son of Dave Robertson, of Spray. In the dead man's car the officers found about eight gallons of liquor in three cases of fruit jars. Robertson at the time of his death was out on bond on a charge of shooting Officer Henry Dallas near Leaksville several months ago.

Robertson was being chased with thrills and excitement by officers who were after him for shooting and killing, as they thought, Policeman McCuiston in Greensboro Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock just as he attempted to seize an automobile loaded with whiskey and occupied by three men, Lewis Edwards, son of W. S. Edwards, a policeman of the Danville force, was captured near the Battleground, after a spectacular round-up, while the third man, Eddie Paxton, of Houston, Va., is probably surrounded by posess in the woodland West of the Battleground.

The tragic chapter started when the Greensboro police department was informed that there was a gang of blockaders in that city and attempting to deliver a load of liquor. Officer McCuiston finally found the car and when he called to the men in the car to stop one of the three men pressed a pistol into the officer's breast and fired, the ball entering near the heart, and death was almost instantaneous.

Officers jumped into a big Studebaker and from then until the driver of the murder car was quitted in death, the momentous chase continued—a chase of over 40 miles, lasting near to two hours.

Edwards, when captured told the officers that his name was Dave Jones and that the man in the woods was Frank Jones, his cousin, and that they lived in Norfolk, having come to North Carolina about a week

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY ADOPTED

Formed By Representatives Who Make Plans For Organizing the County and Townships Into Working Units of the Community Life Association of Rockingham County

In a committee meeting of representatives of the various townships of Rockingham county plans for organizing the county and townships into working units of the Community Life Association of Rockingham County were read and adopted. The meeting that adopted these plans was held in the county court house at Wentworth Saturday.

Officers for the county organization were elected as follows: President—Supt. L. N. Hickerson; Vice-President—Fred S. Walker; Secretary—Miss Ethel Wells; Treasurer—M. T. Smith.

Some of the townships had already met and organized the local units of the Community Life Association and have started to work on Township Community Fairs. Other townships are expecting to organize at an early date.

Half an hour was given on the main program of the County Commencement exercises for the presentation of the plans of the Community Life Association to the large crowd of people present. Miss Ethel Wells, home demonstration agent, introduced A. D. Ivie, of Leaksville, who spoke of the wonderful opportunities of development along community lines of the lives of all the resources of the county, by such an organization. It is the purpose of the organization to have in each local unit committees studying and working on these and other kindred subjects—Education, Social Life and Recreation, Roads and Streets, Hygiene and Health, Community Fairs, etc.

The definite piece of work of the association means to do this year is to put over in a splendid way the Township Community Fairs.

This organization grew out of a county-wide meeting held in Reidsville on March 12 at which time the advantages and great usefulness of such an organization were presented and discussed.

ago. He said that the driver of the car was a negro, who they hired on Tuesday to drive their car, having brought the car from Norfolk with them. He stated that the negro driver fired the shot that killed McCuiston. He denied having any whiskey in the car. Edwards, being informed that Robertson had been killed, said that his name was Lewis Edwards, and that Paxton is the name of the man who escaped. His tale about the negro driver is not believed by Greensboro officers.

Policeman McCuiston was about 50 years of age and had served through today would have completed 14 years of service on the Greensboro police force.

Dr. J. T. Taylor, of Madison, the county coroner, empaneled the following jury to hold an inquest on Thursday morning: Scott Fillman, D. R. Pritchett, Jonah Delancy, C. H. Saunders, W. H. Bolyn and Felix Miles. They viewed the body and Coroner Taylor instructed Undertaker Blalock to hold the body until it is viewed by Edwards, who was arrested in Greensboro. Edwards is expected here this afternoon after which the body will be turned over the relatives at Spray. The jury will hold an inquest Friday night at 8 o'clock at the town hall.

TROXLER-HOPKINS.

A wedding culminating a romance begun in childhood occurred at the Fair Grove M. P. church Sunday, when Miss Jennie Troxler became the bride of Clarence Hopkins. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Mr. Edwards, pastor.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sallie Troxler, of Brown Summit. She is beautiful and accomplished and possessed of lovable traits. She is the church organist and a teacher in the Sunday School.

The groom is a son of James Hopkins, popular and prominent. The marriage came as a surprise to friends of the couple. Following the ceremony they left for Greensboro, from which place they went to Richmond, and other points to pass their honeymoon.

Secretary Hughes has notified Panama that unless she voluntarily acts within a "reasonable time," the United States will take steps to compel her to release the disputed Coto territory to Costa Rica.

Register By the 14th of This Month For the School Bond Election May 24th. Schools Face Dire Necessity

"A town is known by the school it keeps." The greatest asset of any town is a first-class educational system. The greatest liability of any town is a poorly organized, miserably equipped, and half starved educational system. The most desirable citizens for any community are home-builders—fathers and mothers with their children. They identify themselves with the community and stimulate its business life. But the day is past when such a class of citizenship can be attracted to a town with sorry public schools. Any town that desires to keep abreast of the times must deal generously with its school system.

Some years ago a large manufacturer desired to come to North Carolina and establish a branch factory in some city in the State. The then largest city in the State was very anxious to secure this enterprise, for it meant something in the way of prestige and outside advertising. The company sent a representative down to this city to investigate conditions and make a report. He was told to get special information on two things—HEALTH CONDITIONS and the PUBLIC SCHOOLS. He reported that health conditions were ideal, but that the schools were not up to the standard desired. Of course the factory was located elsewhere, and the chamber of commerce of the above mentioned city never had the nerve to tell the reason why.

The Reidsville public schools are face to face with dire necessity. For years the members of the school board, which has been composed of progressive men and women, have helped to carry the financial burdens of the schools by means of their own personal notes. And some citizens seem to have the idea that such a condition can go on forever. But the burden has grown too great. The end has come. It will be impossible for

the school board to continue to maintain the credit of the schools by borrowing from year to year to make up the deficit.

IT IS THE DUTY OF THE TAXPAYERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE SCHOOLS. And their greatest need today is for more housing space. Without additional buildings it will be impossible to continue the present program of public education in the city of Reidsville, to say nothing of future growth. Another twelve months under present conditions would render it impossible to accommodate any except the minimum required by law; that is there between the ages of eight and fourteen. That would mean the elimination of all first and second grades and of two years in the High School. Do not imagine that this statement is overdrawn. All one has to do to secure proof of it is to get the facts and figures from the office of the superintendent.

Now the membership of the school board do not believe that the citizens of this community desire any such condition of affairs to come about. But they also realize that IT TAKES MONEY to build and equip schools in accordance with the laws laid down by the State. Hence they are giving the people of the community an opportunity to vote an appropriation for our schools sufficient to provide for their growth over a period of years. On May 24 REIDSVILLE WILL BE PUT TO THE TEST. In the last five years not a city in North Carolina has voted down a bond issue for schools. REIDSVILLE WILL NOT DISGRACE THIS FINE RECORD.

Remember that a vote against the bonds is a vote against the children, and a vote for the bonds is a vote for the children and progress. AND IN ORDER TO VOTE YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY THE 14TH OF MAY.

REIDSVILLE'S ELECTION WAS A TAME AFFAIR

Out of Registration of Nearly One Thousand Less Than Two Hundred Votes Were Cast—Only Twenty Votes Were Cast Against the Managerial Form.

For the second time since the "memory of man runneth not to the contrary notwithstanding" there was no contest in the city election here Tuesday and it may properly be termed the tamest affair ever pulled off here. In the first place only about half of the citizens availed themselves of the opportunity to register and of those who did register only about one-fifth took the trouble to cast their ballots.

Very little opposition developed to the managerial form of government—only 20 votes being cast against the proposition.

Following is the vote:
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Managerial Form, for166
Against20
Total registration893

In some of the other towns of the State the battle waged with fury.

Jim Hanes defeated Rev. Mr. Jimison for mayor of Winston-Salem by over 1,000 majority.

T. B. Eldrige, formerly of Reidsville, was elected mayor of Raleigh by a small majority.

John W. Hedrick, Republican, defeated Fred N. Tate, Democrat, for mayor of High Point by a majority of 375.

James O. Walker was elected mayor of Charlotte by nearly four to one over his opponent. Three women were elected on the school board.

Frank A. Brooks, Claude Kiser, George A. Grimsley, David Walte, E. J. Mendenhall, R. G. Hiatt and Julian Price received the highest vote in the municipal election in Greensboro and will serve that city as councilmen under the managerial form of government which becomes effective there May 10.

EVERYTHING READY FOR THE LEAGUE OPENING

King Baseball is Guest of Honor in Reidsville and Other Towns Comprising the Bi-State League Friday.—Fans Anxiously Waiting for the Big Opening.

King Baseball is scheduled to hold sway in Reidsville Friday and thousands are waiting with open arms to give the locals the warmest, most enthusiastic, most whole-hearted reception they ever received. Merchants, lawyers, bankers and all other red blooded humans are going to declare a two-hour holiday and join the crowd at Red J park at 4 o'clock to witness the terrific clash between Reidsville and Schoolfield. From all indications it is going to be the biggest crowd that ever attended a baseball game in Reidsville, and if the weather man is kind the park will be filled to capacity. Friday marks the formal opening of the new Bi-State League.

People are going to the ball game that have never before attended a game. "I have lived for more than forty years without seeing a league game, but I am going out to see our boys lick those Schoolfield folks, dog gone their hides." Such was the remark of a Reidsville man today and there are hundreds of others just like him that are going. When a few of the progressive citizens met and decided that Reidsville was "big enough" to put out a league team they opened people's eyes. Then to make the "fever" rise still higher, the stockholders selected Dr. Wells and a board of directors that had the nerve not only to "jump in" but the brass to organize the league and selected Bill Nichols and Hunter Mobley to take the helm and guide the Reidsville club through the rough and stormy sea of a league schedule. That was the match that lighted the tinder—that was the flame that spread throughout the community like wildfire. The Bi-State League is a reality and Reidsville is in with both feet.

The game Friday afternoon will be in the nature of a "house-warming" party, and everybody is invited, and most everybody is going. Some are going because they are personal friends of the players; others are going because they have heard so much talk about baseball this spring that they can't stay away, but the big majority are going because of their love of the National pastime, and because it will do their hearts good to have the assurance of seeing Reidsville have a cracking team to pit against the famed Schoolfield aggregation, and the hope that the locals will get a fast and dashing victory.

The opening game promises to be especially exciting. Both teams will fight like fury to gain the lead over their opponents, and there's going to be lots of fun for the fans.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PASSING THROGS

Miss Beas Boyd, of Washington, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Harris Nelson is spending a few days in Portsmouth.

Mrs. J. N. Hester is visiting Mrs. Oscar Moffitt in High Point.

B. F. Sprinkle has returned from a business trip to Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Sheep, of Elizabeth City, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Glidwell.

Jno. C. Hutchinson, of Winston Salem, was mingling with relatives and friends here Wednesday.

Engene Baisley, of Asheville, is spending the week in Reidsville. He is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. P. G. Sacrinty and little son, of Greensboro, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Eliza Dalicy, and other relatives on Lindsey street.

Farmers Adopt Resolutions.

The following resolution was adopted by the Rockingham County Farmers' Union in regular session at Wentworth on April 30, 1921:

"Resolved, by the Rockingham County Farmers Union in session this the 30th day of April, 1921, that we ask all business men to co-operate with us to have the 1921 crop of tobacco reduced. And we would suggest that all of us refuse to lend money to or furnish any one to make a crop unless they will agree to reduce their tobacco crop this year. "Resolved, that we ask The Reidsville Review to publish these resolutions."

A free ride to the baseball park at every game. Catch the big truck. —Tampa Times.

NEWS IN BRIEF FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

The German cabinet has resigned. North Carolina Red Men are in session at Goldsboro.

The hearing on Senator Johnson's charges against David H. Blair is scheduled for Saturday.

Indictments charging John S. Williams and his three sons with peonage have been returned by a Federal grand jury at Macon, Ga.

An extremely acute situation is reported in Upper Silesia, where Polish insurgents are said to have seized the entire industrial regions.

E. F. McCullough, appointed by Governor Morrison a few weeks ago as superintendent of the State prison, dropped dead in his office at Raleigh Tuesday.

The U. S. Supreme Court has set aside the conviction of Senator Newberry and 16 others for violation of the corrupt practices act, holding the act unconstitutional.

The North Carolina Supreme court Wednesday handed down a batch of 11 decisions on appeal cases, in which the lower courts were reversed in a majority of instances.

President Harding on Tuesday warned executive departments that they must put an end to the habit of living beyond their allowances and calling upon Congress to make up the deficit.

The Senate naval committee, at President Harding's request, has refused to incorporate in the naval bill Senator Borah's proposal to have the President invite Britain and Japan to a disarmament conference.

The supreme council has decided to invite the United States to send a representative to participate as a member of the council. Complete agreement was reached on the ultimatum to be sent Germany.

As a result of opposition led by Hiram Johnson, the Senate on Tuesday voted to recommit the nomination of David H. Blair to the finance committee with instructions to investigate the Winston-Salem man's qualifications.

The long awaited photogramatic production of the amazing and sensational stage play, "The Riddle: Woman," with Geraldine Farrar interpreting the role created by Bertha Kalch, at the Colonial today. This picture created a furor on the stage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN RELIGIOUS CIRCLES

There will be preaching in the Methodist church at Wentworth Sunday at 11 a. m.

Rev. A. W. Plyler, presiding elder of the Greensboro district, will preach at Bethlehem Sunday 3 p. m. St. Thomas Church: First Sunday after Ascension—7:30 a. m., Holy Communion. Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Rev. E. N. Johnson is assisting Pastor D. W. Overby in conducting a very successful revival at Taopsonville Baptist church.

Rev. C. F. Sherrill is preparing for another great rally at Salem the third Sunday at 3 p. m. Prof. R. L. Flowers, of Trinity College, will deliver the address. The rally is for the whole circuit.

Members of Carolina Council No. 9, Jr. O. U. A. M., will meet in their hall next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and go in a body to the Montgomery Street Christian church to hear the evangelist conducting services there.

Ruffin Charge, Rev. H. F. Starr, Pastor: Sunday, May 8—Preaching at Ruffin at 11 a. m., and Sadler at 3:30 p. m.; Ruffin 7:40 p. m. by Rev. A. W. Plyler, presiding elder. Sunday School at Ruffin at 10 a. m. and at Sadler at 2 p. m. Come to these services.

THIS MAN TEACHES TWO WILD GEESSE TO DO HIS FISHING

A special from Natchez Miss., says: J. T. Kerr, a planter of Concordia Parish, La., and member of the Fifth District Live Board, has a pair of trained wild geese fully equal in intelligence to the famous hunting hog of Col. Tucke Gibson, the noted big-game hunter of Natchez. Mr. Kerr has just finished teaching the geese to fish and declares that, as they already know how to swim and dive, it was only necessary to impress on them to catch the fish and bring them to the boat, which he rows alongside.

His greatest trouble, Mr. Kerr said, was teaching the geese to discriminate the kind of fish, as he wanted only perch, bass or trout. He declares that this difficulty has been overcome and that he is prepared to give demonstration at Luke St. John, in Concordia Parish, at any time.