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VIOLENT DEATHS IN STATE CLAIM 108

Death Figures in Carolina Move Upward During February. Statistics Reveal.

Violent deaths throughout the state of North Carolina during the month of February totaled 108, a decrease of three over the preceding month, according to the monthly report of Dr. F. M. Register, director of the bureau of vital statistics, of the state board of health, says the News and Observer. Deaths from accidental burns replaced automobile accidents as the leading cause for violent deaths. Incidentally, this marked the first time in several months that automobiles have given way to other causes in snuffing out the lives of North Carolinians.

Burns caused the deaths of 28 persons during the past month as compared to 23 persons who died of burns during the preceding month. In the main, this is accounted for by reason of the fact that February was a very rough month.

Speeding automobiles suffered a slump in their mortality rate during February when only 21 persons lost their lives as the result of taking chances with the speed wagons. Thirty persons died during January and 35 during December. The automobiles have been averaging a life a day for the past three months in this state until the past month.

Fifteen lives were lost as a result of mad racing to beat trains to the railroad crossings. Two lives were snuffed out in collisions between automobiles and locomotives. Only seven lives were lost during January at railroad crossings.

Homicides in the state slumped from 16 to 14 during the past month. Two of these 14 homicides came as the result of the Leesville tragedy in which W. G. Jackson, aged Wake farmer, killed his wife and daughter. Suicides took a toll of 14 lives during the month as against 12 in January.

Five persons died as the result of accidental gunshot wounds, while seven died of gunshot wounds of a doubtful nature.

Kings Mountain Woman Is Shot By Her Husband

Charlie Bumgardner, Mill Employee, Accidentally Shoots Wife While She is Preparing a Meal.

Mrs. Gertrude Bumgardner, 17-year old wife of Charlie Bumgardner, 21, Kings Mountain mill employe, is in a Gastonia hospital with a serious bullet wound in her breast as the result of being accidentally shot by her husband.

Mrs. Bumgardner made a death-bed statement to Squire E. Lee Wilson and Attorney W. H. Sanders in which she declared the shooting was accidental and not intentional on the part of her husband.

Mrs. Bumgardner was preparing breakfast when her husband came in from work Saturday morning. She noticed he was playing with a pistol which a neighbor had borrowed and returned. He pointed it at his own head, snapped the trigger several times, she stated, and then pointed it at her. Another "pulling" of the trigger and the gun fired, wounding Mrs. Bumgardner.

Carl Webb Sets Up Another Record

According to an announcement sent out by the Pilot Life Insurance Company of their 3,000 agents in the past year Carl R. Webb ranked second. This is an unusual honor coming to Mr. Webb and one speaking well for the town.

What makes the record of greater importance is that Mr. Webb ranked second through only six months connection with the company while other agents had 10 months work in. Mr. Webb's record sales, sold by him personally and not his agency, totaled \$448,000 during the six months.

Burrus Throws Hat in For Solicitor

County Solicitor Charles A. Burrus announces in this issue that he is a candidate to succeed himself as county solicitor. He is opposed by Attorney P. Cleveland Gardner, whose announcement appeared last week. Mr. Burrus has filled this position for a term or two and is a young man of splendid qualifications. He is the son of Rev. Andrew Jackson Burrus, one of the most saintly ministers in the Western North Carolina conference and the popular secretary of the Shelby Kiwanis club to which he has given his time and talents since the organization of the club.

Father Of 18 Children Gets Term In Jail At Court Here

The most unique feature of the term of Federal court here this week was the sentence of Chancey Brooks, colored preacher and teacher, and father of 18 children, to 30 days in jail and a fine of \$400.

Brooks with one of his 18 children was up on a liquor count, possessing and transporting. Judgment was suspended in the case of the colored boy as it was considered that he was under the influence of his father. When it came time to sentence the elder Brooks Judge B. T. Falls, his counsel, in a short appeal to Judge Yates Webb casually mentioned the fact that the negro, just a little beyond middle age, was the father of 18 children. Up to that period the case had attracted but little interest. Thereafter it held the court room enthralled. The original sentence of the court was that Brooks, who lives near Brook's Chapel in upper Cleveland, serve five months. Later it was changed to one month

and a \$400 fine.

Court Ends

Court machinery was speeded up Monday and Tuesday and by Tuesday noon the docket for this term had been completed, coming earlier than was anticipated. 66 cases, it is understood were disposed of.

Of those convicted three will go to the Federal prison at Atlanta, nine will serve jail sentences and five are in custody of the marshal until their fines are paid. In addition to these there are quite a number who paid heavy fines for liquor violations.

Those going to Atlanta are N. W. Hovle for a year and a day, and R. C. Davis and F. F. Turner. The latter two being convicted of the larceny of a car in Florida and bringing it to this state. Those receiving jail sentences, ranging from three to six months were: Clarence and Arthur Paysour, Josh Mull, Charlie Lail, Chas. Benfield, Schooler Settlemyre, Chancey Brooks and Oliver Huffman.

TO PLAN ATHLETIC ELIMINATION HERE

J. C. Newton, county superintendent of schools, is calling a meeting of the County High School Athletic association to be held in his office Saturday afternoon of this week at 2:30 o'clock to make plans for the county athletic elimination contests.

These county elimination contests prepare the way for the elimination contests in the broader field of the state. In other words, the baseball team that comes out on top of the year in the county elimination series, automatically becomes the Cleveland county representative in the state elimination lists.

Mr. Newton said that owing to the advance of the season, and the fact that some of the county schools will close at no distant date, it is his idea that the series should begin at once, not later than next week.

RECENT GROVER NEWS OF LATE INTEREST

Mrs. and Mrs. J. G. White spent last Tuesday in Charlotte. We are glad to welcome into our midst Mr. and Mrs. Walter Turner, who moved into their nice little home last Saturday.

The Earl school gave a play at Grover High school last Friday evening, which was very much enjoyed by all of those present. Very delightful music was furnished by the orchestra of the Shelby school.

We are glad to know that Mr. John Herndon is gradually improving. We heard that he walked down to the stores one day last week.

Misses Lucile Malone, Thelma Rollins, Mabel Fortune, Ruby Ellis, and Ruth Yelvington; Mr. P. E. Head, and B. F. Bird attended the teachers meeting at Shelby Saturday.

The stockholders of Grover potato house will hold a meeting next Friday night.

The honor roll of Grover school is as follows:

First grade: Jemette Harry, Sidney Roark and Mary Sue Beam.

Second grade: Donald Harry, Marjorie Bird, Gertrude Beam, Sarah Hambricht, Hubert Roark, Alton Humphries, Thelma Horton and Horace Westmoreland.

Third grade: Roscell Moss, Lucy Crisp, Sara Fay Moss, Ethel Elliott, and W. Y. Elliott.

Fourth grade: Elizabeth Randall, Nancy Jay Dillingham, Howard Beam, Pinckney Cook, Myers Hambricht, Zelma Dixon, Osroe Moore, E. B. Herndon, Gazzie Norman and Nelson Beheler.

Fifth grade: Mary Ana Beheler, Lena Welch, Buren Randall, Clyde Wallace and Delmar Moss.

Sixth grade: Ruth Hambricht, Felicia Bell and Annie Randall.

Seventh grade: Elena Randall, Marie Herndon, Mary Hambricht, A. G. Dillingham, Wayne Roark, Alvin Mullinax, and Alvah Bridges.

Eighth grade: Marjorie Crisp and Tyree Keeter.

Sixth grade: Leitha Beheler, Eddis Byers, Margaret Hamrick, and Beszie Wells.

Tenth grade: Lottie Beheler.

Eleventh grade: Sadelle Harry, Mary Hester Ellis, Evelyn Mullinax, Lois Moore and Addie Moss.

Negro Bound Over on Assault Charge

Douglas Ray, colored, following a preliminary hearing before County Judge John P. Mull Tuesday was bound over to Superior court on a charge of attempted assault on a female with criminal intent. Bond was set at \$1,000 and Ray was remanded to jail in default of same.

The alleged assault on a colored girl took place, it is said on January 24, 1924 and the warrant was sworn out February 5, 1924. Ray has since been "at large" and was only arrested on the streets here Monday by local officers. The attempted assault occurred, it is said, in No. 7 township.

"Black Billy Sunday" At Colored Church

According to an announcement made in this office by Rev. J. F. Williams, pastor of the Zion colored church on Buffalo street, "Black Billy Sunday," famous colored evangelist, and his helpers are holding a meeting at Zion church. A general invitation is extended to the services. By special request, it is said; services will be held in the court house Saturday at 1 o'clock, Rev. A. H. Stillwell to conduct the song service.

A special invitation is extended to white people to attend these services.

Messrs. Roy Newman and Dick Brabble spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

From One Poet to Another



Edwin Markham, poet, author of "The Man With the Hoe," paid tribute recently to another American poet when he placed a wreath on the statue of Longfellow in Washington, D. C.

Large Cresoting Plant Is Recommended For Shelby

The Star is advised by Mr. W. N. Wright of the Wright-Bauchman Lumber company that the 20,000 acre timber tract lying in Cleveland, Burke, Rutherford and McDowell counties has not been made as reported in last week's paper, but that the Wright-Bauchman Lumber Co. still owns this immense tract. In addition to this, Mr. Wright says there is a possibility of extending a line of railroad from Lawndale into the timber boundary and the establishment of a cresoting plant at Shelby. It will be remembered that a bond issue of \$50,000 was voted some years ago by the county to take stock in a railroad built from Shelby to Casar and a representative of the Wright-Bauchman Lumber Co. entered negotiations for a time, looking toward the building of this road, the large timber boundary being able to furnish the bulk of the freight. The road was never built, but it seems that Mr. Wright is interested in opening up negotiations again and he will find in Shelby a willingness to co-operate toward the building of this road and the establishment of a hand saw mill and cresoting plant in Shelby.

Price Quoted, Too Low.

Mr. Wright is part owner and is now at Rutherfordton with a view of selling this large timbered tract. The price asked, however, is much higher than the reported sale price to Florida interests. The price of \$350,000 was the sale price five years ago. Mr. Wright is not even negotiating with Florida interest, but he does have negotiations on for sale to other parties.

This large timber boundary which lies in four counties, touches two railroads. Three good highways run through this property and another 24 feet wide is to be built, crossing the center of the big timber boundary. Saw mills are now operating all along the southern border of this timbered tract, trucking and hauling lumber to markets and shipping points at Bostic, Forest City and other points. Mr. Wright says, "All of our lumber can be carried out the same way." Continuing Mr. Wright says, "If I could have had the aid of that bond issue for a road to Casar at the time I was asking for the privilege of building the road, the road would have been built and a good band mill put up at Shelby."

Cruising the Timber.

"A New York company has had men cruising all over this country with the view of establishing a cresoting plant that would mean the sale of even poles. This deal is still open. I have recommended Shelby as the best location for the plant with possible use of the narrow gauge road now to Lawndale and may be extended into such available timber at small cost and eventually into our tract."

"The mill the Wright-Bauchman Lumber company put in use was a small portable band mill and lumber was trucked successfully to Bostic. The real reason for discontinuance of the mill was the death of Mr. Bachman, president of the company and road financial backing." Says Mr. Wright, the trustees would not or could not continue and requested me to find them a buyer for the controlling interest. This task was given me during that awful slump in lumber and I gave it up and returned to Mississippi valley territory and the property was taken off the market until

quite lately. While visiting here (Rutherfordton) on business for the company and finding mountain land even without timber, I(AA-shrdiuuu selling well, even without timber, I decided to stay and dispose of the property."

Therefore, while the sale has not been made The Star was erroneously informed by a most reliable party of Rutherford county, it is hoped that some steps will be taken to market the timber through Shelby railroad facilities and that the cresoting plant and band mill may be established here to add to our industries.

Widow Testifies.

Mrs. Frank Butler, widow of the slain man, was the first witness called. Mrs. Butler rehearsed the story she told at the preliminary hearing on the night of the slaying, when she awakened, she saw Green and Hill in their bedroom, and that her husband dressed and went away with them after liquor. When he returned about 30 minutes later, she said, he set down on the bed and said, "Those devils have shot me," and expired almost instantly. She had heard two shots just prior to his return, she declared.

Green, the next witness, told of the plans for the trip to the mountains for the load of liquor, of their visit to the Butler home, of the trip into the woods for the liquor, and their return to the Butler home, where the shooting took place. The boys started off without paying for the liquor, he admitted Butler attempted to stop them, and as he did so, Jolly suggested shooting to scare him. Kendrick shot through the top of the car, and Green said he shot three times, but did not know he had killed Butler.

Kendrick on Stand.

Following Green, Kendrick took the stand, telling practically the same story. Dr. J. B. Riddle gave a report of the coroner's investigation. The case was given to the jury about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, following Judge Webb's charge, Capt. J. B. Bell, of Gaffney, having spoken for his clients and Solicitor Huffman representing the contentions of the state.

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Arrangements for issuance of bonds to make the purchase are being made.

SLAYERS OF FRANK BUTLER SENTENCED

Judge Webb Sends Gaffney Boys to Prison. Gardner Appears for Two Defendants.

Morganton, March 15.—Justice moved swiftly here today, dealing out prison sentences varying in length from two to 10 years to Wells Greer, Charlie Kendrick, Roy Hill and Otis (Slim) Jolly, of Gaffney, S. C., convicted in Burke county superior court of slaying Frank Butler, South Mountain bootlegger.

Judge Jas. L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding over the term of court, pronounced the sentences.

The trial occupied less time than had been anticipated, the proceedings being expedited by the submission of the two principals in the affair. Shortly after the case was called at the opening of court this morning attorneys for Green and Kendrick entered respective pleas of guilty of second degree murder and manslaughter.

The state accepted these submissions and occupied itself thereafter in an effort to show that Hill and Jolly, the other two connected with the affair, were guilty of aiding and abetting in the murder of Butler, and used Green and Kendrick as witnesses to prove the case. The regular jury was empaneled to hear the evidence which was concluded shortly after noon.

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Carson Funeral to Be Held on Thursday

The body of Z. Taylor Carson, late of Yerlington, Nevada, but formerly a resident of this section where he had a number of relatives, including members of the DePriest family, will be buried Thursday at Salem church in Rutherford county.

Some 40 years ago Mr. Carson, then a young man, left the Piedmont for the West to make his fortune. After exploring the broad spaces for a time he settled in the little town of Yerlington, Nevada, where he plunged into gold mining.

The story is, that he amassed a huge fortune.

Taken ill recently Mr. Carson requested that his remains be brought back to the home of his youth for burial. He died last Friday.