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Negro Confesses Slaying Youth

Lancaster, March 23.—Bernard McCullen, 18, night operator at the Gateway filling station on highway No. 521 on the Charlotte road, just about 100 yards beyond the city limits, was found murdered in the station tonight about 10 o'clock. He had been hit on the head, his skull crushed by a piece of iron pipe which was found lying near the body. His clothing had been saturated with gasoline and set afire and his body was badly burned from the waist down.

The tragedy was discovered by Mrs. Jenette Ellis, sister of the owner of the station. She had called to take the youth to her brother's home.

The cash register had been opened and looted of its contents, the exact amount of which was not known. Bob Williams told police that he had stopped at the station and bought gasoline from young McCullen about a half hour before the body was found. McCullen was alone at that time as far as Williams could tell.

McCullen had come to Lancaster about a year ago from Washington to work with his brother-in-law, J. W. Huggins, owner of the station.

Lancaster, March 25.—Officers said today an 18-year-old Negro farm boy, Cudjoe Jones, had confessed to the murder of Bernard McCullen, filling station employe, whose body was battered and then burned Friday night after his station had been robbed. Jones was rushed to the state penitentiary in Columbia immediately after his confession; officers feared mob violence against him.

Jones, arrested Saturday afternoon, twice tried to hang himself in jail here before making the confession; officers said.

Sheriff L. F. Dabney and Chief Police Hughie Montgomery took the Negro's confession.

Jones was spirited out of town after officers had checked his story that he had robbed the filling station of \$34 and had hidden it in a stable about two miles away. He had left \$34.40 in the cash register. The \$34 was recovered.

Jones' victim was also 18. He was night operator of the Gateway filling station located on the outskirts of Lancaster. Jones lived within a half-mile of the station.

McCullen's body was discovered about 10 o'clock Friday night, the head crushed and the body badly burned. His clothes had been saturated with gasoline and set afire. Hundreds visited the scene of the crime today.

Officers failed to connect Friday night's murder with a similar one here a year ago at which time Oscar Williams, also a filling station operator, was discovered burned in front of his station, which was only a few hundred feet from the Gateway filling station.

McCullen was a brother-in-law of Oscar Huggins, operator of the station. The body was discovered by Mrs. Jenette Ellis, a sister of Huggins, who had gone to the station to take McCullen to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huggins where he had lived for about a year.

McCullen was a native of Washington. The body was sent there today for burial.

W. C. Cureton Dies At Camden Hospital

W. C. Cureton, well known Camden citizen, died at the Camden hospital Thursday morning at an early hour, following an illness of a few weeks.

Mr. Cureton was 67 years of age, having been born at Liberty Hill, in this county, November 6, 1867. He moved to Camden many years ago where he had been engaged in farming. He is survived by four brothers: J. B. Cureton, of Camden; J. C. Cureton, of Chester; A. C. Cureton, of Liberty Hill; and E. B. Cureton, of Union.

Funeral services were held from the residence of his brother, J. B. Cureton, on Chesnut street, at 10:30 Friday morning conducted by Rev. A. D. McArn, of the Presbyterian church, and the burial was in the Queen's cemetery in this city.

The following gentlemen served as active pallbearers: John Whitaker, Sr., A. E. Kennedy, W. D. Whitaker, Walter L. Rush, L. J. Whitaker and W. D. McDowell.

The Maritime Provinces of Canada consist of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Bethune News Items

Bethune, S. C., March 27.—Mrs. D. M. Mays was hostess to the local Chapter U. D. C. Wednesday afternoon. The opening ritual and prayer were given by the president, Mrs. T. R. Bethune. Roll call response were names of living South Carolina writers. The Chapter voted to place a set of Southern Literature consisting of ten volumes in the school library and to subscribe to a Confederate magazine for the use of the Chapter. The loving service committee reported that smoking tobacco, fruit and cards of cheer had been sent to Confederate soldiers.

The program as arranged by the historian, Mrs. Margaret Marion, consisted of a sketch of Timrod's life and one of his poems entitled Spring, by Mrs. T. R. Bethune and "In the Carolinas" by Mrs. L. B. Bass.

Refreshments consisting of fruit salad with accessories was served during the social hour.

Misses Isabelle Pursley and Mildred Bradford spent Saturday in Columbia and Camden.

The first baseball match game of the season was played with the McBee school team Wednesday afternoon at McBee. The scores piled up to 24-10 in favor of the Bethune school team.

Mesdames W. A. McDowell, G. B. McKinnon and Miss Helen Garland spent Thursday in Columbia.

Rev. J. T. N. Keels and Miss Ruth Hinnant were guests of relatives in Columbia Wednesday.

Miss Carrie Yarbrough of the Barcon DeKalb school faculty spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Yarbrough.

Mrs. D. T. Yarbrough left Sunday afternoon to spend the night with her sister, Mrs. Kate McNaull in Columbia, enroute to Trenton, Tenn., where she will spend several months with her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Johnston.

Clarence Heustiss was the weekend guest of his brother, W. E. Heustiss, in Sumter.

Miss Edith Clyburn has accepted a position with Belk's department store in Camden.

SEED LOAN OFFICE OPENED

The Wateree Messenger has just received word that an emergency crop loan office has been opened in front of the Post Office above the Fashion Shop, and farmers desiring loans should apply between the hours of 8 A. M. and 6 P. M.

According to the regulations under which the crop loans are to be made this year, any farmer who secures a loan must obtain a statement from the county production council, where one exists, that he does not intend to increase his acreage or production in violation of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program.

In counties where a county production council has not been set up, before any application for a loan will be considered, the farmer who is applying will have to give satisfactory evidence that he is cooperating with the production control program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The maximum of an emergency crop loan that may be obtained by any one individual is \$250, the minimum is \$25.

Applications for loans in any amount from \$25 to \$150 may be accepted by the emergency crop loan office provided the farmer does not have sufficient security to obtain a loan elsewhere.

A farmer applying for \$150 or more must first make application to the Production Credit Association for a loan from it. Rejection of this application by the Production Credit Association will be considered sufficient evidence that other credit is not available and the applicant may then make application to the emergency crop loan office.

HONOR ROLL CENTRAL

HIGH SCHOOL

First Grade. Vertie Mae Outlaw, Helen Outlaw.

Second Grade. Ernest Brannon, Harold Hall, R. B. Anderson, Reath Outlaw.

Third Grade. Leo Outlaw, Kennie Outlaw, Lelia Mae Cobb, Burnett Hall.

Fourth Grade. Inez McCaskill.

Fifth Grade. Ruth Cobb.

Field Day Events To Be Held April 6

Along with the other events which are to be held on School Day for Kershaw County schools will be a number of very interesting field events. The events are to be held at the Fair Grounds, beginning at 1:00 P. M. April 6th. The program is given as follows:

High School Boys—Hundred yard dash, Shot-put (12 lb. shot), 220 yard dash, Running high jump, Running broad jump, Half-mile relay race (4 men to each team).

High School Girls—75 yard dash, Running broad jump, Running high jump, 50 yard 3-legged race, 200 yard relay race (4 girls to each team).

Boys 4 1-2 Feet High and Below—50 yard dash, Running high jump, Running broad jump.

Girls 4 1-2 Feet High and Below—50 yard dash, Running broad jump, Running high jump.

Boys Above 4 1-2 Feet High—100 yard dash, Running broad jump, Running high jump.

Girls Above 4 1-2 Feet High—75 yard dash, Running broad jump, Running high jump.

Each first place won counts 4, second place 3, third place 2, and fourth place 1.

Each school will be allowed only two entrants in each event except relay races. No student shall be allowed to enter over 4 events.

No cash prizes will be given this year. Prizes will be as follows: 1st prize—blue ribbon, second prize—red ribbon, third prize—white ribbon, and 4th prize—green ribbon.

List of names and events to be entered must be filed with J. G. Richards, Jr., Camden, S. C. on or before noon Wednesday before the Friday of Field Day.

Mr. Burns of Bethune is general chairman of the High School Events. Under him are two other chairmen, C. T. Baldwin for high school boys, and Miss Bruce, of Baron DeKalb for high school girls.

Mr. John Lee has been placed in charge of all events of lower grades, with the following as chairmen of the different groups: C. P. Goodyear, boys 4 1-2 feet high and below; C. A. Byrd, boys above 4 1-2 feet high; Mr. Shannon of Antioch, girls 4 1-2 feet high and below; and Mr. J. C. Foster of Bethune, girls above 4 1-2 feet high.

KERSHAW CO. SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN FIELD EVENTS

Plans are all completed for the various school day activities, which the four thousand white school children of Kershaw County look forward to each year. This is probably the last county-wide event of the school year and we urge all the parents to attend with their schools and see what fine training these events give the boys and girls for future citizenship.

Winthrop College each year conducts a state-wide Spelling Contest, and the winners in county contests will go to Winthrop for a day. The Spelling Contest for High Schools will be given by a committee with Miss Etta Zemp as Chairman, and the elementary contest with Miss Cornelia Oliver, Chairman.

The Primary and Elementary Expression and Declamation Contests will be held Friday afternoon April 6, starting promptly at 4:00 P. M. The first grade group will go to the Methodist Church. Second and third will use the Episcopal Sunday School Rooms and the Elementary group will be in the High School auditorium. Mrs. L. T. Mills, Mrs. J. G. Richards and Mrs. Louise Cantey, with a number of teachers assisting, will have charge of these programs.

All track events will be held on City School grounds due to the fact that work is being done at Zemp Field. These events will start at 1:00 P. M. Mr. J. G. Richards has charge of these events.

At 8:00 P. M. Friday evening the events close with High School Declamation and Expression. The eight high schools of the County will likely enter two contestants each, and Mr. C. T. Baldwin is Chairman of this program.

As a crowning event all winners will be announced and ribbons awarded to the individual and to the schools making the highest total of scores a plaque with the name of a civic organization as donor engraved will be awarded. These plaques will be used

Charioteer Wins Carolina Cup Race

Charioteer, a 10-to-1 shot with no backers, came from nowhere to win the fifth running of the Carolina Gold cup steeplechase here this afternoon before an assemblage estimated at 25,000 persons.

On a day so cold it was a case of gelding owned by Mrs. R. E. Proctor, run or freeze, the handsome brown Boston society woman, chose to risk bit in the stretch and that's where he triumphed.

It was over the last jump and down to the finish that Charioteer made his bid. J. P. McCormick, gentleman jockey from Middleburg, Va., riding for the first time in the Camden classic drove the rank outsider over the finish line a half length ahead of Hotspur II, Mrs. W. A. Wardsworth's entry which finished second the second straight year.

Charioteer, given a fine ride by the grinning, 21-year-old McCormick, ne course in five minutes, 44 seconds, gotiated the three-mile timber-jump which was 8.8 seconds faster than the best previous, time, established by Pittsburgher Richard K. Mellon's Pink Tipped, which beat out Hotspur II last season.

Paul Mellon's Drinmore Lad finished third, Stuart Janney, Jr., piloted Hotspur II, and J. E. Ryan was up on Mellon's Pittsburgh Flyer.

Charioteer's victory over Hotspur, by virtue of coming in the feature event of the day, was the outstanding thrill in a thrill-studded, six-race program. While the four chases and two flat races produced one inconsequential spill, the finish in five events was tight as a saddle girth, the winner in each poking his nose out ahead of the bunch at the finishing tape.

Trouble Maker, held out of the Aiken chase last week-end by Mrs. F. S. Some of Montpelier, Va., and made the odds on favorite today, was scratched. Some said the 1932 Carolina cup winner did not go to the post because his owner wanted a heavy track, others said because the big brown was not in condition.

Fugitive, T. W. Durant's highly-regarded entry which finished fourth, broke on top and set the pace from the far-away start, around the course, in front of the main gallery and into the back stretch, but surrendered the lead momentarily to Alvin T. Untermyer's War Eagle, and finally to the pay off running of the three finishing in the money.

Mrs. Somerville's Oliver C. neck-and-neck with the leaders at the last of the 18 barriers, stumbled and lost his rider, in the only mishap of the day.

Ryan's own entry in the event, Tout Droit was scratched along with the Trouble Maker, Benjamin Leslie Behrs' Brose Hover, Mrs. T. W. Durant's Little Dan, Carleton H. Palmest L. Woodward's Sunset II, Mrs. Somerville's Oliver C., and War Eagle also ran.

Included in the record-breaking gathering around the historic Springdale course, scene of racing more than 130 years ago, were Governor Ibra C. Blackwood, who presented the 230-year-old Queen Anne cup trophy to the winner, "Pete" Bostwick, the internationally famous gentleman jockey, noted for his ability as a rider in flat races as well as in steeplechasing, and innumerable society folk from New York, Boston, and all the eastern cities, as well as from meities and resorts of the two Carolinas.—Fritz Littlejohn in Charlotte Observer.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

Preaching at 11:15 by the pastor. Theme "Life's Biggest Question Answered".

Special Easter Music will be rendered.

Preaching at 8:00 o'clock by the Rev. J. T. Fowler—Presiding Elder, after which will be held the Second Quarterly Conference.—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

The day she was 109 years old, Mrs. Mary Barbro of St. Paul, Minn., announced that she desired to make a fourth try at married life, but she can't make up her mind about her suitor, who is only 80.

continuously and each year's winner will be engraved with the date won.

Achievement Day for 4-H Girls Saturday

4-H Club members throughout the County are looking forward to their annual Achievement Day which is to be held in the American Legion Hall next Saturday afternoon, March 31st at 2 o'clock. The entire program will be in charge of the Club girls. Mrs. Harriett F. Johnson, State Girl's Club Leader, and Mrs. Kathleen B. Watts, County Superintendent of Education, will make the principal addresses. Mrs. Johnson will also present certificates to more than a hundred Club members who have satisfactorily completed last year's work. Mary McCoy, a national winner in the Canning Contest will receive a diploma for having completed five years of club work.

Each year a silver Loving Cup is given the Club having the largest attendance at Achievement Day. In years past this Cup has been awarded to Charlotte Thompson, Pine Grove, and Wateree Clubs. A number of clubs are planning to get the attendance cup this year.

The meeting will be presided over by Blanche Threatt of Midway Club. The Reverend A. D. McArn, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will conduct the devotional. Greetings from the various Extension organizations will be given by Mrs. Kate B. Gettys for the County Council of Farm Women, Mrs. Henry Belvin for the Senior 4-H Club, and Mr. H. D. Green for the Boys' 4-H Club. Miss Hey will bring greetings from the Public Health Department. Mary Laney will give the response.

Annette Hasty of the Wateree Club, who is secretary of the Junior 4-H Council will call the roll by Clubs and read the minutes of the last meeting. The visitors will be introduced by Lila Dixon of the Charlotte Thompson Club. Mary McCoy will give her experiences in 4-H Club work and Floride Vincent of Thorn Hill will tell about her club work during the two years she has been a member. Ruth Holland from DeKalb Club will talk on the high spots at the State Short Course, and Lena Sinclair of the Malvern Hill club will speak on Camp 4-H activity. Peggy Holland of the Antioch Club will tell about her 4-H Poultry project. Mrs. Kathleen B. Watts, County Superintendent of Education will be the next speaker. Mrs. Watts will be followed by Dr. A. W. Humphries of the Health Department. After Mrs. Johnson's address and the awarding of the certificates a short business session will be held and officers for the coming year will be elected.

Every 4-H Club girl in Kershaw County is expected to attend the Achievement Day exercises in the American Legion Hall next Saturday afternoon March 31st at 2 o'clock.

ERNEST BROOME KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dixon of Kershaw Seriously Hurt

Kershaw, March 24.—In a head-on collision between two automobiles on the Kershaw-Camden highway, Ernest Broome, textile worker of Great Falls and formerly of near Kershaw, was killed. His companions in the car, Otis Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dixon of Kershaw county were both seriously injured, and Ernest Dixon escaped with minor injuries. The occupants of the other car, William McCarty and a Mr. Turner of Augusta, Ga., were injured seriously enough to be carried to a hospital in Lancaster.

Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were taken to a hospital in Camden. Mrs. Dixon had a dislocated shoulder and other injuries.

Mr. Broome was driving the car going towards Camden.

The accident occurred about five miles south of Kershaw about noon.

"Take it or leave it," said Alex Maddox, 77, negro farmer of Star City, Ark., as he forked over \$4,019 pennies to pay his taxes.

Because he allegedly "cussed" out loud in church, John Valley was arrested in Cavele, Calif.

Historians estimate Sir Walter Raleigh spent more than \$1,000,000 in his unsuccessful attempt to colonize North Carolina.

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, March 27.—The light of morning on last Tuesday revealed a snowcovered landscape making the third fall of the season. It was light and feathery, and the warm rays of the morning sun soon caused it to disappear.

The friends of Mr. W. C. Cureton will be sorry to hear of his death which occurred on Thursday last at the Camden Hospital after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Cureton was a former resident of Liberty Hill, but had been living in Camden for a number of years past. He was a quiet, unassuming man and had many friends and relatives who regret his passing. Interment was in the Camden cemetery on Friday.

Mr. R. J. Peach whose health has not been good for some time went to Chester on Monday last to consult his attending physician.

Mr. L. P. Thompson was chaperon for a party of young people who attended "the movies" in Camden on Thursday night.

Mr. T. J. Peach suffered a stroke on Sunday of last week and was still in a serious condition at last reports on Thursday following. Dr. Settle of Great Falls was attending him. We hope he is much better now.

Your reporter left home on Friday morning last, for Columbia and other points in the southern part of the State. In Camden we accepted the kind offer of Mr. Pace—a son of Mr. Henry Pace of Kershaw—to ride with him to Columbia and had as a very pleasant traveling companion Mrs. Pace and three other ladies. At the Capitol City we spent some time in the Hall of Representatives while the body was in session, and then visited the Senate, and after that body adjourned we had the pleasure of riding down with the youthful Senator of Dorchester county, the Hon. J. D. Parler, who had as traveling companions for the trip Solicitor Hydrick of Orangeburg and Miss Frances Mitchum, student at Columbia College. Senator Parler is a very affable and accommodating young man, having driven eight miles over his trip to deliver us at our destination, the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Down here much corn has been planted and other farm work done. The tobacco beds are green and Irish potatoes coming up, but the weather is quite cool and cloudy.

BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

The following services are announced for the week beginning April 1, at the First Baptist Church:

Sunday school at 10 o'clock with C. O. Stogner, superintendent in charge. Public worship conducted by the pastor J. B. Caston at 11:15 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject: The Significance of Easter. Evening subject: The Gate of Heaven. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8, B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of this church.

SEVEN FACTS ABOUT LIFE'S GREATEST ISSUE

This will be the theme of the address to be given by Dr. Wimberly to the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist church, which meets at 10:00 o'clock promptly. The class continues in interest and the work of the class. In a class of eighty, we want an average attendance to at least sixty. If all will take hold and invite their friends, it can be done. Hear this, another one, of Dr. Wimberly's great addresses.—Jack Moore, Secretary.

CORN-HOG AGREEMENT FOR ONLY ONE YEAR

The corn-hog production adjustment agreement now being signed by farmers is of only one year's duration and does not apply to the 1935 or later crop years. The agreement calls for a reduction by individual signers of 25 percent in hog production and 20 percent in corn production during the one-year period, December 1, 1933 to December 1, 1934. It contains certain other limitations imposed for the 1934 season to help assure that the outcome of the corn-hog program will not increase production of other agricultural products.—Henry D. Green, County Agent.