TWO FARMERS **ARE NO MORE**

Case of Homicide and Suicide Jury Clears Him of Killing **Near Galivants** Ferry

TOM JOHNSON--LEO MARTIN

Coroner L. W. Cooper Holds an Inquest Over Remains of Two

Galivants Ferry township, near Rehoboth, was the scene of an awful tragedy about eight o'clock last Thursday night. Leo Martin, a the head as he tried to enter his home and was then shot by Johnson. Johnson then went out in the front yard, near the road, and turned the gun on himself, inflicting wounds in both cases which resulted in the deaths of both about three o'clock on Friday morning.

Several days before Johnson's wife had left him, and was then staying at the home of Martin. The two men were brothers-in-law.

Johnson's wife appeared to be in mortal dread of her husband. Johnson went to the Martin house, arrived just after dark last Thursday night. He tried to get in the house where his wife was and Martin tried to prevent him from entering the room. In the course of this difficulty Martin struck Johnson a blow. When Johnson was struck by Mar-

tin, Johnson shot Martin down. Later, in front of the home, Johnson shot himself.

In the course of the trouble Johnson's wife slipped out at the back door and hid under the house. When both men were shot down, Martin's wife, with her one child, left the house and went to that of a neigh-Johnson's wife, under the remained there for about an She could hear the groans and struggles of two men, both of whom were in death throes following the wounds that had been in-She remained in this trying position until neighbors came in and informed her that Johnson was

Mrs. Johnson stated, it is said pefore t was in her husband's home, that he had told her that she had to stay at home and strictly under his control, and quit running about, for words to that effect, and had fired off his pistol twice in the house; and had made threats which frightened her

dying and could not injure her.

to such an extent that she left. Thomas Johnson, was a son of Frank Johnson, of Gallivants Ferry township. Leo Martin is a son of Manassa Martin. It is reported that these men had been the best of friends; that Martin was one of the best friends Johnson had.

Each of the men seemed to suf fer their final agonies in about the same way and they lingered, one inside of the house, the other out in the yard or road, and both expired at about the same time.

As soon as the news of the double killing reached Coroner L. W. Cooper, he left early on Friday morning and held an inquest in the case. Upon arriving at the place the jurymen were drawn as follows:

V. D. Johnson, Foreman, Kelly McCracken, Neil McCracken, Harvey Collins, Leneau Collins, Robert Barnhill.

After hearing the testimony hereinafter reported, and viewing bodies of the two men, they brought in a verdict reading: "Leo-Martin came to his death at the hands of Tom Johnson, and that Tom. Johnson came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by his own

Following is the testimony as taken: STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HORRY.

Court of Coroner The State vs. The dead bodies of Thos. Johnson and Leo Martin. Inquisition taken this 19th day of January, 1923, by L. W. Cooper, Coroner.

JURY SWORN V. D. Johnson, Foreman, Kelly McCracken, Neill McCracken, Harvey Collins,

Robert Barnhill. Wade Richardson, sworn, says: I went to Thomas Johnson's about Tom told me to come tell his wife to take good and go over there Monday with her, and get her things. came on and told her and about that time Tom came up. He went in the house of Leo Martin and shot once. I ran to the woods and that is all I I heard the pistol fire twice. and The first time he shot I was in Leo's yard and the second time I was on my way home, a hundred yards away.

WADE X RICHARDSON

mark Boyd Martin, sworn, says: "I came over to talk with my brother. Leo, after supper, on the 18th not knowing he was gone anywhere. He was gone to his father's I sup-

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H. W. AMBROSE IN ACCIDENT

Young Boy on A Bicycle

Reports were circulated in Conway ast Thursday to the effect that Mr. H. W. Ambrose, driving his car, in company with Mrs. Ambrose, through the town of Darlington, accidently struck a twelve-year-old boy who died from the injury almost instantly.

They had reached Darlington on

this trip and were driving along the street when this child, without warning of its intention, ran a bicycle into the street directly in front of the farmer, struck Tom Johnson over moving machine; that brakes were applied as quickly as possible and the car stopped, but the heavy wheels ran against and over the body of the boy and resulted in severe injuries, among them a broken neck and crushed

> The news reached Conway, it is said, by means of a telegram from Mr. Ambrose to employees of the Conway Lumber Company, of which Mr. Ambrose is the superintendent. According to the report the authori-

ties of the town took hold of the matter and an inquest was held. few of the particulars concerning the accident could be obtained under the circumstances, as the party, it was said, would not return until Saturday, so that about the only news that came here during last week was the brief telegram sent by Mr. Ambrose.

Next day the Daily Record contained the following account under a Darlngton date line:

"Stanley Johnson, 13 year-old son of Henry Johnson, was run over yesby H. W. Ambrose, of Conway, and almost instantly killed. The boy was riding a bicycle when the accident oc-

Mr. Ambrose stopped his car imnediately after the accident and stayed for the inquest. The jury after hearing the evidence, exonerated nim of all blame and released him. The boy's chest was mashed in and

his neck was broken. Dr. J. W Willcox was immediately summoned but life was extinct when he arrived."

AMBROSE'S CASE HELD ACCIDENT

Official Record of The Proceedings of Coroner's Inquest

BICYCLE AND AUTOMOBILE

Trying to Avoid Congested Traffic on Two Sides At Once

The official record of J. H. Kelly coroner of Darlington county, holding an inquest concerning the death of Stanley Johnson, who was killed in a collision between the bicycle which the boy was riding and the car driven by Mr. H. W. Ambrose, on January 17th, on the streets of Darlington, shows that the accident was unavoid-

The record of the witnesses and their testimony follows: Testimony of Eally Lofton.

"I was coming from up town and was going to turn down Washington street and the other man with his car was going straight on and knocked my left front hub cap off and then he went on and run over the boy who was coming down the street on his wheel. I was going ten or twelve miles an hour,

"EALLY LOFTON." Testimony of Mrs. H. W. Ambrose We were coming along and a car was on the left which we were passing. This boy was coming on a bi-cycle on the right side of the curb. His bicycle was wavering and he came iright in front of our car. Mr. Ambrose turned to the left to pass

the car. "MRS. H. W. AMBROSE." Testimony of Mr. H. W. Ambrose. "I was coming down the street on the left side, driving 12 to 15 miles an hour, along with a Ford car, and swung to the left to clear the car. saw the boy coming down the street and I was turning my car to the right trying to avoid hitting the boy. dragged my car for about twenty feet after applying my brakes and my car was almost stopped when I hit

the boy. "W. H. AMBROSE."

Testimony of Dr. J. W. Willcox. "I examined the dead body of Stanley Johnson. His neck was broken right side of his chest crushed

Dr. J. W. WILLCOX." The jurymen who passed on the case were: A. T. Shearin, foreman; J Melton, W. A. Hatchell, W. B Bailey, H. T. Brown, and D. E. Mc-

Their verdict was found as follows Stanley Johnson came to his death by accident, result of a collision between his bicycle and a car driven by Mr. H. W. Ambrose."

Horry Herald .

START WITH GOOD PLANTS

CONWAY, S. C., THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1923

Many tobacco growers have burned off the places for the tobacco plant beds, and planted the tiny seeds now germinating in the soil. Others have not been quite so advanced in their operations and are just now getting the bed planted or ready to plant.

The importance of this first step in the raising of a successful tobacco crop cannot be impressed too much. Not only is it important to prepare the land very thoroughly and in the best way, using the right amount of good fertilizer, but it is necessary to give the plant bed the best attention from now onward.

After getting good seeds and preparing a good plant bed, this labor may be lost by a heavy frost or light snow, even after the little plants have come up from the ground. It is therefore necessary to keep the plant bed in mind at all times and be ready to protect it with something more substantial than the ordinary tobacco canvas when the state of the weather requires it.

Get a good start on the biggest tobacco crop ever raised in Horry by obtaining large healthy plants for setting out the land. It will be one step on the road to success for the Horry growers this year.

GROWERS WILL RECEIVE MORE

This Will Come About February 15th, 1923, Says Report

terday afternoon by an auto driven ABOUT KENTUC'Y GROWERS

Tobacco Brought More in December 1922 Than in Same time of '21

The Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association will make a third cash payment to its many thousand members in South Carolina and the border counties on or about February 15th. directors of the big tobacco co-operative in their monthly meeting held at Richmond, Va., this week and followed the announcement of the disbursement of another \$7,000,000 to the organized tobacco farmers of the old oright belt of North Carolina and Virginia, to be made next Monday, January 22nd.

Over 124,000,000 pounds of tobacco have been delivered to the co-operative warehouses and the tri-state association has already passed the total deliveries made to the Burley Growers' Associiation, of Kentucky, in its first successful year of operation, with last week's receipts of over 6,500,000 pounds by co-operative warehouses in Virginia and North Carolina.

In addition to practically doubling the price for tobbacco in South Carolina during the first year of co-operative marketing, twenty-seven million dollars increased profits will be gained by tobacco growers of North Caro lina this year, according to the Bureau of Crop Estimates, in that state. President George A. Norwood, of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Assois largely due to the orderly marketing of the crop by co-operative organization, for in the face of 54 milthan in 1920.

As the organized Kentucky growers enter their second year of co-operative marketing, they have raised their first advances from 8 cents to 10% cents per pound. A careful count of the land deal was consummated at contracts at headquarters of the To- Wampee, on January 24th, 1920, and bacco Growers' Co-operative Association, in Raleigh, reveals the fact that the membership has passed well beyond the 85,000 mark, and directors of the association predict that the new membership campaign, which has started in South Carolina, will result in a total of 100,000 members for the cludes the old store lot. association before the Carolina and Virginia growers begin their second year of marketing through their as-

SANDERS LOSES **NEW DRY KILNS**

J. J. Sanders, operating a saw mill at the Shelley Siding, between Conway last Friday afternon about 4 o'clock. His new dry kiln caught on fire from, it is supposed, a broken joint in the system so that the flames got through lumber that was in it at the timed entailed a loss of about \$1,000.00.

He had been running this equipment for the past three weeks, the equipment for drying the lumber be-witnesses were sworn by the opposing ng new. The dry kiln was the kind sides. There was an array of counsel that operates on the same principle engaged in the case. The plaintiff, O. as the tobacco barn. Heat was plied by means of a hot fire in a furnace. The fire was caused no doubt Sherwood & McMillan; the defendants by the breaking of a joint in the fire M. B. Thompson. et al., by W. F. system, and the building with the Stackhouse and H. H. Woodward. An account of this accident appears lumber that was in it at the time n another article in this issue of The and attacked the dry pieces of lum- very tedious. The court and members has not come to hand. The news of The decision in full will appear as

THOMPSON WINS THE BELL CASE

Details of the Trial on Circuit Before Judge Memmenger

BELL WON ON CIRCUIT

Supreme Court, as Reported Here, Dismissed Bell's Complaint

M. B. Thompson and his wife, Mrs. Carrie Thompson, the defendants in a case brought against them by O. J. Bell, have won a complete victory in the Supreme Court of the State, that tribunal having reversed the decision This announcement was made by the of Judge Memmenger, which was adverse to them, and dismissing the complaint brought by Mr. Bell. The action was commenced by O. J.

Bell in the early part of 1920 against the defendants, Thompson and his wife, alleging in substance that he had purchased from Thompson his home place at Wampee, S. C., which he alleged consisted of the J. V. Jones place and also the farm known as the Jake Floyd place, the two places for years having adjoined each other and used by the Thompsons in farming. He also alleged that after he had agreed to buy this land that Mr. Thompson had given him a deed which covered only the J. V. Jones place, and the object of his action was to compel them to give him all the lands which he claimed he had bought. It developed at the trial that years ago M. B. Thompson had made a deed to Mrs. Thompson for the Jake Floyd place and that after that a separate account had been kept on his books at the store of all the crops and especially cotton that had been raised on his wife's place but this deed to his wife was not recorded by ciation, has pointed out that this gain her until about the time that this land deal had been made. The proof at the trial, which consisted of plats of the two places showed that the J. V. Jones mion pounds increase in production, place ran out to the public road in tobacco was bringing 4 cents more in front of the residence of the plaintiff December, 1922, than in December, Mr. O. J. Bell, while the Jake Floyd 1921, and 11 cents more per pound place lay back some distance from this public road but that the Floyd place joined the Jones land out back

> The case hinged on the construction and effect of a receipt which was passed from Thompson to Bell when this receipt read as follows:

Received from O. J. Bell Twenty Dollars on my home place at Wampee S. C., balance \$6,980.00 to be paid on delivery of title to said property within 10 days from date. This sale in-

I am to retain and use the buildings until Jan. 1st, 1921. M. B. Thompson."

The answer of the defendant, M B. Thompson, denies the allegations of the complaint and alleged in substance that he sold to O. J. Bell the twenty-five (25) acre tract only, did not cover the tract of eighty-five and Aynor, had a severe loss by fire the Jake Floyd place, and he had complied with the contract by conveying to the plaintiff the Jones tract of twenty-five acres.

The defendant, Carrie E. Thomp son, answered and set up her claim of title to the Jake Floyd tract." At the trial on circuit, before Judge

R. Withers Memmenger, numerous J. Bell, was represented by Robert B. Scarborough, Norton & Baker and

WARRANT FOR W. A. MARTIN

Charges the Making and Having of Whiskey by Defendant

Some time ago accounts appeared in this paper concerning the arrest and trial of W. A. Martin in Dogwood Neck township on charges of stilling and selling whiskey.

About the last thing that was published was an account of a premilinary hearing before the magistrate in that township after the case had been continued once, and how the witnesses court to a particular date and were not allowed to give the facts which they might know about the violation of the law at some other date and at other places and times.

Martin was dismissed as soon as the witnesses had been examined in this perfunctory way.

It is now stated that Martin did not tarry in that part of the country after his preliminary hearing but moved as soon as he could to some other place and at last accounts his whereabouts could not be ascertained when making inquiry as to the possibility of years he had been separated from serving a new warrant on him for the his wife, and all efforts at a reconsame offense.

Mixed up with Martin in the whiskey stilling affair is the negro, Jack Vereen. Last year when the still, which figures in the negro's case was located, it was alleged that this negro was at the still getting it ready to run off a charge. The negro protested his innocence of any ownership in the still and stated that he had been asked or hired by the white man, Martin, to get the wood ready while he, Martin, went off to attend to other matters and that soon he, Martin, would return to the still and run off the charge into "monkey rum." But Martin never returned and the rural police ran up on the still and found Vereen engaged in getting the thing ready, possibly, it was claimed that the still had been fired up in further preparation for running off the liquor.

parts, the testimony needed to arrest him on the charge of violation of the with his better half and had eaten a prohibition laws has been found. A number of men have been found who first time in many years. Martin tried to get them to dispose some of the output for him, and still another will tell that he saw Martin with some of the whiskey and was offered a drink from this that he saw, and this last incident took place on Friday before the rural police caught Jack Vereen at the still in question on Monday, July 3rd, 1922.

A new warrant has been prepared with the names of these as witnesses, and this warrant will be lodged with the proper authorities within the next few days to be served on Martin as soon as he can be located.

In the meantime the negro will have his trial come up, no doubt at the next term of the court of General Sessions. He will tell the whole truth about the matter when his case is called. He will show that he was led into trouble by a white man who should have known better than to violate the law and induce this old man to help him in it.

tails before the trial was closed near one of the days while this trial was in progress, it will be recalled that there was a public meeting of some kind held at the court house and this was followed by a ball game. The court moved into one of the jury rooms and continued the hearing there but the noise of the game and other exercises caused some confusion the proceedings.

The testimony covered all the various phases of the transaction including the previous negotiations and the efforts to get the deal closed after the first payment had been made and the receipt in the case given. After the recipt had been given, it appeared that M. B. Thompson decided he wanted to recant the trade on account of objections raised by Mrs. Thompson. He, at one time offered Bell as much as \$500.00 to trade back and not insist on having his deed; but Bell would not do this unless he would of three years, after which time he sign a contract to compel a sale to himself in case the lands should burg, on the 18th of December, 1912. ever be sold after that, etc.

The deal was finally closed in the grocery store of the Conway Bargain House on Laurel street. The deed was prepared by an attorney employknown as the J. V. Jones land, on ed by the defendant for that purpose which tract the defendant had his and this deed covered the J. V. Jones home and that the contract of sale place in accordance with the construction of the receipt on the part of the (85) acres, more or less, known as defendants. A check was passed over the counter for the balance of the purchase money and the deed was passed back at the same time, according to the testimony. At first there was no trouble. A little later that same day, Mr. Bell read his deed and then claimed that this deed did fa, Tex. He reenlisted again at Fort not cover as much land as he had bought. He attempted to get Thompson to change it when some words took place and this ended the negotiations between the parties. rest of the matter was threshed out in court.

The Herald has made an effort to means of a card from the clerk of the obtain a copy of the decision of the Supreme Court, and the same in sub-Supreme Court so as to publish this The trial in the lower court was in full, but at this writing the copy late last week.

STORIES RIFE **ABOUT BEATING**

William Collins, Small Shop Keeper, Beaten by Hooded Band

PROMISES TO REFORM

Band Failed to Get a Negro Woman Wanted at Same Time Stories were rife here the latter

part of the week concerning the rein the case had been confined by the ported beating of William Collins, a small shop keeper, near the corporate limits of the town of Mullins, by a hooded band, after he had been taken away from his shop and into the woods of the river swamp. Short reports of the incident ap-

peared in the daily papers of last Thursday. The full particulars of the whipping were brought to Conway by several who had been in or near Mullins at the time of the occurrence.

It appears that Collins had been warned to the effect that he must change his habits of life. For many ciliation between him and her had At the same time that Collins was

taken out a negro woman of the nearby section was looked for and a negro woman was taken along with the crowd. After arriving in the woods near where the flogging was to take place, it was discovered that they had the wrong negro woman and she was released. Going on with Collins, at a lonely

spot in the woods, a part of his clothes were removed and a severe lashing administerd. He was then warned again as to the course of conduct he must adopt in regard to his moral conduct and turned loose.

Upon arriving back at his shop, he was called on for a statement of the affair. He was perfectly willing to talk. He said that he did not Since Martin ran away from those he had been doing wrong and that he have any ill will against anybody, that meal with her that morning for the

The man was arrested by two or three men who went into his store unmasked. These were all strangers to Collins. He said that he could not identify a single one of his assailants; that a band of quite a number in cars had awaited out in the road, all in white masks, while the three unmasked strangers came into the store and inquired for him. He said that he did not make any resistence neither did his son-in-law, a man by the name of Rogers, who was in the store at the time the three strangers came in; that he, Collins, went into a back room and there awaited developments as he had been warned by some of the men by note or word of mouth before that when these men appeared he suspected that they were after him

He was taken by the three who first went in the store, giving him no time to draw a weapon on them, and forced to get into a car waiting out in front. He was blindfolded before leaving the store.

ROWELL KILLS SELF IN JAIL

(Sumter County Fla. Times.)

Marvin Rowell, age 38, hung himself in jail Saturday night by strangling himself with a sheet tied to the bars. He had been drinking and brooded over trouble until his mind had become unbalanced. Burial at Webster Sunday, largly attended. His History.

Marvin W. Rowell was born in Hor-

ry County, S. C., May 3rd, 1885. He

lived with his parents on the farm until he was about twenty-three years old. He enlisted with the U. S. Army at the age of twenty-four at Fort Slocum, N. Y., on the 14th day of December, 1909, and served a term was honorably discharged at Platts-He served in Company E. 5th Infantry. His physical condition at the time of his discharge was poor. He reenlisted again on the 24th day of December, 1912, at Plattsburg, N. Y., with his same company and served in Company E., 5th Infantry until December 31st, 1915, when he was furloughed to reserve. He was called again to serve on the Mexican border on the 7th of August, 1916, and served in Company F., of the 37th Infantry, being made a corporal on September 22nd, 1917, and served in this office until December 23rd, 1919, when he was honorably discharged at Mar-Tex. He reenlisted again at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., on the 28th of March, 1920, and served a period of seven months in the Hawaiian Islands, when he received his final honorable dis-(Continued On Back Page.)

stance appeared in the daily papers

of the bar got tired out with the de- the decision came to Conway by soon as the copy of it can be obtained.