

Vernon Corbin Kills John Abner Masters

John Abner Masters was shot thru the head and almost instantly killed and his brother, Jordan Masters, was badly wounded by their brother-in-law, Vernon Corbin, aged 24, who emptied a .32 Smith & Wesson pistol, he says, in a desperate effort to check an attack upon him.

The shooting occurred Saturday about 12 o'clock, noon, at an administrator's sale at Floyd Masters' place in a remote section of Greenville county, near Table Rock, only a short distance from the Pickens and North Carolina line. There were some fifteen or twenty persons gathered there.

After seeing his two brothers-in-law crumple to the ground with bleeding wounds, Vernon Corbin walked to his father's house, where he was met by Sheriff Roark, who brought him to Pickens. Sheriff Rector afterwards carried Corbin in his automobile to the Greenville county jail.

Details as to the cause leading up to the tragedy are meagre. Corbin married the Masters' sister and on account of some objection of the Masters, it was told by the husband, that he and his wife became separated several months ago. At the jail the prisoner said the Masters brothers had threatened him before and that at the land sale at Floyd Masters' place Saturday one of the Masters' applied vile epithets to him and then attacked him with a club. He showed his bared arm where, he said, Masters struck him with a club when he raised his hand to guard his face. He said he pulled out his pistol and fired several shots. John Abner Masters fell to the ground mortally wounded, and then his brother sank with a bullet in his thigh. According to Corbin's version of the tragedy another of the Masters advanced upon him after two of their kin had already been checked by the pistol fire. As far as could be learned he was not wounded.

The tragedy occurred about 35 miles from Greenville in the thinly populated section of Douthitt's Cove, where there are no telephone communications and only a few houses in the shadows of the mountain crags.

Along Central Route 4

Health of this community is very good at present, tho we are sorry to note the accident which befell young John Durham recently, who fell on a rock and broke his arm in two places. Dr. Woodruff dressed his arm, and it is hoped he will soon be well.

P. W. Willimon had the misfortune to lose a fine cow recently.

There was a large crowd at Mt. Olive last Sunday night. Rev. J. E. Merck preached.

Rev. Abercrombie preached at Little Six Mile school house Sunday evening. There was a large congregation present. There will be preaching the fourth and first Sundays. This church will also organize a Sunday school soon.



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Progressive Pickens Mill Village

Pickens Mill observed the last week in March as clean-up week. Practically the whole community joined in this clean-up campaign and the appearance of the village is greatly improved. The week of hard work culminated in a community gathering on Saturday night, March 31, in the school auditorium. We had exercises by the school children on the theme, Community Sanitation and Health. Prof. Hallum and the Rev. Mr. Hodges made excellent talks, touching on civic rights and education.

Roses were given as prizes, two hundred well-rooted plants being distributed among the prize winners. This, however, was not the real incentive. The judges had a hard time deciding whose yards were the cleanest and who had the biggest trash-pile. The following list was finally submitted:

Clean Yards: Mrs. Ina Rampey, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Hatty Campbell, Mrs. Hatty Rampey, Edith Rodgers, Bertha McKinna, Ethel Gantt, George McCall, Estelle Heard, May Brazelne, Guy Hudson, Mrs. Louise Bagwell, Mrs. Durham, Mrs. J. E. Patterson, Myra Reece, Morris Dodgens, Florence Parker, Mrs. Reaves, Mrs. Powell, Eula Rodgers, Ollie LaFoy, Mrs. Lula McNeely, Miss Becky Gilstrap, Mrs. Chapel, Nora Holcombe, Gertrude Barrett, Winnie Clark, Mrs. Galbrath, Miss Norma Stephens, Viola Brown, Jessie Pace, Kathleen Adams, Myra Holcombe.

Trash Piles: Roxy Holcombe, Charley Rodgers, Paul McKinna, Clyde Whitmore, Cecil Heard, Vernon Hudson, Frank Parker, Exie Reaves, Crofford McNeeley, Gladys LaFoy, Nora Holcombe, Ruth Clark, Leona Holcombe, Lizzie Brown, Ethel Adams, Ivy Pace.

CORRESPONDENT.

Pickens School Honor Roll

First Grade—Attis Cauly, Elsie Hester, Frederica Hallum, Virginia Lewis, Eleanor Mauldin.

Second Grade—Edith Hames, Annie Mae Stewart, Winnifred Stewart, Claude Seawright, Fant Thornley, Quinton Porter.

Third Grade—Eugene Alexander, Nan Newton, Wyatt Stewart, Linnie Cantrell, Margaret Richey.

Fourth Grade—Marshall Hughes, Margaret Bivens, Sarah Cureton, Ruth Gravley, Mary Helen Nealy, Ethel Porter.

Fifth Grade—Eddie Stewart, E. B. Griffin, Ellen Freeman, Athale Hallum.

Sixth Grade—Edna Willis, Don Roark, Nannie Morris.

Seventh Grade—Eula Stewart, Eva Freeman, Mary Hallum, Esther Baker, Emily Thornley, Edna Porter.

Eighth Grade—Janie Holder, Merle Hendrix, Ivy Mauldin, Melanee Thornley.

Tenth Grade—Harrison Edens, Joe Freeman, Frank Keith, Margaret Aiken, Annie Gravley, Bertha Cantrell.

News Items From Roanoke

Plowing is the order of the day now since the spring weather has opened up. All of the farmers in this section are very badly behind with their work on account of the incessant rains which we have had recently.

Frank Heard, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Heard, has returned to Greenville to resume his work for the Greenville Traction Co.

Tom O'Dell was visiting in the Keowee section Sunday.

Willie Sammons, who has been in Durant, Okla., for the past three months, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sammons.

Frank G. Allgood spent Sunday with his brother, T. O. Allgood.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. O'Dell and family spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Stewart.

Robert Morgan of the Praters section was visiting friends in this community last Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

Cards of thanks published for one-half cent a word.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown during the sickness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Durham. We also wish to thank Dr. Woodruff for his kindness and service. May the Lord's richest blessings ever be with them all in our prayer.

MRS. C. H. MARCHBANKS, MISS OLIVIA DURHAM, J. V. DURHAM.

Nyal's Corn Remover takes out. Keowee Pharmacy.

Oolenoy News Items

Lee Roper, a young man in his early twenties, the son of Hr. and Mrs. T. Lewis Roper, left last week for Greenville, where he enlisted in the U. S. army. He was sent to Columbus, Ohio. He is the first in this up-section to heed the call of his country. In these days—nay, in these moments of tense anxiety for our nation's welfare—we can but pause in admiration and with "God-speed" to those who are going forth in our defense. Young Roper was born and reared in the shadows of the Blue Ridge and possesses a strength of mind and body which will serve him well to enact "tasks well performed and duties well fulfilled" in his new field.

The Oolenoy Home Demonstration club was reorganized Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected: Miss Irene Hendrix, president; Mrs. Grover Keith, vice-president, and Mrs. A. C. Sutesland, secretary. An interesting meeting was held. The subject of "Butter and Milk" was discussed. Mrs. Coggins, Mrs. E. E. Mauldin and daughter Deborah were visitors.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith of Liberty were the Sunday guests of the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Crenshaw. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keith of Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keith, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Keith of Greenville, visited their mother, Mrs. J. D. M. Keith, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Looper were the spend-the-day guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Edens, recently.

Misses Mary and Annie Roper, Jessie B. and Montine Edens, Ione Hendrix, and Misses Mayfield and Mauldin attended the singing at Peters Creek last Sunday afternoon.

Rudolph Hendrix and sister, Miss Merle, of Pickens graded school were here for Sunday.

Prue Hendrix has left for Demorest, Ga., where he is attending college, after a stay of two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Jones and family of Easley visited relatives here recently. Mrs. E. E. Mauldin of near Easley spent the week with her daughter, Miss Frances, one of the teachers here.

Along Marietta Route 2

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Porcher of Greenville visited the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Foster, Sunday.

Messrs. Arch Bramlette and Ernest Verdin of Simpsonville visited this section Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Featherstone of Asheville is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Foster, of this place.

Mr. Editor, I want to tell you how my good people at Mt. Tabor church surprised me on last fourth Sunday afternoon. After conference the Sunday school gave me a pounding. From the little children to the oldest gave. I have heard of poundings, but this was my first one, and words are inadequate to express my appreciation. May the Lord bless each one of the dear people and give to them as they gave to me. J. E. FOSTER.

Deaths on Liberty Route 3

Health is not very good at this writing. Measles is mostly the order of the day.

Enid, the 6-year-old daughter of P. C. Robertson of Liberty route 3, is very low with measles.

Gates school closed March 30, after a successful term, with Prof. Frank Welborn as principal. Mr. Welborn has taught Gates graded school for five years and the patrons ought to be proud of having their children taught by such a nice and skillful teacher.

Mrs. Walter Boggs and Mrs. Chamblin of Liberty visited Mrs. J. D. Nations recently.

Died, March 19, at her home on Pickens route 2, the wife of Mr. Lonnie Bolding, after an illness of only one week with measles, aged 21 years. A true and loving companion has gone on to her final reward to dwell with father and other loved ones who have gone before. But the sweet consolation we have is that it won't be long until we shall meet beyond the river where sad parting shall never come. She leaves a heartbroken husband, three sisters, two brothers and aged mother to weep for her. Her remains were laid to rest at Praters Creek.

Died, March 27, of measles and pneumonia, the infant child of Taylor H. Bolding. It was buried at Praters Creek cemetery the day following its death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Senborn. Many friends sympathize with the heartbroken ones.

Rev. John T. Mann in Pickens

Rev. John T. Mann, the blind evangelist, and wife will spend the month of May in Pickens county and will fill the following appointments:

First Sunday in May—Norris Baptist church, 11 a. m.; Camp Creek, 3 p. m.; Catechee, 8 p. m.

Second Sunday—Alice Mills, 11 a. m.; Smiths Grove, 3 p. m.; Pickens Mill, 8 p. m.

Third Sunday—Mountain View, 11 a. m.; Secona, 3 p. m.; First Baptist church, Pickens, 8 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Cross Roads, 11 a. m.; Georges Creek, 3:30 p. m.; Glenwood, 8 p. m.

If for any reason the above appointments do not suit the church and pastor, please notify me at once so we can make a change. Any other church not mentioned in the above list would like to have a visit from Bro. Mann, if they will write to me at once I will arrange for him to make an appointment. Brother and Sister Mann are great workers in protracted meetings and if any of the churches and pastors desire their help in meetings, please write me at Easley, or Bro. Mann at Belton, S. C. D. W. HIOTT.

A white man by the name of Cantrell, who escaped from the Transylvania county chingang Tuesday of last week, was caught near Pickens Sunday afternoon by local officers.

Union Meeting

Following is the program of the union meeting of Pickens association, to be held with the Pickens Mill church, April 29 and 30, 1917:

10.30—Organization. 11.00—Sermon by B. G. Fields. 12.00—Enrollment of delegates. 12.30—Dinner.

Afternoon Session—1.30 p. m.: Discussion of James 5:14-15. Opened by A. M. Simmons.

2 p. m.—What is required of the Christian as taught in Matt. 6:14-15. Opened by C. E. Robinson.

2.30—Can we acquire true success without following the teaching of Matt. 6:33-34? Opened by J. T. Abercrombie.

3 p. m.—Assigning homes for delegates.

Night Session, 8.00—Devotionals by J. N. Jewell; song service, led by R. L. Henderson; round table talk on missions. Sunday—Morning Session: Sunday school; usual service.

11 a. m.—Address by T. O. Lawton; song service. All singers invited.

All churches are urgently requested to send delegates. EX. COMMITTEE.

Death of Mrs. Mary Jane Durham

Mrs. Mary Jane Durham, wife of the late I. A. Durham, died at her home near Six Mile, March 13, after a lingering illness. She was 66 years and 10 months of age. She had been a member of Mile Creek church for a number of years. She was the mother of twelve children, three dead and nine living, as follows: Mrs. Josephine Norris, Westminster; J. P. Durham, Holt, Alabama; W. T. Durham, Ridge Springs; J. V. Durham, Central route 4; Mrs. Florence Garrett, Mt. Airy, Ga.; Mrs. Corrie Marchbanks, Central route 4; R. N. Durham, Owensmouth, Cal.; Miss Olivia Durham, Central route 3; H. B. Durham, Scotcham. Her husband died about eight years ago. She was buried at Six Mile church March 14. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Stringfield.

She was a faithful Christian and a loving mother to all her children. In our home we will miss her vacant chair, but God saw fit to take her away. She is gone but not forgotten; 'twas His will, not ours. It was sad to part from her, but God doeth all things well. We sorrowful, sinking children, Thy earthly lot be cast, Thy crushing burden meekly bear; Yield not, my heart, to dark despair—He'll give thee rest at last. O. D.

Singing Convention

The Pickens Township Singing convention will meet with Tabor Methodist church, four miles east of Pickens, the fourth Sunday in this month, for an all-day singing, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Everybody come and bring well-filled baskets; also your songbooks. R. L. HENDERSON.

Picnic at Oolenoy

The public is cordially invited to attend an all-day picnic at the Oolenoy school house on Friday, April 13, 1917. Several good speakers will be present and dinner will be served on the grounds. Among the speakers will be some of the Clemson college faculty. Come, young folks, old folks and all, and bring well-filled baskets and have a good time.

Hear Engineer Fant

Engineer Fant will address the students and citizens at the college chapel next Sunday afternoon, April 15, 1917, at 3.30 p. m. Everyone is invited to hear Mr. Fant's stirring message, "On the Limited for the Great Terminal." Time: Sunday afternoon, 3.30, April 15, 1917. Place: College Chapel, Central, S. C.

Bethlehem School Honor Roll

Following is the honor roll of the Bethlehem school for March:

First Grade—Grace Gilstrap, Lawrence Willis, Tillie Younger.

Second Grade—James Keith, Annie Lee Gilstrap, Hattie Porter.

Third Grade—Edna Carson, Harvey Bates, Lois Nalley, Tommie Nalley, Broadus Simmons, Elmer Willis, Neata Porter, Annie Bell Younger.

Fifth Grade—Neely Wynn.

Sixth and Seventh Grades—Grace Carson, Ingle Barron, Ada Keith, Banister Simmons.

Liberty won the annual Pickens county track meet, which was held at Clemson college Saturday, with 26 points. Pickens won second place with 24 points. We expected to give a complete account of the meet, but have so far failed to receive the full score which was promised us.

Sadness and Happiness at Catechee

As the case is everywhere, the farmers in this section are badly behind with their work. April nearly half gone and scarcely any plowing done at all.

War is on us, nothing making, rations going up every day, and whiskey down to a quart a month is the devil to tell the captain. Well, you can't keep a workingman down, and as long as there is a will there is a way. No man ever perished to death in Pickens county or died from thirst that we ever heard of. We thank the legislature for reducing the amount of that baneful stuff, whiskey, if they did give us the devil on taxation. We never mind paying well for a job being done if the job is done like we want it. But "ain't" it hell to pay a high price and get a sorry job? We have a law on the statute books against selling whiskey. We pay taxes to have that law enforced, and there are places in Pickens county where whiskey (and they tell me it is the pure blockade, too) is sold openly, board and above board, too. What is wrong or dead up the creek? Officers of Pickens county, get busy. No wonder the papers in other counties hit Pickens county so hard on the "corn" question. No doubt the worthy editors of those papers get a little "touch" when they come over and they feel so crabbed and ill next day they are snapping and biting at everything. Say, boys, did you ever try carrying a little back with you?

A very sad accident happened in this section last Tuesday, the 3d inst. Frank Norris, a 17-year-old white boy, was plowing for Mitchell Roe, who lives near Camp Creek church. When he quit plowing for the day he took the mule out, got on it to go to the house, and when the mule got to the watering place the boy stopped to let the mule drink, it became excited at a tub, jumped over the tub and a battling bench near by, threw the boy off and caught one foot in the plowline and dragged the boy 750 yards over as rocky a road as there is anywhere and bit his head as many as one time if not more against a rock wall about three feet high. The boy was dead when help reached him. He was buried the next day at Camp Creek church.

Mrs. J. C. Garrett was carried to the Anderson hospital one day last week for treatment. She stood the operation well and at last accounts was getting along fine.

A. J. Sentell, who a few weeks ago got his arm torn off in the card-room at Catechee, is getting along nicely and is able to go to work with one arm.

Thomas Smith, who got his arm broken just two weeks after Mr. Sentell was hurt, is getting along nicely. He also got his arm broken in the card-room.

The many friends of J. F. Williams, who got his ankle broken some time ago while unloading cotton, are glad to see him back at his post of duty again. He manages to weigh cotton by getting around on a stick.

J. A. Whiten, the efficient postmaster at Norris, has been on the sick list, but is better at this writing.

J. W. Williams of Norris has been down with rheumatism for some time.

J. A. Whiten has just recently built a new postoffice building in the town of Norris, which was badly needed.

L. G. Phillips has opened a store of general merchandise in the town of Norris.

Married, on the 21st ult., at the residence of the officiating officer, Mr. Leroy P. Pitman to Miss Lois E. Johnson, J. Alonzo Brown at the throttle.

Married, last Sunday, the 8th inst., Mr. J. E. Sanders to Miss Geneva Turner, J. Alonzo Brown, N. P., at the throttle. Both of the above happy couples are of Liberty and have many friends who are extending them congratulations. Mr. Sanders is a son of Levi Sanders, while his bride is a daughter of J. H. Turner of Liberty.

The fraternal order, Keating lodge No. 128, of Catechee, is doing a grand work in this section. While it is in its infancy, so to speak, having been organized at Catechee but a short while, it has a membership of something over a hundred. It has taken in over forty members in the past two or three months, among the number being four or five Baptist preachers. The order is reaching and helping to reform men whom the church has failed to reach.

A young man died at Catechee a few weeks ago who claimed on his death bed that he was going to rest and said he was converted in the Odd Fellows hall at Catechee a short time before his death. After his conversion at the hall he united with the church. Yet some people fight secret orders. B.

Is God Your Friend? Then Visit His Home. Go to Church.



WATCH the long line of people entering church on Sunday. Isn't it a fact that they are really the worth while people in the community? If you are a business man, don't you prefer dealing with a man who is a CONSISTENT CHURCHGOER rather than with a man who never goes to church? You wouldn't hesitate to INVITE ANY AND ALL OF THESE PEOPLE entering church to your home.

A MAN WHO GOES TO CHURCH CANNOT GO WRONG VERY LONG. A COMMON EXPRESSION IS THAT SOME PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

THAT MAY BE TRUE. BUT THE FACT THAT A MAN WANTS THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE LIVES TO THINK THAT HE IS GOOD AND GOD FEARING SHOWS THAT HE WANTS TO BE GOOD. HE WANTS TO ENJOY THE RESPECT OF HIS FELLOWS. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH, IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO STATE THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF CHURCHGOERS ARE HONEST, UPRIGHT CITIZENS.

There is something basically wrong with a man who, while professing a belief in a Supreme Being, fails to take the opportunity the church affords to WORSHIP THAT SUPREME BEING. If you have a dear friend and you pass his house every day without dropping in to see him, you would not blame that man for DOUBTING THE SINCERITY of your friendship.

Do you wish God to DOUBT YOUR FRIENDSHIP? Do you want to LOSE HIM AS A FRIEND. If you don't, drop into his house AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

Show that you are sincere in your belief in God by GOING TO CHURCH next Sunday. THEN GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY.