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MURDER OF GIRL LAID TO JEALOUSY

Prosecutor Ascribes Motive In Killing of 16-Year-Old Katherine Parks

YOUTH SILENT ON CRIME

Cambridge, Md., April 27—Hamilton Horsman, 19, of Taylor's Island, will be indicted by the grand jury of Dorchester county tomorrow morning, according to State's Attorney Adam Stengle Marine, for the murder last night of Katherine Parks, 15-year-old school girl of Cambridge.

The crime was committed about 11 o'clock and is attributed by the authorities to insane jealousy. The girl screamed but once, and when Policeman Ware Hurley, hearing the shot, rushed into the home Miss Parks was dead upon the floor and the man was standing beside the table on which lay the smoking revolver.

Hurley asked Horsman what he had done. The answer was: "Look on the table."

A letter written to a man friend had been placed there by the girl just before the shooting. Only one chamber of the revolver had been emptied and the bullet was found in the victim's breast. Horsman said the shooting was accidental and was locked up in the Dorchester jial. An inquest held today by Coroner E. R. Vinton found death was caused by a bullet wound from a revolver in the hands of Hamilton Horsman.

Mr. Marine said he had traced Horsman's movements before the tragedy. He said he came to Cambridge early and attended a moving-picture theater alone. He called at the Parks home about 9:30 and spent the next hour with the entire family. About 10:30 the parents retired, leaving the young people alone. They had not finished undressing when they heard the shot. Mr. Parks hurried downstairs in time to hold his daughter as she died.

The State's Attorney hoped to get the case before the grand jury this afternoon but was prevented by inability to reach witnesses. He has called the case for tomorrow. It is the plan of his office to have Horsman placed on trial early next week.

Horsman has refused to make any statement except in reply to a question by Sheriff Levin H. Mowbray as to why he was there. Horsman said: "My friend is gone and they say I shot her."

Miss Parks lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Parks, at 424 Race street, in the heart of town. She was born on Holland Island and came to Cambridge with her parents when the island was abandoned. She is described as pretty. Little is known of Horsman except that he is the son of Winnie Horsman, a citizen of Taylor's Island.

KAUFFMAN RE-ELECTED TOWN COMMISSIONER

At the annual election for member of Town Commissioner on Monday, there was a large vote polled, there being 402 ballots cast, one of which was no good. C. S. Kauffman, the present incumbent, received 276 votes to his opponent's 125, returning Mr. Kauffman to the town board. The other aspirant was Austin R. Murphy.

The regular monthly meeting of the town board will be held next Wednesday evening and the regular installation of the newly elected member of the town board will take place at the annual meeting which will be held on Monday night, May 10th.

COUNTY FED. OF WOMEN'S CLUB TO MEET NEXT THURS.

The Caroline County Federation of Women's Clubs will hold a meeting in Greensboro on Thursday, May 6th, the Greensboro Community Club being the hostess. A program has been prepared which is sure to please all who attend, and is as follows:

Singing, "America, the Beautiful," Federation
Invocation, Rev. Melvin G. Morris
Welcome, Greensboro Club
Roll Call
Business
Address, "Public Libraries in Caroline County", Miss Marion Bachelder
Luncheon, at 12:30
AFTERNOON SESSION AT 2
Duet, Miss Florence E. Monk, Mrs. Leo J. Walz
Address, Mrs. John F. Sippel
Singing, "God be With You Till We Meet Again", Federation

P. T. A. In Primary Building

The Patrons' Meeting will be transferred to the auditorium of the Denton Primary School next Monday night, May 3d.

MEDITATIONS OF THE CRACKER

My logic don't amount to much, and so I don't get mad when my hypothesis don't touch results I should have had. I don't suppose my judgement's more than tol'able at most, and so I'm not disgruntled when I miss the hitching post. And when I locate in a zone quite favorable for rain, and drought disturbs my beans and corn, from grief I will refrain. I've always found it didn't pay to view the looking glass and think the image there arrayed was furnishing the gas, nor that anybody'd miss me if my presence should be canned, for I find that I'm of interest only to the census man. And thus I take my measure and try to crack a grin and obtain a little pleasure from the outside looking in. Of course, it's not so pleasant when you sit beneath the tree and watch the fruit digressing to some other feller's way; but I just twist up my features and whistle off my grouch and congratulate the geezers on the inside, looking out.

COUNTY DECLAMATION CONTEST FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday night, April 30, representatives of the county high schools will meet in the Caroline High School auditorium to compete in the annual Declamation Contest. This is one of the most interesting events of the school year, entitling the winner to compete with other county winners at a Shore contest held at Washington College.

In addition to the declamations there are in the program musical selections to be presented by the glee clubs of each school.

"The Burgomaster's Death," adapted —John Lankford, Federalsburg.

"Rip Van Winkle," Washington Irving—Nellie Jackson, Ridgely.

"The Swan Song," St. Nicolas—Margaret Koerber, Preston.

"The River of Stars," Alfred Noyes—Irma Take, Caroline.

"Cigarette," Ouida—Bessie Henneman, Greensboro.

"Gunga Dhin," Rudyard Kipling—Myrtle Bryant, Henderson.

CHURCH NEWS OF CHRIST CHURCH

The Laymen's dinner of Christ Church in Cambridge, at 6 o'clock on Monday evening, May 3d, will have a goodly representation from the Episcopal churches of Caroline County. The principal speakers at this dinner will be Dr. Floyd Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and ex-Gov. Goldsborough. This dinner precedes the diocesan convention, which opens in the same church on May 4th at 10:30 a. m.

The children of the Episcopal Sunday schools of the diocese of Easton, are to go to the Cathedral in Easton on Saturday, May 5th, to make their presentation of the mite box offerings.

These offerings from the members of the schools were taken during Lent. The children are to bring a basket lunch, and coffee and ice cream will be furnished to those who come.

On Sunday, May 2d, Holy Communion service will be held in Holy Trinity Church in Greensboro at 9:30 a. m., and in the evening a preaching service; these evening services on the first Sunday of the month continuing until further notice. There will be communion service in Christ Church, Denton, at the usual hour, 11 a. m.

The attendance at the meetings held in Christ Church, on Wednesday nights for the study of the Bible, is very gratifying. These meetings will be continued at the usual hour, 7:30. All are welcome.

The organ of the Hillsboro church has just been sent to Baltimore for complete renovation. Services will be held as usual at 3 p. m., preceded by Sunday School and adult Bible class.

The St. James guild of Hillsboro will meet with Mrs. Dr. Hackett, Queen Anne, on Saturday afternoon, May 1st at 2:30.

Murder Charge Withdrawn

Edna Haines, colored, who early on Sunday morning, April 8th, shot and killed Leonard Adams, was released from custody on Saturday morning, last, and left almost immediately for Chester, Pa., with her mother.

Under recommendation of State's Attorney W. E. Thawley, a verdict of self-defense was rendered.

ELIMINATION CONTEST HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Miss Iram Hake Chosen First, Miss Judy Wilson Second

The elimination contest of the Denton High School was held in the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 27th.

The enthusiasm of the students was shown by the splendid attendance. The subjects selected by the six contestants were well chosen, and their interpretation of the spirit of the author, gave the judges some very serious thought, before the winner was selected. The names of the contestants and their subjects are as follows:

Miss Dorothy Hynson, "The Old Actor's Story."

Miss Judy Wilson, "Higher Culture in Dixie." (Colored dialect.)

Miss Kathleen Moore, "Edelweiss."

Miss Annie Jones, "The Sioux Chief's Daughter.'

Miss Irma Hake, "The River of Stars." (A tale of Niagara.)

Mr. Russum Orme, "The Sergeant's Story."

The judges, after considerable deliberation, decided in favor of Miss Irma Hake, as the winner, with Miss Judy Wilson, as second choice.

Miss Hake will represent the county in the county elimination contest to be held on Friday night, April 30th, in the high school auditorium, Denton. The winner of this contest is to represent the county in the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia contest to be held in Chestertown, Md., on May 21st, next.

The judges for the Denton contest were: Rev. M. E. Wheatley, Rev. G. J. Hooker and Miss Virginia Harwood.

J. DUKES DOWNES

Of the many recent deaths in Denton that of Mr. J. Dukes Downes was one of the saddest. Born November 19th, 1870, in the house next to that in which he died, he lived practically all of his life in Denton until he was appointed the first Bank Commissioner of Maryland, in 1910, and was re-elected every two years. He retired from the banking department in 1919. For several years he was Vice President of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Baltimore.

Mr. Downes received his early education in the schools of Denton, spending a short time in a military academy at Oxford, Md., then in his 17th year started in at Dickinson College, where he stayed only four months. His father, Hon. P. W. Downes, was president of the Denton National Bank at that time, and seat for him to fill the vacancy of teller, which position he filled with great credit. It was his early banking experience that fitted him for the positions of trust which came to him later in life. His mother's maiden name was Miss Annie Hardcastle, of Talbot county

At the age of 24 Mr. Downes married Miss Belle Merrick, of Queen Anne county. He is survived by the widow and three children, Worthington, Frederick and Miss Louise.

About 5 years ago, Mr. Downs had his first stroke of paralysis, which incapacitated him for active duty. The second stroke came last Monday morning at 8:30. He retained all of his faculties until 8:30 Tuesday morning, when the final call came, and he passed on at 5:45 p. m.

Funeral services were held from his late residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. F. W. Kirwan officiating. Interment was made in Denton cemetery.

PHILIP J. SPENCER

On Friday, April 23d, Mr. Philip J. Spencer died at the home of his son, Oakland Spencer, near Ridgely, with whom he had for some time made his home. Those left to mourn his loss were, his son, Oakland, two daughters, Mrs. Mary Lord, of Denton, and Mrs. John Ury, of Greensboro; also two sisters, Mrs. John Clark, Goldsboro, and Mrs. Annie Weasley, Chestertown; and one brother, Mr. Charlie Spencer, of Hartley, Del. Funeral services were held in the Jumptown Church, on Sunday, April 25th, at 3 p. m., the Revs. Harry Zeigler and Edgar Shockley officiating. Interment in the adjoining churchyard.

Delegations Ask Bd. of Ed. For Consolidation

Patrons of the Camp Grove, Central, Cedar Grove and Williston schools have petitioned the County Board of Education to consolidate their schools with the Denton schools, beginning with the next school year.

This matter is being given consideration by the board.

FARMERS URGED NOT TO PLANT CORN UNTIL LATE THIS SPRING

Herbert J. Browne, Long-Distance Weather Forecaster, Predicts Cold Waves

MAY 25 AND EARLY JUNE

By O. M. KILE

Washington, April 23.—"Dont' plant corn this year until the end of May or the first of June," is the advice of Herbert Janvrin Browne, the scientific long-distance weather forecaster, who has been calling the weather turns with remarkable accuracy for the past three years, much to the discomfiture of the official Government Weather Bureau.

Mr. Browne considers that his forecast of a long hard winter with extraordinary extremes, now has been amply fulfilled, despite the rather premature announcement a month ago by Dr. C. F. Marvin, head of the Weather Bureau, to the effect that the winter had "averaged" only normal and that Mr. Browne's 1925 forecast, therefore, was all wrong.

Mr. Browne now insists that a cold wave about the twenty-fifth of May will freeze ice all through the northern half of the United States and that another wave to follow during the first two weeks of June will bring killing frosts in much of the corn belt, and in case of the coincidence of certain other expected weather disturbances on about the same date the corn belt would experience a hard June freeze. In this latter event not only the new corn crop but winter wheat as well would be injured seriously.

Jumping to the other end of the corn-crop, Browne's positive prediction calls for abnormally early frosts. In other words, the scientific data all point toward a minimum of heat this year, resulting not only in a cold winter and late spring, but a short cool summer and early fall frosts. This is indicated by the relatively small amount of heat coming from the sun at this time and is part of a three to five-year cycle of low solar radiation measurements, Mr. Browne says.

Based upon the predictions above, Mr. Browne, on advice of agriculutral experts, is recommending liberal use of commercial fertilizers in connection with the corn crop. This is suggested not only as a means of starting the crop off rapidly after late planting, but as a means of ripening the crop up promptly in the fall, when early frosts threaten.

This use of commercial fertilizer as "crop insurance" is becoming a well-recognized practice. A relatively small investment in fertilizing may make the difference between a crop of sound corn and a crop of soft corn. And in the event that frosts do not arrive and the "insurance" is not needed, the "premium" is returned—generally with bounteous interest—in the form of increased yields. Quite unique insurance in this respect.

Scientists now realize that there is still much to be learned about the use of fertilizers. They know that the old idea of merely supplying a certain number of pounds of plant food to make up for supposed deficiencies in the soil content is an outworn theory. It always has been hard to explain on the basis of the plant-food theory just why 100 pounds of 4-10-4 fertilizer per acre—that is, 18 pounds of actual plant food—could have much effect when scattered out through the 2,500,000 pounds of soil that make up the nine inches of the average acre of land.

Dr. Milton Whitney, head of the soils division of the Federal Department of Agriculture, advanced his "toxicity," or soil-poison, theory some years ago by way of partial explanation of this phenomenon. But that idea never was accepted by the scientific world. Soil bacteria for a long time furnished the ready answer given by soil scientists to the query propounded above. But that theory, too, fails to satisfy. So, the search for the key to nature's secret goes on.

Some experiments carried out at the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station seem to show that entirely aside from the question of hastening maturity of the corn crop, fertilized corn will withstand without injury temperatures two to three degrees lower than will unfertilized corn. No satisfacory explanation for this behavior is yet forthcoming.

Despite our boasted advances in science and learning, the common ordinary soil and the plants that spring from it—the very basis of the farmer's business—still remains among the deepest of our mysteries.

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KINDLEY-FISHER

One of the most beautiful weddings ever held in Denton was that of Miss Mary Adeline Fisher and Mr. William J. Kindley, of Baltimore, in the Methodist Protestant Church last Thursday evening. The church had been decorated with pine branches and forsythia, the green and yellow making a lovely combination. Several standards holding candles added further to the beauty and solemnity of the setting. Prior to the appearance of the bridal party, exquisite music was played by Miss Marjorie Turner, of Swarthmore, Pa., at the piano, and Miss Gladys Smith, of Baltimore, violinist. At eight-thirty Mrs. Leon M. Pearson, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., sang very beautifully Cadman's "At Dawning," which was followed by the wedding march from Lohengrin.

Miss Fisher, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Pliny Fisher, was never more lovely than when she entered the church on the arm of her father, who later gave her in marriage. Her gown was of ivory satin and silk lace, with a long tulle veil arranged in coronet fashion and fastened with orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Louise B. Fisher, sister of the bride, was her maid of honor, and wore gold and rose changeable taffeta, gold slippers and hose. Her hair was bound with a gold maline bandeau, and she carried premier roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Charlotte R. Kindley, a sister of the groom, and Miss Kathryn Stewart, who wore gowns of green and gold changeable taffeta and carried Ophelia roses. Little Miss Rachel Anne Smith was a very dainty and adorable flower girl, clad in yellow georgette and carrying a basket of sweet peas in pastel shades.

Mr. Kindley, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. B .W. Kindley, of Delta, Md., had his brother, Mr. George F. Kindley, of Washington, as best man, and the ushers were Dr. Edward D. Stone, Mr. D. Carlyle MacLea, Dr. John E. Norment, of Baltimore, and Mr. Leon M. Pearson, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.

The Rev. Mr. Kindley performed the ceremony, assisted by Dr. A. N. Ward, of Westminster, and Rev. Mr. G. J. Hooker, of Denton. Schumann's "Traumerei" was softly played by Miss Smith during the service.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, when the many friends of the young couple gathered to greet them. After the wedding supper the bride appeared in a going-away costume of powder blue flat crepe, blue velour coat trimmed with squirrel, gray hat and slippers. A lot of merriment ensued when the attempt was made to get away, but finally they were permitted to leave for their honeymoon which will be an auto trip to points north. They will make their home in Baltimore, at 3108 North Calvert St.

Both bride and groom were graduates of Western Maryland College. Since that time Mrs. Kindley has been connected with Swarthmore Chautauqua; while Mr. Kindley is connected with the Falconer Company, of Baltimore. The popularity of both was attested to by the many lovely gifts received.

Among the out-of-town guests were the following:

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. Kindley and Miss Charlotte Kindley, of Delta, Md.; Mr. George F. Kindley, Washington; Miss Margaret M. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Ward, Mrs. D. Snyder Babylon, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cover, of Westminster; Misses Lydia and Mary Day Rouse, Easton, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Robinson, Bel Air, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. George E. Saulsbury and son Gordon, Miss Grace Jones and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carlyle MacLea, Dr. Edward D. Stone, Dr. and Mrs. John E. Norment, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hardcastle, Mrs. Albert G. Packard, Miss Gladys Smith, of Baltimore; Miss Marjorie Turner, of Swarthmore, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Pearson, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Mrs. Greer Cooper, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Anna T. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Rogers, of Frederica, Del., Mr. L. Wilson Saulsbury, New York City; Miss Grace Price and mother, of Elkton, Md.

Lewes Revival Started

Georgetown, Del., April 25—The Rev. George W. Cooke, evangelist, of Wilmington, who last Sunday closed a three-week revival meeting here, which resulted in 215 conversions, tonight opened a three-weeks series of meetings in the Lewes Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Cooke will be assisted by Harold Vignuelle, of Cleveland, a celebrated baritone singer, who will take charge of the musical program each night.

4-H CLUBS DOING SPLENDID WORK

Plan 2d Annual Rally Day and Picnic at Williston Pavilion on May 22d

ENTERTAIN P. T. ASSO.S

Lidens 4-H Girls' Club wishes to announce that they will entertain their P. T. A. on May 5, at 8 o'clock. The program will consist of songs, a play, etc. and an exhibit of work done in the county this year. There will be refreshments on sale, the proceeds from which will be used to send a club member to the Boys' and Girls' Short Course, College Park, August 5-10.

Other community entertainments this spring have been as follows:

Denton P. T. A., Hillsboro P. T. A., Ridgely Community Club, Chest Grove P. T. A., American Corner Farm Bureau, and Barcus P. T. A. Four clubs already have enough money to pay half the expenses of their delegate to Club Week and seven more have plans under way for doing same.

The Second Annual Rally Day and Picnic of the 4-H Club of Caroline county will be held at Williston Pavilion on May 22. About 150 girls and leaders are expected to be present and enjoy the program which has been carefully planned.

The chief feature on the program will be a talk given by Miss Louise Townsend, of Girdletree, Md. Miss Townsend is a Senior in High School and an especially fine club girl. She has been to Camp Vail, Springfield, Mass., as a delegate from Maryland Girls' Clubs. She has a club of her own, and she assisted six weeks last year in the W. Virginia State Camp.

The 4-H Federation is scheduled to be organized at this date.

Miss Emerson, state girls' club agent, will also be on the program. No club girl can afford to miss this meeting.

The Andersontown-Hobbs Community Club met last Thursday and decided to take Home and Community Amusements and Nutrition as their club projects for the new year. The program was outlined by the program committee a few days previous.. One of the chief features on the program is a community Christmas tree and entertainment in December. A score card for individual members was also worked out.

The Women's Short Course at College Park promises this year to be better attended by Carolinians. The date is set for June 14-19. The chief new feature on the program is the graduation exercises for the women who have attended 4 years. Fifty-six women are eligible to receive these honors.

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Cambridge, April 82—The grnad jury today found an indictment against Hamilton Horsman, 19, alleged slayer of Katharine Parks, 16, charging him with murder.

The indictment is the same found in all such cases and characterizes the deed as premeditated. The degree of guilt, if any, will be for the jury to determine, though it is said the State will ask for a verdict fo murder in the first degree.

Miss Parks, the victim of the shooting, was buried this afternoon from her parents' home on Race street. The body was interred in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Lecture at M. E. Church May 1

Dr. B. G. Lowery, Congressman from Mississippi, will give a lecture in negro dialect on Saturday, May 1st, at 8 o'clock, in the M. E. Church. This lecture is under the auspices of the Good Cheer Bible class. A silver offering will be taken. Everybody come and enjoy a hearty, soul-stirring laugh.

TOAD HOLLOW BREVITIES



Hank Alderbush run into the train the other day and busted his bumper.

Dave Gooslum allowed as it was entirely Hank's fault, because there bein' but two trains a week, he orter been able to get across between times.

Hank said that was the way he figgered it, but the doggine train was twenty-four hours late.

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