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## SHOTGUN ENDS 2 LIVES.

### THANKSGIVING HUNT HAS FATEL AND TRAGIC ENDING—

### ACCIDENT OR MURDER?

Guy Rogers and Prentiss Moore, Aged 11 and 13 Years, Found Dead in Pee Dee Swamp With Ghastly Gunshot Wounds Through Their Bodies.

Leaving home on Thanksgiving day for a hunt in Pee Dee swamp, Guy Rogers and Prentiss Moore, two boys aged 11 and 13 years, were found dead within a few yards of each other Saturday morning by a searching party that had been scouring the country for two days in quest of the missing boys. In the back of young Rogers was a ghastly gunshot wound and in the side of young Moore was another ghastly wound showing where a load of shot had entered and penetrated the heart. Both boys must have died instantly. The scene of the tragedy was near a deep ditch in an open field partly concealed from the view of near-by negro cabins by a bunch of tall weeds.

The death of the youths is shrouded in mystery. There was nothing to indicate that the boys had been murdered, yet how both could have been killed accidentally by the same gun is a mystery which cannot be fathomed. The supposition is that one of the boys was in advance of the other. The gun held by the boy in the rear was discharged and the load entered the back of the boy ahead. Realizing that his companion had been shot the other boy threw his gun across the ditch and attempted to cross over to the aid of his companion. When the gun struck the ground on the other side of the ditch it was discharged and the boy in the rear received the entire charge in his left breast. This is the only theory that can be advanced, although it does not appear to be a plausible one. Such an accident is possible, but so singular as to appear highly improbable. Following is the press account of the terrible tragedy.

Bennettsville, Nov. 26.—The dead bodies of Guy Rogers and Prentiss Moore were found this morning about 10 o'clock. As reported in the News and Courier to-day, these two boys left home Thursday morning on a hunting trip. The went to Gardner's Bluff, hitched their horse and buggy and nothing definite could be learned of their whereabouts until the bodies were found to-day.

**Load Passed Through Body.**  
Prentiss Moore, the son of Mrs. Emily E. Moore, and the younger of the two boys was found lying on the south side of a branch about five feet deep. His feet were toward the bottom of the branch, and he clutched a briar between his fingers. An examination showed that the load from a shotgun had entered his body from the side near the edge of the shoulder blade, ranged towards the middle of the chest, passing through the body. The entire load, shot and wad, was lying underneath his clothes, in front of the chest.

**Shot Through Heart.**  
Guy Rogers, a son of County Treasurer N. B. Rogers, and the older of the boys, was found in the bottom of the branch, only a few feet from the body of young Moore. His face was turned down, his body was nearly in a kneeling position, with his head in the edge of the water, in a puddle of blood. He, too, was wounded with a shotgun, the load entering directly into the heart from the front, passing through the chest, shattering the ribs on the rear side, some of the shot burying themselves in the skin of the back. One wad, that between the powder and the shot, was found inside the shirt, near the wound. The wound in young Rogers ranged slightly down from the front.

**Shotgun Nearby.**  
A double-barrel shotgun was found on the brink of the branch, the muzzle slightly elevated, pointing toward the ditch, one trigger cocked and in the breech was caught a small part of young Rogers' shirt. One barrel, the one with the cocked trigger was found empty. The second barrel contained an empty shell, and another empty shell was found within a few inches of the muzzle of the gun.

The branch runs through a broad field. An overgrown hedge covered the banks of the branch, which is about five feet deep, and about six feet wide at the top. Within about 150 yards is a negro cabin. An old negro woman who lives there said that she saw the boys out there shooting, but that she paid no attention to them and knew nothing of their disappearance. Within one-half a mile are three other houses. The point where the boys had hitched their horse was within a quarter of a mile of where their bodies were found.

Thursday night and Friday morning searching parties were looking for the boys. The party was increased largely last night, and with lanterns the entire swamp on this side of the river was carefully searched.

**The Gruesome Discovery.**  
A party was again formed this morning, many who had been out all night again renewing the search, which was begun at the place where the boys were last seen, with an understanding that it was to spread gradually and take in every foot of the ground. The portion where the boys' bodies were found was assigned to a party, among whom were Frank Crossland and W. C. Carlisle. Mr. Crossland was riding horseback up the branch, when he discovered the body of young Moore.

**Accident or Murder?**  
Many think it practically impossible to reconcile the facts with the theory of accident, yet nothing has

developed to point conclusively to the theory of murder.

The coroner's inquest adjourned late this afternoon to meet again next Wednesday, when additional testimony will be taken with a view to throwing further light upon what now seems to be an impenetrable mystery.

### Baby Hangings Too Frequent.

The following is taken from the columns of the Walterboro Press and Standard:

Monday, the 14th inst., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith, of Cottageville, was placed to sleep in a cot. His mother on going back in about an hour to see how the baby was sleeping, found that he had, in some manner, got caught between the rods of the iron cot and was dead.

Such accidents are not altogether uncommon. Not many weeks ago we read of a similar accident in another state, and if our memory does not mislead us we have a hazy recollection of having read of a number of deaths under similar circumstances in other sections of the nation within recent years. Of course such tragedies are to be greatly deplored. Anyone must sympathize with a parent who loses an offspring under such sad and tragic circumstances, but unless something is done to prevent such accidents in the future we shall continue to read of them, express our regrets and forget the incident until another infant life is sacrificed to remind us that death lurks between the rods of the comfortable and harmless looking iron bedstead.

At a first glance it appears to be a small matter, but it is in the smallest matters that the greatest danger lies because the danger is most easily overlooked. We have read of the tragedies of the folding bed. Numerous lives were sacrificed before popular indignation rose up and legislated the folding bed out of existence. In many states the use of the folding bed in hotels and public sleeping places is prohibited. If legislation was necessary to protect the lives of those who were old enough to take care of themselves why should not the aid of the statutes be invoked to protect the lives of those who are not old enough to take care of themselves? Or if the matter does not come within the province of the law-makers the press might take it up and point out to thoughtless mothers the danger that lies between the rods of the iron bed.

### New Railroad for Mullins.

Mullins Messenger.  
It is now said that the Latta Branch Railroad will be extended and connect with the road from Conway to Aynor just across the Little Pee Dee from Mullins, and that this connection of these two branch roads of the Atlantic Coast Line system will pass directly through Mullins. A direct line from Latta to Cool Spring in Horry county will carry this Latta branch road just west of Mullins near the J. N. Bethea farm. A slight deflection to the left coming from Latta would intersect the main line of the Atlantic Coast system just in West Mullins and passing out south to Aynor the present terminal of the Conway branch of the new road would pass near Gapway church, or a little west of it. This would depend upon the right of way costs somewhat, we guess.

This connection would place Mullins the center of two railroads leading generally south and north besides the A. C. L. main line controlled by two great railroad systems and ought to be of great advantage to Mullins and will be if the business men of the Mullins community will take advantage of their possibilities and make Mullins what she can and ought to be made.

The Messenger will welcome the new railroad to Mullins, and will shake hands with Latta and Conway as it has with Dillon over the North and South Carolina road cordially and rejoice with all these progressive neighbors in our future prosperity. We shall expect to see this new road from Latta, or rather Clio, or perhaps McCall, go on to deeper water at Southport, and the North and South Carolina extended Georgetown and finally to Charleston, maybe by way of Conway, too. With these extensions by way of Mullins, and then the Raleigh and Charleston road now stopping at Marion extended down through the Brittons creek section of Marion county and to Rosemary on the Georgetown and Western road, thence to Charleston and McBee, Hartsville, Darlington and Florence branch of the Seaboard Air Line road, connecting with the Raleigh and Charleston at Rosemary, the Pee Dee section of the State would be finely developed by these intersections and cross intersections of great railroad systems, the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line.

Let us watch, work and push along the good prospects.

### The Highway Established.

The location of the Charlotte-to-Wilmington Highway, otherwise known as the "Dockery Road," has been definitely decided upon. At a meeting of the executive committee of the association in Maxton last Tuesday, the route was located from Wilmington by way of Chadbourne, Seaford, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Rockingham, Wadesboro and Monroe to Charlotte. There is one condition, however, and that is that Wall's Ferry, on Pee Dee river, shall be put into more satisfactory condition. The route will go by Laurinburg Exchange.

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7:35	8:35	9:20	Gibson Junction		8:06	6:36	3:55				
7:55	8:42	9:27	Summit		7:59	6:29	3:45				
8:12	8:52	9:37	Ghio		7:49	6:19	3:27				
8:20	9:00	9:45	Green Pond		7:41	6:11	3:13				
8:35	9:08	9:53	Gibson		7:33	6:03	3:00				
8:50	9:22	10:07	Fletcher		7:18	5:48	2:30				
9:10	9:37	10:22	McColl		7:04	5:34	2:15				
9:20	9:50	10:35	Red Bluff		6:49	5:19	1:50				
9:55	10:02	10:47	Clio		6:40	5:10	1:40				
10:20	10:25	11:10	Minturn		6:15	4:45	1:10				
10:40	10:41	11:26	Little Rock		5:59	4:29	12:50				
11:00	10:55	11:40	Dillon		5:45	4:15	12:30				
	11:20	12:05	Floydale		5:20	3:30					
	11:35	12:20	Connelly		5:05	3:35					
	11:55	12:40	Mullins	Lv	4:45	3:15					
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### KILLED A BIG BUCK.

Edmund McQueen, Though 74, a Successful Nimrod.  
Pee Dee Advocate.

It was noted in last week's Advocate that Edmund McQueen, Sr., of Dunbar, was with a hunting party over in Bladen county. He was one of the lucky hunters, and killed a big buck, weighing about 200 pounds. Its antlers had eight horns. The main horns were 21 inches long and 22 inches between tips.

Though 74 years of age, Mr. McQueen camped out with the boys and followed them into the swamps without complaint, the slightest cold or rheumatism.

He came home alone on the train, via Maxton, McColl and Clio, and brought with him the hide and horns of the buck, his gun and hunting clothes, and a quarter of the venison.

His three sons are trying to imitate his example and have gone this week, accompanied by Frank Pegues, of Darlington, on a hunting expedition to Cherego beach, in Horry county.

Mr. McQueen is an uncle of Messrs. E. L., J. W., R. S. and J. A. Monroe, of Dillon, and is one of the best preserved men in the State for his age.

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