

NEGROES TERRORIZE

A Band of Outlaws Playing
Hayoc in Leo County.

MURDERED INFORMER

A NEGRO WHO WORKED AGAINST
THEM MEETS DEATH

They Have Planned to Kill Out a
Number of Whites in the Com-
munity and White People's
Homes Are No Longer Safe.
Men Afraid to Leave Home

LEESBURG, Ga., April 27—Alf Thurman, a well known negro, was shot and killed from ambush on the public road near here this morning. His body was completely riddled with bullets. The cause of the tragedy is believed to have been revenge. When George Bivins, George Fort and Bill Holt, the three negroes who outraged Mrs Maroney in the presence of her husband, in this county, a few months ago, were run down by Thurman and it was through his efforts that they were brought to justice and later lynched.

Thurman at the time expressed himself as bitterly opposed to the crime committed by the negroes and openly stated that he would use all his efforts toward their capture, which he did. His life was threatened by friends of the dead negroes. The lynched negroes' friends had arranged to kill three prominent white men of the county who had made threats against Bivins, Holt and Fort, and were about to carry it out when Thurman heard of it and began to hunt out the scheme to prevent the murder. He had almost succeeded in completely trapping the nine conspirators when they turned the tables and shot him to death in the road. The parties are nearly all known and a number of arrests will be made within the next few days.

This part of the county has been terrorized by a band of outlaw negroes for several years, the three who were lynched in January being their leaders. It was thought then that a stop had been put to their work, but now it has broken out anew and a law-abiding negro who was trying to assist in bringing criminals to justice is shot down in the public highway. Several prominent white men in the county have been threatened by the gang and the people are so terrorized that they will not leave home at night.

Superior court convenes here Monday and the affair will be investigated thoroughly.