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JAMES P. SMITH DIES AT HANDS ERNEST SNYDER

Passing of Well Known Smithtown Character Who Has Figured in Many Gun Affairs—Snyder Delivers Himself to Sheriff, Claiming Self Defense.

About one o'clock P. M., Monday in the yard at the home of Widow Rhodes, Smithtown, two pistols began to crack. When the affair was over Jim Smith lay dying on the grass, while Ernest Snyder, his slayer, walked away and disappeared.

The eyewitness to the affair was Sam Riggs, who had come up with Smith. As the two approached the house, Smith who was drinking, fired his automatic occasionally—just as a sort of habit, always going armed.

Finding Snyder at the Rhodes place talking to the widow, Smith became incensed and beat Mrs. Rhodes. Neighbors say there has been criminal intimacy for years between Smith and Mrs. Rhodes. There are two or three children that neighbors lay to Smith. It is reported that Smith became infuriated if attention of others was given the widow.

This morning Mrs. Rhodes pleaded with Snyder to protect her from Smith. Snyder responded, and engaged in fight with Smith. Smith was down once and upon arising charged Snyder with taking his gun, and walking away declared:

"I will see you later for this." He had gone but a short distance before he felt his gun on his hip. Snyder had not taken it. Smith now turned and leveled the weapon at Snyder, who took refuge behind a cherry tree in the yard. Smith fired but missed. Chasing Snyder around the tree he snapped the gun at close range at Snyder's head. In the meantime Snyder had drawn his gun and fired once, but missed. Snyder now fired with deadly aim, and Smith crumpled up on the ground, a bullet having punctured his head, and death came immediately.

Smith had only one cartridge in his gun, having forgotten to reload before reaching the Rhodes home. Sheriff J. J. Taylor and deputies soon arrived. The body of Smith lay where he had fallen, a puddle of blood around his head. Neighbors had gathered in. Snyder was gone, the Virginia line being nearby.

Next day Snyder gave himself up to the authorities here and is now in jail, claiming self defense.

The death of Jim Smith marks the passing of one of the noted figures of the Smithtown section. He was a man of at least 60 years, and the head of a family of wife and some ten children. Jim Smith had the reputation of truth and honesty in his dealings. It was a part of his religion to pay his debts. He was kind and hospitable at his home. He owned a farm of some 200 acres, and was a good liver. But all his life he had believed it right to traffic in liquor,

and he brooked little interference around his premises.

He was a man of violent temper when drinking, and had engaged in many serious affairs in his day, having the marks of gun and knife on his body in, they say, eleven places.

In the late fall of 1907 a posse of revenue officers raided the Smithtown section. Not far from Smith's house one of the officers, Hendrix, was killed. The general opinion has always been that Jim Smith killed Hendrix. He was tried, but escaped on a manslaughter charge, served a year or two at Atlanta, and came back home.

The funeral was at Smith's Chapel Tuesday, attended by a large crowd.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, a most excellent christian character, who is a sister of Deputy Sheriff Cleve Lawson, and by eleven children, four sisters and three brothers, as follows:

Children—Mrs. Mack Blair, Mrs. Jas. Moore and Miss Lucy Smith, of High Point; Miss Roxie Smith, of Winston-Salem; J. M. Smith, of Walnut Cove Route 3; Harry and Willford Smith, Misses Maude, Clady, Ethel, Wilma Smith, who reside at the home at Lawsonville. Brothers: Frank, of High Point, and Fletcher, of Lawsonville; Oscar, of Stuart, Virginia. Sisters—Mrs. John H. Martin and Mrs. H. T. Corp, of Lawsonville; Mrs. James Taylor, of Stoneville, and Mrs. Charlie Lawson, of Montana.

Jim Manuel Gets Off For The Cost

Jim Manuel, world war veteran, and notorious locally for his many escapades, was again in the clutches of the law last week. This time they had Jim for being drunk and disorderly and as his crime was not so terrible Justice N. A. Martin let him off on the payment of the cost, only \$3.05. Jim got around \$500 for his war service but it is about gone, his friends say, and they predict that he will soon get down to earth and be a good citizen again unless they decide to pay the soldiers' bonus.

Charged With Assault On His Wife

N. D. Oakley, good farmer of the Hartman community just east of Danbury, was arrested last night by Sheriff John Taylor and deputy Berkeley Smith, on a warrant sworn out by his wife, charging him with assaulting her and running her away from home. Oakley gave bond for \$200 and returned home while his wife and children went to the home of her parents in the Flat Shoal community. A hearing will likely be had in the matter this week.

CAUGHT WITH "THE GOODS"

BUSTER AND HUNTER MARTIN LODGED IN STOKES JAIL ON WHISKEY CHARGE WHEN FOUND NEAR STILL.

Caught in the act as they were dividing up the whiskey which they had just "run," Buster and Hunter Martin, negroes, were taken yesterday in the Dodgetown section, near Pine Hall, by Prohibition Agent W. T. Kennedy and his assistant, L. M. Stuart. The men were brought to Danbury where U. S. Commissioner N. A. Martin fixed their bonds at \$500 each on the charge of manufacturing and possession. They were unable to give bond and were lodged in the Stokes jail. However, they stated that the still did not belong to them and that they would be able to furnish bond right soon. When the officers came upon the still it had just been taken from the furnace and all the beer had been run out of the containers nearby. They heard talking down the branch and quietly stole up on the men, taking them by complete surprise. Only about 7 or 8 gallons of whiskey was poured out.

Creed Hairston, Col., Shot in Head and Arm

Walnut Cove, Aug. 9.—Creed Hairston had a load of shot in his head and arm this morning as a result of a dispute with Ed Ingram, his near neighbor, over their chickens, which had been running at large in the gardens of the two negroes over in the London section of Walnut Cove. When Ingram shot, Hairston threw up his arm and caught the larger part of the load from the gun in that limb, allowing a few shots to enter his head. While Hairston's condition is considered serious he will likely recover, it is stated. Sheriff Taylor was called to Walnut Cove early this morning and with several deputies has been seeking Ingram.

Troy Shaffer Is Held For Court

Deputy Marshall R. C. Brown and officer G. D. Ralledge, of Winston-Salem, were in northern Stokes yesterday and arrested Troy Shaffer, charged with violating the prohibition laws. Shaffer was brought here before U. S. Commissioner N. A. Martin and posted bond for \$500 for his appearance at the next term of Federal court in Winston-Salem.

L. E. Kirven.

L. E. Kirven, attorney of Winston-Salem, was at the court house here on professional business today. Mr. Kirven is one of the younger successful lawyers of character of the Twin City bar, who is widening his usefulness by practice in Stokes and other adjoining counties. Kirven is a self-made young fellow, has a square jaw like a bulldog, and often works all night. He'll do.

Miss "Becky" Holton, of Winston-Salem, who is spending some time with her mother at Piedmont Springs, will leave today for a visit to friends in Pittsburg, Pa.

MRS. BRADSHAW DIES AT ELON

WAS OWNER OF MOORE'S SPRINGS IN STOKES COUNTY AND HAD BEEN IN DURHAM UNDERGOING TREATMENT FOR HEART AFFECTION.

Mrs. Jesse G. Bradshaw, of Moore's Springs, died suddenly Monday morning at 7:45 at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. M. Clendenin, at Elon College, where she had just gone after undergoing treatment for a heart affection at Duke hospital in Durham for a period of two weeks. She had been ill for some months and friends had feared for her recovery but the end was not expected so soon. The deceased was a lovable christian character and was well known throughout the State, being the owner of Moore's Springs and operating the place since the death of her husband, three years ago.

The deceased is survived by her mother and by one sister and one brother, as follows: Mrs. J. B. Ford, of Washington, D. C., and Mack Clendenin, of Elon College.

Funeral services were held this morning in Whitley Memorial Auditorium at Elon College, and interment was in Greenhill cemetery, Greensboro, beside her husband.

Man and Woman Bound To Court

Under counter warrants, in which Lem Mabe was charged with assaulting Mrs. Ham Shelton and with trespass, and Mrs. Shelton was charged with assaulting Mabe, both defendants were given hearings simultaneously before Justice J. B. Joyce today. At the hearing it was shown by witnesses that Mrs. Shelton ran Mabe with a gun and with rocks and that Mabe then got the gun and turned it on Mrs. Shelton. There was no damage done. It appears that Mabe had rented the farm where Mrs. Shelton resided and he went there and proceeded to begin plowing, whereupon Mrs. Shelton ordered him away on the ground that her lease had not expired. Quite a number of witnesses were examined and the trial drew quite a crowd to the auditorium of the court building where it was heard. Both sides were represented by attorneys. The defendants were adjudged guilty of using deadly weapons and were bound over to the next term of Superior court under bonds of \$200 each, which they gave.

Ed Ingram, Colored, Placed in Stokes Jail

Walnut Cove, Aug. 10.—Ed Ingram, negro, charged with seriously shooting Creed Hairston, negro, yesterday morning, was arrested last night at Pine Hall brick yard by Deputy Sheriff Carl Ray and placed in Stokes jail at Danbury, where he will be held pending the outcome of Hairston's injuries.

It is thought that Hairston will recover.

Mrs. Leake Lovin and Mrs. Bill Fulton, of Walnut Cove, spent yesterday here as the guests of Mrs. S. Gilmer Sparger.

Preliminary Trial Of Ernest Snyder

Preliminary hearing in the case in which Ernest Snyder is alleged to have shot to death Jim Smith on Monday, has been set for next Tuesday, August 16, at Danbury, at 2 o'clock. Snyder is being held in jail here without bond. The trial will no doubt bring out a large attendance. Funeral services for the dead man were held yesterday afternoon at Smith's Chapel, being conducted by Revs. C. A. Wall, Russel Ward and F. E. Hartsheld. The attendance at the funeral and burial was said to have been the largest ever seen at such occasion in that section.

Jail Key In Bottom Of Well

A rather unusual occurrence happened at the county jail here Saturday about 8 o'clock, just at nightfall, when Bill Davis, colored, the handyman around the premises, dropped the key to the main door of the jail in the well, while drawing some cool water for the prisoners. This left no access whatever to any part of the jail where the prisoners were kept. Jailor Berkeley Smith immediately got busy to recover the key and his first effort was to use a magnet, the well being a very deep one and entailing a lot of work to get the water out and send a man down, but the magnet failed after bringing the key to the top of the water several times. So he removed the well box from the top of the opening, and securing a large windlass with a huge bucket the water was bailed from the well by several men by about 10 o'clock and one of the fellows went down on the bucket with a flash light and found the large key in the very bottom of the well. At any rate the well got a good cleaning and the drinking supply will be better now.

Two Men Caught With Load Liquor

C. B. Arrington and J. H. Pruitt, Surry county men, taken with a Ford load of 114 gallons of whiskey near the Stokes-Virginia line Saturday night, were released from the Stokes county jail today after giving bonds of \$1,000 and \$300 respectively. It was stated today by U. S. Commissioner N. A. Martin that Pruitt's bond was made less than Arrington's on account of the evidence at the preliminary hearing that Pruitt was only riding with Arrington as a companion and that he had nothing to do with the transporting of the whiskey. The case will be heard at the next term of Federal court in Winston-Salem. At the time Arrington and Pruitt were captured by Federal officers they also got another Ford car with 107 gallons on it, but both of the men with the car escaped. There was also a third car loaded with whiskey which escaped with two men driving it. The amount of whiskey on that car was not known, of course. The two cars captured will be sold here soon to the highest bidder. They are stored in the Smith garage.

A VISIT TO THE PEACH ORCHARDS

FRUIT BEING SHIPPED AT RAPID RATE—SELECT PEACHES SOLD TO FOREIGN MARKETS—CONSTANT STREAM OF TRUCKS ON HIGHWAYS.

S. P. Christian and Berkeley Smith visited the peach section in the Sand Hills yesterday, bringing back with them some fine samples of the fruit being gathered there now. They found the trees full and shipping is at the very peak now. At one place 4 train cars were being loaded, at another 3, while numerous ones were loading one car. Trucks were seen everywhere loading peaches, watermelons, corn, etc., and almost a constant stream of trucks was observed on the road loaded with fruit or going after it. About 50 per cent. of the trucks bore Virginia license. The prices on peaches were found to run from 25c. per bushel to \$1.50. The select peaches in most orchards had been sold under contract for shipment to northern cities. The "run of the trees" quality was selling at around 60c. bushel in most orchards. An abundance of watermelons were found but were very small. The lack of rain was assigned by the growers as a cause for this fact.

News Items From Walnut Cove

Walnut Cove, Aug. 1.—Funeral services were conducted here this afternoon for Edgar Nelson, 35-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nelson, the services being held at 2 o'clock in the Primitive Baptist church with interment being made in Salem cemetery, near Walnut Cove, on the Winston-Salem highway. Elder J. A. Fung, of Winston-Salem, was in charge of the services. The deceased was found dead in his room yesterday morning. Mr. Nelson had suffered with epilepsy for a number of years. Surviving are the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Nelson; two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Johnson and Miss Ethel Nelson; two brothers, Alex and Coy Nelson, all of Walnut Cove.

Mrs. Jacob Fulton, Jr., entertained a delightful dance at Laura Lodge recently, having as honor guests Misses Mattie Sue Taylor and James B. Joyce, of Danbury, and Miss Lina Buckley and Reid Byckwell, of Winston-Salem, the occasion celebrating the birthday anniversary of these four. The hostess presented to each of her honor guests a gift as a memento of the happy evening.

Miss Helen Vaughn, of Jackson,ville, Fla., is here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Vaughn.

The squirrel hunting season, which is being looked forward to by many of the local hunters, will be inaugurated on Sept. 1. Already game warden R. R. King has received from Raleigh the necessary tags for the use of those who care to hunt and he anticipates a heavy sale within the next few days, because it is reported from every section that "the woods are full" of squirrels.