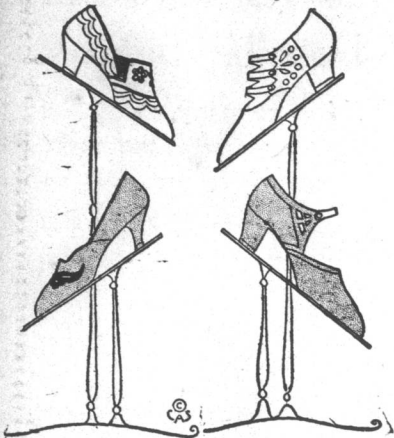


MERIT SHOE CO. INC.

STORES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES

Store No. 142

GRAND OPENING TOMORROW SATURDAY, MARCH 27th



Tomorrow the Merit Shoe Co. Inc., Opens the Latest Link to its Rapidly Growing Chain of POPULAR PRICED SHOE STORES

At 40 South Union St., Concord, N. C. Buying Shoes in large quantities as we do—naturally we buy for less—selling likewise we are able to pass on THIS SAVING TO YOU by giving you the best possible grade of Footwear at Prices that are ROCK BOTTOM and REAL HONEST VALUES.



Our shelves are stocked with a complete line of the Season's Latest Patterns and Styles. All our Shoes are Strictly First Quality. Every Pair Represents a safe and sure investment. A Trial Pair will convince you that our shoes are "As Good As Any—And Better Than Many"

TONIGHT

Free Grand Opening Dance

In Our New Store 9:00 to 12:00 O'clock Music by Clay Dean and His Tar Heel Orchestra EVERYBODY INVITED

SOUVENIRS

On Opening Day, Saturday

We will give Carnations to the Ladies, and Cigars to the Men who visit our Store.

On Opening Day

We will give FREE one pair of Full Fashioned Hose with each pair of Ladies' Shoes sold. One Safety Razor FREE with each pair of Men's Shoes sold.

Men's and Young Men's Dress Shoes—All Styles and Colors \$2.95 TO	Boys' and Girls' School Shoes, strong and durable, built to Stand Strong Wear \$1.45 TO	Ladies' and Girls' Oxfords and Pumps All Latest Colors and Combinations \$2.95 TO
\$5.95	\$3.95	\$5.95

Special Music on Opening Day By Clay Dean Orchestra
Come in Tomorrow and See Our Beautiful New Store
Don't Fail to View Our Window Displays

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EASTER SALE!

Men's and Boy's

Easter Suits

The New Spring

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Ready-To-Wear

You Should Have a Pair of These Easter Silk Hose

Easter Shoes

Your Easter

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The New ANTI-KNOCK Gasoline



It all comes out of an oil well. It keeps every "thump," "ping" and "knock" out of your cylinders. Fill your tank with Sinclair H-C Gasoline—a pure petroleum product that owes its *anti-knock* quality to its refining process. It is the *final answer* to your question "What gas can I put in my tank to keep the *knock* out of my cylinders?"

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SINCLAIR H-C GASOLINE
ONLY THREE CENTS MORE THAN REGULAR SINCLAIR

PEOPLE GREATLY AROUSED

Negro Makes a Brutal Assault on Woman in Randolph County.

Greensboro News.
An assault which aroused the anger of hundreds of people in southern Guilford and northern Randolph took place yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock at the home of J. G. Farlow, just over the line in Randolph county. Mrs. Farlow who was in her house was hit over the head with a gun by a negro man who broke in the house, and her little crippled daughter, Mattie, was also hit in the mouth by the ruffian. Later last night the criminal, whose only apparent motive was robbery, hadn't been captured. The negro was described by those who saw him as being low, chunky and yellow. His trail which was followed by bloodhounds led into Guilford county and was lost on the concrete highway near the residence of Isaac Stanley.

The little Farlow girl says that she saw the negro crouching in the orchard and she told her mother. Mr. Farlow was in the field plowing. Mrs. Farlow locked up the house as best she could. The negro came and asked for a drink of water. Mrs. Farlow spoke to him through the screen door and told him to get a drink at the bucket outside. But he suddenly whipped out his knife, cut his way through the screen and

made a dash for the shotgun on the wall. Mrs. Farlow also reached for the gun but was overpowered by the negro, who struck her over the head. He knocked the woman down three times.

The negro then ran. Mrs. Farlow, greatly weakened by the assault managed to get to a neighbor's house who called Deputy Capps, of Sumner township, and notified county officers of Guilford and Randolph. Bloodhounds were brought from Asheboro. They got the scent immediately and followed it for several miles. At one point on the trail, the shotgun was found with some shells that were the wrong size. The negro had picked up the wrong box when he took the gun.

The negro is said to have been seen once since the crime took place. The little girl says that she would know him if he is ever brought before her. No complete search has been made of the house but it is thought that probably the negro also took certain other valuables.

A posse of about 30 or 40 self-appointed citizens, indignant that such a crime should have been committed scoured the woods of Randolph and Guilford last night in connection with the officers from both counties.

Easter is the most ancient feast in observance.

IS CHARGED WITH DOUBLE MURDER

Young Mountaineer Goes on Trial For His Life in Yancey County.

Asheville, March 24.—Jonathan Bennett, 25-years-old mountaineer, went on trial for his life in Yancey Superior Court this afternoon in connection with the death of two aged negroes, Mack His and his wife, Mattie, whose bullet-pierced bodies were found in 1924 in their little cabin home where they had befriended Bennett, who was a fugitive from justice.

Excited crowds thronged the courthouse when the defendant was arraigned. The jury was selected from a special venire of 99 freeholders of McDowell County. Many witnesses are to testify and it is believed the case will occupy all of Thursday and perhaps Friday.

Evidence tending to connect Bennett with the killing of the aged negro couple is said to be largely circumstantial. It is claimed that he spent some time at the cabin of the negroes while he was "hiding out" as a fugitive from justice. Shortly after Bennett left the cabin, it is claimed, the bodies of the two negroes were found, and it was discovered that a few hundred dollars, representing the savings of a lifetime for the old couple, was missing. Ten bullets had pierced the old

man's body and the woman had been shot once.

Bennett, who spent some time here in Buncombe County jail, is described by the officers as a dangerous and desperate man. He is under sentence aggregating 10 years in the state's prison, 14 years for homicide and five years for alleged intimacy with a negro woman. The case has aroused widespread interest through this section.

Ten Indictees.

Stanly News-Herald.
Ten persons and business organizations were indicted for usury in Winston-Salem last week. Most of them were the kind usually known as "money lending sharks." It is hoped that they will be convicted and properly punished, if guilty. There is entirely too much of this reckless interest charging. It should be stopped. The law of this state provides that six per cent shall be the legal rate of interest, and forbids the charging of a greater rate. But there are many money lenders who ignore this law and catch a fellow in financial straits and take advantage of the opportunity to extort a usurious interest rate out of him. Men should be taught that this a violation of the law and will not be tolerated.

An old belief was that a babe born on Easter morning was likely to know neither want nor care.