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Princeton Negro Shoots Another

Casco Holt Fires at Dock Wilson From Ditch and Inflicts Serious Wounds

PRINCETON, Aug. 26.—Saturday night about nine o'clock a negro named Dock Wilson was shot and seriously wounded by another negro named Casco Holt. The weapon used was a shotgun. The negro Casco Holt had hid himself in a ditch near Dock Wilson's home and was waiting for the Wilson negro to come home. Dock Wilson and his wife and girl and Frank Joyner had been up-town and were returning. They were walking in the street and within ten feet of the ditch, when Casco Holt raised up and fired the shot then ran away. This was also within a few feet of the colored church and they were having services in the church. This church is on the second block in rear of Mr. Ledbetter's store. The negro Casco Holt lives in the western section of town, a distance of about five blocks from the scene of the shooting. All the parties saw and knew the man who fired the shot.

W. B. Braswell, deputy sheriff, and a party of men captured the negro thirty-five minutes later at a point one and a half miles from town. He was making his way through the woods and fields toward where he has a brother in the country. He was carried to jail. The wounded man was carried to the Johnston County Hospital.

The negro, Casco Holt, has a bad record, being charged with many cases of chicken stealing and having a notorious bootleg record. Two hours before this shooting, Officer Braswell had seized a few gallons of whiskey which this negro was seen to carry and hide in the rear of the colored school building. Some think that this was possibly the cause of the shooting, but the Wilson negro denies having anything to do with the report on which the liquor was seized.

BOY OF 3 FALLS IN WELL BUT IS SAVED UNHURT

GREENVILLE, S. C., Aug. 25.—Rescued from a well in which there was eight feet of water, the three-year-old grandson of Mrs. Kate Gardner of this city was reported today to be none the worse for the experience.

The little boy and his mother were looking at the water when the boy jerked loose, and slipped into the well. The mother's cries brought a number of men, and Young Denton, one of the men who had come up, placed a rope around his body and was quickly lowered.

Denton found the boy with his feet, placed him in a bucket and had him pulled to the top.

COLORED WOMAN DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

"Aunt" Gracie Smith, who would have been 97 years of age had she lived until November, died Wednesday night at the home of her son-in-law, William Sullivan. "Aunt" Gracie had been in her usual health until a few days before her death. She was the mother of the late Henry Junius Smith, a well known negro in Smithfield. She was an old-time darkey, and was born in slavery.

Miss Josephine Clark, a representative of the Children's Home Society of Greensboro, spent a few days here last week in the interest of her work.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and so the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Edward Edmundson deciphered his name.
TODAY'S TANTALIZER
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HALLIE JOHNSON IS RELEASED UNDER BOND

Hallie Johnson, the 17-year-old son of J. R. Johnson of this city, who was placed in jail on Saturday, August 16, following an altercation over a plumbing job over which H. N. Morgan, superintendent of the city water and light department was seriously injured, was released last Saturday after he gave a \$1,000 bond. Mr. Morgan has been in the hospital here since he was hurt more than a week ago, but is now reported to be improving. He was able to sit up yesterday.

Negro Boy Found Dead On Elevator

Night Watchman at Planters Warehouse Found Body About Eight o'Clock Friday Night

The five or six year old boy of Adeline McCoy, colored, was found dead in the Planters warehouse here Friday night about 8 o'clock, and the indications are that the boy's neck was broken as he took a ride in the elevator located in the grading rooms of the warehouse.

The boy's mother grades tobacco at the warehouse, and Friday afternoon when she went home to cook supper, she is said to have left her two older children at the warehouse to finish trying some tobacco. Later she sent the little boy who was killed to summon them to supper. The two older children returned home and reported that their brother was going somewhere else. The mother thought him safe and went to church. It was not until after the sermon preached by the seventeen year old evangelist, Charlie Hodges, when the death of the boy was announced, that she knew of the tragic occurrence.

The body of the boy was found by J. S. Benson, nightwatchman at the Planters warehouse. The elevator which should have been down on the first floor, was found up at the third floor and the boy's body was partly on the landing and partly hanging between the elevator and the floor. Evidently the boy had got on the elevator and in some way had released it.

Only a short while ago, Mrs. D. J. Thurston, county welfare officer, had been to the warehouse checking the children who were there, and had cautioned them to stay away from the elevator.

The county coroner was notified Friday night, but when he arrived an inquest was not deemed necessary.

Mr. Simon Barnes Passes.

Kenly, Aug. 25.—After an illness of two weeks, Mr. Simon Barnes died at his home near town on Monday, August 20 at four o'clock. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Logan Landrum of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Barnes is survived by his wife and seven children. The children are: Mrs. Charlie Hooks and Mrs. Sidney Overman, of Kenly; Mallie Barnes, of Pensgrove, N. J.; Mr. Elmer Barnes, of San Diego, Calif.; Buellat Barnes and Vernon Barnes. A brother, Willard Barnes, of Kenly; two sisters, Mrs. Polly Hicks and Henrietta Barnes, of Kenly, also survive. The hymns were sung by Mrs. H. M. Grizzard, Rev. Jas. H. Fizzle, Mrs. Katie M. Hooks and Mr. A. J. Broughton.

Evangelist in Meeting

Princeton, Aug. 26.—Commencing Thursday, August 29, the noted evangelist singer and choir leader, Mr. Dewey L. Maness, will be in the meeting at the Methodist church here. The pastor, Rev. J. D. Stott, will do the preaching. Mr. Maness has given full time to evangelistic work for the past several years after having taken special religious training at Duke University and further preparation in music at Moody Bible Institute.

Four Oaks Loses Valuable Citizen

J. R. Williams Dies of Injuries Received In Automobile Accident on July 21

FOUR OAKS, Aug. 25.—Our entire town and community were deeply saddened Saturday a week ago when it was learned that Mr. J. R. Williams had passed into the Great Beyond. Anxiety concerning his serious condition had become both widespread and unusually great since he was struck and knocked down by an automobile on July 21.

Mr. Williams was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Williams who lived near here. He was born August 31, 1870, thus lacking only a few days of being fifty-nine years of age.

On April 3, 1894, he was married to Miss Martha Massengill, who also lived near town. To this union eight children were born, two of whom had already preceded Mr. Williams to the grave. Those who survive are: R. A. Williams, of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. E. A. Roddy, of Charlotte; Lester, Newitt, Woodrow and Miss Lillie Williams, all of Four Oaks.

Besides these six children, Mr. Williams leaves his devoted wife, three sisters, Mrs. N. H. Campbell, of Buie's Creek, Mesdames Malissa Thompson and Sue Eason, of Smithfield, one brother, Mr. Millard Williams of the Hopewell section, and numerous other near relatives.

One of the largest crowds ever attending a funeral here was present at the last rites held at the residence of Mr. Williams on Sunday afternoon a week ago. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Pierce of Princeton. The choir sang "We Shall Sleep," "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Amid a concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends interment was made at the Lassiter graveyard near town. The unusually beautiful and numerous floral designs attested the popularity and high esteem in which the deceased was held. The active pallbearers were: Messrs. W. J. Baker, J. A. Creech, W. J. Lewis, William Keene, J. W. Sanders and D. P. Spell. Honorary pallbearers were: Messrs. John, Jake, Ezra, Jodie and Preston Massengill, brothers-in-law of the deceased, and Mr. E. A. Roddy, son-in-law of Mr. Williams. Flowers were carried by Mesdames Alton Massengill, Jesse Stanley, Barbara Creech, Jefferson Lassiter, and Miss Annie Ford of this place, and Mesdames Joe Withers and Lloyd Donkel, of Charlotte, sisters of Mr. Williams' son-in-law, Mr. Roddy.

On July 21 Mr. Williams had been down the highway toward Benson and was returning home when he was struck by a car driven by Mr. P. W. West of Lillington. The blow was sufficient to knock him down and partly crush one side and break several ribs. He was taken to the hospital by Mr. West and remained there until three days before his death here on August 17. His condition was considered serious from the first, however, he improved slightly and sat up in a rolling chair some before leaving the hospital. He was conscious until his death.

For nearly twenty years Mr. Williams was an ardent and loyal member of the Primitive Baptist church here. Although feeble in health during the last few years, he attended church services more than the average church member. He was a quiet, unassuming man who went about his daily tasks as a merchant in an irreproachable manner. His was the life which was an example of the adage, "actions speak louder than words." His was the daily living known for honesty, truthfulness and right. His was also the life that bespoke kindness and devotion to family as is seldom exceeded anywhere. A Christian gentleman and an upright citizen, fittingly describe him and summarize his life as no other words can.

A Good One—To Pass Up

By Albert T. Reid



Johnston Co. Club Girls Go To Camp

About 30 Girls Left This Morning for White Lake In Company With the County Home Agent and Others

About thirty 4-H club girls of Johnston county left here this morning for White Lake where they will enjoy their annual camp. They were accompanied by Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home agent, Mrs. Katie Hooks of Kenly, Mrs. Reid Adams of Four Oaks, and Miss Nonie Johnson, principal of the Corbett-Hatcher school.

A worth while program has been planned for the rest of the week. Recreational features will be a part of the program which will be given jointly with the Cumberland county club girls who are also at White Lake this week. Miss May Sevan will be recreation director.

Friday will be Visitor's Day and the home folks of the girls and others will be given a cordial welcome.

The number of girls wishing to attend camp this year exceeded the capacity of the cottages rented, and a group of girls will be at White Lake next week with the women's camp.

Demonstration classes will be in progress each day. The time is planned to include both work and play.

Those from a distance to attend Mr. Williams' funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. David Lassiter, Misses Carrie Lee Lassiter and Annie Massengill, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Massengill, of Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams and family, Messrs. G. W. and B. N. Stanley, and Mr. Pruden and family, of Roanoke Rapids; Mesdames Sue Eason and Malissa Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Creech, and Mr. and Mrs. Woodard, of Smithfield; Mrs. N. H. Campbell and Mr. I. J. Blackman, of Buie's Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Upchurch and Mr. P. W. West, of Lillington, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Withers, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Donkel and Mr. W. D. Roddy, of Charlotte; and Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Massengill, of Gastonia.

The sympathy of our town and adjoining community is extended to the sorrowing relatives, especially to Mrs. Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gaskin and little daughter, Marguerite, spent Sunday afternoon in Raleigh with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Vinson.

FARM BOARD WILL ASSIST IN MARKETING OF COTTON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—An agreement to lend cotton marketing associations between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 to help finance the movement of this year's crop was announced recently by the Federal Farm Board.

This was the fourth such agreement made public by the board. Shortly after its organization, an emergency loan of \$300,000 was made to Florida fruit growers to help them fight the Mediterranean fruit fly. Yesterday the board made known its decision to lend \$9,000,000 to raise growers and an undetermined sum to fresh grape producers of California.

Cotton cooperatives are already able to borrow from federal intermediate credit banks up to 65 per cent of the value of cotton, the board said in announcing its most recent loan, and the purpose of the new loan is to enable them to get an additional 25 per cent. Thus, cotton growers will be able to borrow up to 90 per cent of the definite value of their crops as fixed by a hedging transaction in the future market.

The board placed no limit on the amount to be loaned for this purpose, but estimated the total at between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000.

"The effect of the secondary loans by the Federal Farm Board will be to permit the cooperative associations to make final settlement with the member growers when they desire to sell their cotton without forcing that cotton onto the market when buyers may already be over-supplied," explained Commissioner Williams.

Orderly Marketing.

The ten per cent of value not loaned by the intermediate credit banks and the board can be supplied from the capital reserve of the cooperatives themselves, Williams said, allowing the farmer in distress to receive full pay for his crop without dumping it into the open market.—United Press.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calais.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Peck and family, of Atlanta, Ga., are spending a few days in the city with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Calais. Mr. Peck, who is the Southern district manager of Grigsby-Grunow company, manufacturers of the Majestic radio, while en route to Chicago arranged for a conference with Mr. D. Carlton Stephenson, who is territorial supervisor for Majestic in North Carolina and Virginia.

Visitors From Savannah.

Misses Pearl Olive and Lucie Harvey, of Savannah, Ga., spent last week with Miss Charity Allen near Benson.

Graf Completes Pacific Voyage

Lands at Los Angeles Yesterday Morning; First Non-Stop Flight Across Pacific

Municipal Airport, Los Angeles, Aug. 26.—Completing the third leg of its round-the-world flight, the dirigible Graf Zeppelin landed here at 5:00 a. m. today, 78 hours, 58 minutes after it left Tokyo. The first non-stop flight across the Pacific thus became a matter of history.

A well organized ground crew made short work of the land and the dirigible's nose was lashed to a 60 feet mooring mast to mark the completion of 16,800 miles of its world flight.

The first non-stop airtight flight across the Pacific ocean achieved in three days and seven hours was less than one-third the time the fastest trans-Pacific liners cross the ocean between Japan and Seattle, Wash.

Sixty persons made the voyage, forty-one in the crew, and nineteen passengers. The final leg of the circumnavigation voyage will be to Lakehurst, N. J., some 2,500 miles, and will be started within thirty-six or forty-eight hours.

After circling the city for nearly five hours waiting for the sunrise to light its way to the mooring mast, the ship nosed gently down and her spider lines were seized by a contingent of marines and sailors. Troops of the California National Guard immediately marched onto the field, forming a human chain around the sky conqueror during the mooring work.

Six naval planes circled overhead as the big silvery ship came to earth.

The nose of the newest trans-Pacific liner touched the mooring mast at 5:35 a. m.

The first word from the passengers of the Zeppelin was from Lady Grace Drummond Hay of London.

"I am so glad to be back in America," she said.—Associated Press.

Fine Cluster of Pears.

Miss Annie Myatt sent the Herald office last week a fine cluster of pears. On one limb there are eight pears of uniform size. It is an unusual looking bunch and when they are fully ripe the Herald force expects to have a feast. Many thanks to Miss Myatt for the pears.

Johnstonians Visit 9-Month School Test Farm In S. C. May Open Sept. 9

Find South Carolinians Poison For Boll Weevil; Experiments on Coker Farm Proves Interesting

Mr. J. Rufus Creech, of the Broaden section, one of Johnston county's biggest and best farmers returned last week from a visit to test farms in South Carolina, fully convinced that if Johnston county farmers continue to grow cotton they must plant a smaller acreage which shall have intensive cultivation, and they must use poison for boll weevil. These methods, thinks Mr. Creech, will mean a larger yield of the fleecy staple per acre.

Mr. Creech, together with S. T. Honeycutt, Victor Ogburn and W. H. Austin visited the Clemson College test farm near Florence, S. C., and the J. F. Coker farm near Hartsville last Friday. This was not Mr. Creech's first visit to these farms, he having made a trip there about six years ago. He found many improvements on his recent visit.

Experiments of various kinds are conducted at these test farms, but the party from Smithfield was particularly interested in cotton. The farms of J. F. Coker, who has around 10,000 acres planted in cotton, furnished ample opportunity for observation. Only one or two farms could be visited in the short time Mr. Creech and his companions were in South Carolina. Coker's pedigreed seed are known throughout the cotton belt, and Mr. Creech thinks that the work he is doing is proving of untold benefit to the cotton farmer.

Varieties from short staple to 1 5-16 inches have been and are being developed.

The finest cotton field seen on Coker's farm was planted with seed, a cross between Cleveland No. 5 strain two and another strain with less foliage. These seed are not yet on the market. Mr. Creech stated that the field, had blooms to the top and looked like cotton fields in Johnston county ten years ago.

On these farms, no sign of boll weevil was visible, and the Smithfield folks were informed that if one makes cotton in boll weevil sections, he must poison. The best poison, they were told, is molasses and calcium of arsenate. An application or two is used when the cotton is young. If this does not do the work, the dusting method is used later. However, the molasses treatment is said to be effective usually.

One experiment with cotton on the Coker farm especially attracted the attention of Mr. Creech. The ground was covered with large sheets of porous-like paper. This paper had been placed on the ground after the ground had been prepared for planting in the usual way. Holes were punched in the paper, and the seed planted. The paper is said to hold the moisture, and Mr. Creech reported that this cotton had as much again fruit on it as that planted in the ordinary way.

The Johnstonians found plenty of feed crops growing—corn, soja beans and cow peas. A decided change along this line has come about since the advent of the boll weevil.

Mr. Creech stated that while many of the farmers in South Carolina were following the lead of the Coker farms, one comes across the South Carolina farmer who has not profited by what he has seen, and his farm looks almost like a failure.

DONNELL WHARTON TO COVER STRIKE TRIAL

Mr. Donnell Wharton, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Wharton of this city who is with the New York Herald-Tribune, has been assigned to the Aderhold murder case which grew out of the strike in Gastonia. The trial began in Charlotte yesterday. Mr. Wharton was sent to Gastonia recently to report the trial but it was postponed and changed from Gastonia to Charlotte.

Easy Sponge Cake.

4 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1/2 tsp. salt, beat whites of eggs until very light; combine other ingredients with beaten egg yolks; fold in beaten whites of eggs last. Flavor with lemon or almond. Bake slowly at low temperature.

Education Board Passes Resolution Asking Commissions For Early Decision In Matter of School Budget

At a meeting of the County Board of Education held here yesterday afternoon a resolution was passed asking the county commissioners to accept or reject at an early date the decision of the clerk of the court as rendered in the matter of the school budget. The resolution adopted reads as follows:

"Whereas on August 19 the clerk of the Superior court of Johnston county rendered a decision in the matter of the 1929-30 school budget from which decision the board of commissioners has thirty days from August 19 within which to give notice of appeal; and whereas, preparations for the opening of the nine months schools must be made and dates for the opening thereof be fixed at once if these schools are to open and close at the usual time; and whereas, it is important that the tax rates to be levied by the county be determined at once to the end that the tax books may be prepared and in the hands of the tax collector by October 1, now therefore be it

"Resolved by the board of education of Johnston county that the board of commissioners of Johnston county be requested to advise said board of education at the earliest date possible its intentions as to whether an appeal from the decision of the clerk of the Superior court will be taken and that a copy of this resolution be mailed to the chairman and clerk of the board of commissioners."

The fixing of the dates for opening and closing of all of the schools of the county was considered, and all nine months schools, which are Smithfield and Selma, shall open on Monday, September 9, and close on Friday, May 25, with Christmas holidays beginning on Saturday, December 20 and ending on Sunday, December 29. All holidays and days lost other than the Christmas holidays shall be made up after May 23. This order was passed by the board of education on condition that no appeal is taken by the board of county commissioners in the matter of the school budget. Dates of the opening of the six and eight months school will be announced later.

Citizens from the Corinth-Holders district appeared before the board to ascertain what arrangement can be made for the high school students of said district. One proposition suggested was that the board of education truck the high school students from this district to neighboring districts, to-wit: Archer Lodge, Selma and Glendale. The board decided that it could not do this owing to the general policy that the board has maintained for years of not transferring students from one unit in the county-wide organization to another unit in the county-wide organization. The next proposition suggested was that the patrons who have children in the high school and seventh grade raise \$1200.00 by subscription and deposit the same with the county treasurer by Sept. 15, upon which deposit the county and the district can contract for high school and seventh grade teachers for eight months and operate these grades for eight months and the other grades for six months. It was the distinct understanding of the board and all parties concerned that the extended term of two months for the seventh grade and high school is a subscription school.