

MRS. ALMA BROWN KILLS HUSBAND SUNDAY AFTER HE HAD BEATEN HER SEVERELY; RELEASED UNDER BOND

Mrs. Brown Is Mother of Four Small Children

Follows Him from House And Shoots Twice As He Gets in Car

LIVED FOUR HOURS

One Load From Double-Barrel Shotgun Blew Off Part of Skull; Other Load in Right Shoulder

Sunday night at 12 o'clock Mrs. Alma Brown closed a chapter of her life, covering a period of nine years that she had been married to Will Brown—who, she claims, had during intermittent drinking spells cruelly treated her since three months after her marriage—when she followed him 75 yards down the avenue running from her father's home and unloaded two barrels of a shot gun in his head and shoulder, the man dying about four hours later.

Mrs. Brown, who is the 24-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ausbon, had spent Sunday, with her husband and four children, whose ages range from 2 to 8 years, at the home of her parents on the Geo. L. Robertson farm, four miles from Robersonville. They had come from their home near Stokes, in Pitt County, on their car, run by gasoline that her husband borrowed, stated Mrs. Brown in an interview with the Enterprise representative.

Mrs. Brown's Story
Her story, related while sitting on the cot in her cell at the county jail here, is heartrending and was recited between sobs, while she constantly dried her eyes. Her blood-spattered clothing enlivened the gruesome surroundings that she pictured in her story.

After dinner Sunday her husband left her father's house to visit his sister and his father, George Brown, carrying his little 4-year-old son with him. The little boy told his mother that his father left him at his grandfather's and went "over the creek" several times during the afternoon, presumably to get liquor.

Brown, his child and brother-in-law returned to the Ausbon home about 12 o'clock Sunday night. When he got there he yelled to his wife, "Come on, let's go," and while she was getting the three sleeping children up, he called the same thing, prefixed by a vile oath. Then he came into the room, and she accused him of drinking and when she told him not to "lie about it," he hit her in the mouth.

She returned the blow, and he choked her so that she could not speak for several minutes, signs of finger prints on her throat being visible while she was telling her side of the affair.

While this scuffle was going on, her mother was trying to help her, but a sister was getting a gun loaded, which they all fought over, but finally it got into the hands of the mother.

Beat Her Frequently

Brown went back to the car, and his companion came in to tell Mrs. Brown that he had not been off with any women, as he seemed to think that was what had caused the trouble. She, however, strongly denies that outside women have ever entered into their domestic troubles. She said that since three months after their marriage he had been beating her when drinking, and had been doing that quite frequently of late. He has been indicted several times for that

WAREHOUSEMEN TO MEET AT KINSTON

Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association Annual Convention To Be Held Tomorrow

The Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association will hold its annual convention in Kinston tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the country club and after the program a barbecue dinner will be served by the association.

The local tobacco market will be represented by Messrs. Harry Meador, Frank Bennett and Hubert Morton. At this meeting the warehousemen of Eastern Carolina will vote on the opening date and discuss the elimination of the trucking system, which has been used by the various warehouses of the section for the last several years. Kinston and Wilson have put up a forfeit of several hundred dollars to do away with the truck method of unloading tobacco and other warehouses of eastern Carolina are expected to follow in enforcing this rule if adopted.

Mrs. Biggs Named on Committee of Awards

Governor A. W. McLean Saturday named the committee which will select a boy of high school age, a girl of high school age, and a woman teacher to represent the State of North Carolina at the Sesqui-Centennial exposition at Philadelphia. The expenses of those selected will be borne by the exposition.

Mrs. John D. Biggs, of Williamston, was named as a member of the committee. The complete list follows:

Senators F. M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman, and Hon. Zebulon Weaver, Hon. Lindsay Warren, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, Winston-Salem; Hon. A. L. Brooks, Greensboro; Hon. E. E. Culbreth, Raleigh; Prof. T. Wingate Andrews, High Point; Felix Harvey, Jr., Kinston; F. W. Orr, Charlotte; Rev. R. J. Bateman, Asheville; Father Vincent Taylor, Belmont; Rabbi Milton Ellis, Greensboro; A. S. Bethune, Clinton; Mrs. Edwin Gregory Salisbury; Mrs. E. L. McKee, Sylva; Mrs. Phil McMahon, Charlotte; Mrs. Burke Hobgood, Durham; James Girdwood, Rocky Mount; Miss Flossie Martin, Winston-Salem; Mrs. W. B. Murphy, Snow Hill; Mrs. John D. Biggs, Williamston; Mrs. J. A. Hartness, Statesville.

The purpose of this committee is to select the boy and the girl of high school age adjudged the best representative in the State of "American ideals in youth." Likewise select the woman school teacher accomplishing the greatest good for her pupils.

reason, costing him money that was needed in the home, and on one occasion had been given a jail sentence. "But he was just as good and kind as he could be when he did not have liquor in him," she added.

The brother-in-law, George Weatheresbee, and Mrs. Brown became engaged in a quarrel and he started cursing. When he attempted to come into the house three times successively, she knocked him down with a chair, and three goose-egg knots on his forehead were in evidence yesterday, stated the coroner, F. L. Edwards.

About the time Weatheresbee turned to go Brown started to enter the house, cursing his wife, her mother and sister; the father having gone off in the afternoon. The mother told him to leave or she would shoot, and he did as she told him; but his wife took the gun, followed him 75 yards down the 100-yard avenue leading to the home, and, as he was attempting to get in the car, she fired both barrels of the gun at him; one load struck him in the head, tearing the upper part of his skull to pieces, the other load went in his right shoulder.

Lived Four Hours

Death would have been instantaneous, but the liquor kept his heart beating for four hours. Mrs. Brown stayed by his body until he died, never registering any nervousness until it was all over. Yesterday morning in the jail, where she was carried immediately after her husband died, she went to pieces for several hours. She is in a very delicate state of health at this time, which makes the situation even more deplorable.

Mrs. Brown, her mother and sister say that her husband said he was going off to get a gun to shoot her before she slept. Weatheresbee, it is understood, claims this is not so, that Brown was going home with him.

A preliminary hearing was given Mrs. Brown Monday afternoon, and she was bound over to the June term of the superior court under a \$1,000 bond, which was raised immediately.

Fire Destroys 113-Year-Old Home Sunday

Ward Home, 10 Miles From Here, Destroyed By Falling Sparks

SAVE OUTBUILDINGS

Was Home of Mrs. Bettie Ward; No Insurance; Most of Household Effects Saved

A blaze which started on the roof as a result of sparks falling from the chimney spread rapidly over the whole structure and burned to the ground one of the oldest homes in Martin County Sunday about noon. It belonged to Mrs. Bettie Ward, who occupied the place with her foster-son, Ben Ward, and family. The house was located about 10 miles from Williamston on the Washington Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward were spending the day with relatives in Enfield, and his son and daughter, Roy and Carrie Ward, with their grandmother, were the only ones in the house when it caught. When they found the blaze it was so strong that nothing could be done except to remove much of the furniture from the lower floor, saving the piano and other valuable pieces. Their presence of mind caused them to save all available water for the outbuildings, which, with the help of neighbors, they managed to save, with the exception of the smokehouse, from which the meat had been removed, however.

The insurance had expired in March and on account of ill health Mrs. Ward had neglected to have the policy renewed.

The building was of the best materials and was built 113 years ago by the Ward family, where some member has always lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ward were notified by telephone at Enfield, and they arrived home in the afternoon. They have the sympathy of their friends in the county in the loss of their home.

Bayview Development Shows Much Progress

Bayview, the only big project that is being developed right at our own door, is becoming a reality by leaps and bounds. Our representative was astonished to find out that so much had been done in such a short time. The 200-room hotel is nearing completion, and it will be one of the finest resort hotels to be found anywhere near.

Lots are going so fast that the sales manager is surprised, and he has been associated with the Hollywood Corporation, which did things in record time. The writer was in Washington yesterday and heard that 14 lots had already been sold that day.

Some of the most successful business men of eastern North Carolina are backing Bayview, and they have decided to build up a beach that will be as good as the best.

But, speaking of the natural advantages of Bayview, one can talk indefinitely. It is on the Pamlico River, the water salt but not briny and abundant in sea foods. Mr. John Hoyt told us what a delightful day he had spent at Bayview recently. Oysters were brought in, he went crabbing and got several dozen crabs, and croakers they caught by the hundreds. When they came in they made a fire and had a most delicious meal of sea food of the most delectable quality.

The winters are warm enough for out-door sports, and the hunting grounds surrounding the resort are not to be excelled anywhere. This alone will make it a winter resort.

If you have not driven down to see what they are doing at Bayview, you are missing something.

To Give Play At Everetts Friday

There will be a play given at the Everetts school building Friday night, June 4, by the Bear Grass High School pupils. The title is "The Wren." Everybody is cordially invited.

Confirmation Class To Meet Tonight

The members of the confirmation class are requested to meet tonight and Thursday night at the rectory at 7.45.

Rev. C. O. PARDO.

Eastern Carolina On Air Last Night

The East Carolina Chamber of Commerce pulled off a good stunt Monday night by radio from Richmond, with a fine program, consisting principally of music and an address by Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill. Washington, Greenville, Tarboro, Farmville, Kinston and Smithfield people furnished the music. A number of those participating are well known in Williamston. The Ayden male quartet was one of the leading numbers on the program.

REGULAR SESSION RECORDERS COURT

More Cases Than Usual At Session of Court This Week; Verdicts of Guilty in Four Cases

Recorders court opened this morning with more interest being shown than usual, several cases being up for hearing.

Jack Purrington, a Poplar Point negro, was the first man tried. Jack had either through cowardice or impudence been carrying a pistol, and paid the whole cost of today's session of the court, including salaries of the judge, solicitor, clerk and sheriff, and then sent some to the county treasurer to go to the credit of the school fund—a case of high-priced folly.

The next case was against Roger Rogers and Walter Hassell Jr., for breaking in the house of Hannah Hassell, a colored woman and stealing 9 hams and selling them to several citizens of the town, claiming they belonged to Walter Hassell, Sr., the father of one of the boys. The two young negroes, from appearances at the trial, did not mind the stealing so much, and displayed great willingness to lie to try to get out of it. Rogers pleaded guilty to his presence in the car with Hassell when he went to the Hannah Hassell home and broke in and stole the meat, and said that he was with him when they sold the meat, but that it was Hassell's car and that Hassell took the money for all sales.

Hassell claimed that Rogers went to Skewarke Church and got the meat out of the woods.

Hassell was adjudged guilty. The court, through a flood of sympathy, fined Hassell \$25 and all the costs, and sentenced him to 20 days in jail. Rogers was sentenced to jail for the term of 20 days.

J. L. Ballard was up, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. He was found guilty and fined \$20 and charged with all costs.

S. B. Saunders, assault with a deadly weapon. Guilty. Judgment suspended and defendant charged with the costs.

Pamlico Beach To Reopen Friday

Announcement is made in this issue of the reopening of Pamlico Beach on Friday, June 4th. This popular resort, situated some thirty miles below Washington on Pamlico Sound, has been liberally patronized by the people of this section; and they will doubtless be pleased to know that it will again be operated by the same management as heretofore.

Pamlico Beach boasts of many natural advantages. It is in close proximity to the best fishing-grounds on the coast, making it headquarters for fishermen from all sections of the State. In addition, it is blessed with an unexcelled bathing beach, where the advantages of salt water bathing is combined with all the safety of a swimming pool. The Pamlico Beach Hotel has made quite a reputation for the excellence of its dining-room service.

Another successful season is confidently expected for this resort during the coming summer.

Episcopal Evangelist Here Sunday Night

On Sunday night at 8 o'clock, the Rev. W. J. Loaring Clark, D. D., general evangelist of the Episcopal Church, will preach here in the Church of the Advent. Dr. Clark is considered one of the really great preachers in the Episcopal Church and is the only general evangelist of the church in the United States. The opportunity of hearing Dr. Clark even in one sermon is a genuine privilege.

Small Fire at Home of J. G. Staton Monday

The fire company responded to an alarm from the home of J. G. Staton, corner of Houghton and Main Streets, yesterday afternoon about 4.50, and found a small blaze, caused by a defective flue. The fire was extinguished with a garden hose, practically no damage being done.

Postal Service Employees Had Picnic Monday

Seventy-Seven of Uncle Sam's Postal Workers In Attendance

NINE GO FROM HERE

James E. Harrell, of This City, Elected President of Rural Carrier's Organization

Uncle Sam's mail hands in Martin, Beaufort, and Pitt Counties quit their jobs yesterday, Decoration Day, a legal holiday, and all gathered at Riverside, a few miles from Washington, where they held a get-together meeting, where many of the little things which can only be accomplished through personal friendship and cooperation can be accomplished.

The meeting was presided over by Postmaster H. R. Mumford, of Greenville. Mayor E. T. Stewart, of Washington, welcomed the visitors. Postmaster M. B. Prescott, of Ayden, responded to the address of welcome.

In the absence of H. S. Ward, who had been advertised to speak, Edward Stewart addressed the meeting. His speech was warmly praised by all his hearers.

The roll of town in the three counties was called and 77 of Uncle Sam's Postal employees were present. Bertie County was received as a member of the association, and Postmaster W. P. King, of Windsor, and three of his rural carriers, who were present, participated in the meeting.

The rural carriers perfected an organization, with J. E. Harrell, of Williamston, president; J. H. Dempsey, Windsor, vice president; and Milton McGowan, of Washington, secretary.

J. E. Harrell was elected a delegate to the State rural carriers' meeting, which will be held in Sanford July 4 and 5.

A committee of postal employees, or welfare council, was organized with Jesse T. Price, postmaster at Williamston, chairman; W. P. King, postmaster, Windsor, vice chairman; W. O. Ellis, assistant postmaster, Washington, secretary.

The next meeting will be held in Williamston May 30, 1927.

After the business was over, dinner was announced, and a great dinner was spread by the wives and daughters of the postmasters and carriers.

The day was not only a success from the standpoint of promoting good service as officials, but it was just as good to mingle together as friends. Those attending from Williamston were Postmaster J. T. Price and wife; Assistant Postmaster Mrs. R. F. Pope and husband; Mr. John A. Ward and family; Mr. J. E. Harrell, Mr. Bob Leggett, Mr. M. D. Watts, Mr. O. S. Green, and Capt. T. W. Thomas.

Southern Truckers Have Fair Season

Southern truckers are enjoying fair results from their efforts so far this season. The strawberry crop brought fair prices the season through.

The May pea crop was not large in yield, but fair prices prevailed throughout the entire season, and has brought hundreds of thousands of dollars to Eastern North Carolina farmers. Washington and Tyrrell counties shipped many carloads.

The Elizabeth City section has sold more than a third of a million dollars' worth of truck.

The South is now sending new potatoes north. More than 221 cars were delivered to the northern markets yesterday, selling as high as \$11 on some markets for the finest grades, and running generally from \$8 to \$9 per barrel. North Carolina reported three cars sold on the 27th.

Shipping will begin in the Aurora section next week and perhaps in Columbia, followed the next week by Washington and Bethel.

The dry weather has evidently cut the yield, yet the promise is for fair prices to prevail.

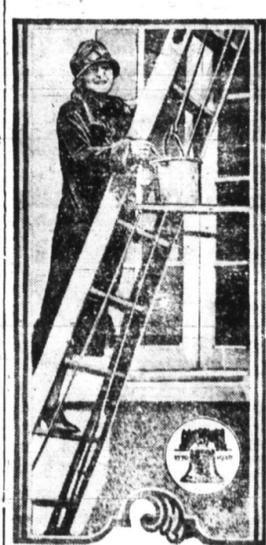
Sheriff Destroys Still And Outfit

Sheriff Roberson and one of his deputies answered a call Tuesday to a point in Bear Grass Township, where they found a still which had been recently operated, from appearances not more than a week before. The still and all equipment were destroyed.

The still was very near a home with a beaten path leading from the back door to the still. No arrest has yet been made.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruffin and children, of Tarboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ruffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt.

A FAIR COLORIST



This young woman ascends a giddy ladder every day to put finishing touches to the "Rainbow City"—the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, opening in Philadelphia June 1, and continuing until December 1, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence. She is one of an army of young artists who are making the Sesqui a colorful success.

FEW MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Unlucky Number, 13, Issued; Most of Them to Couple Outside of Martin County

May marriages were not numerous, numbering the lucky 13.

Of the five white marriages, only two of them were to Martin County girls; there was one from Illinois, one from Craven County, and one from Hyde County. We do not know whether it is that the Martin County girl is losing her sweetness and beauty or not; still the fact that a majority of the marrying men prefer to bring their brides here from other localities may have some significance. Only two of the girls are voters this year, because they are away below 21.

Among the negro marriages a third of them were about 50. We failed to find the number of second or third marriages and the number of divorcees.

The list follows:

White
Archie Mizell, 20, Nellie Mae Cherry, 18; Paul Johnson 21, Lela Mae Jones (New Bern) 20; Ralph Sullivan 22, Emma Simmons (Illinois) 22; Mayo Price 30, Collie Craft 24; Roy A. Peel 21, Ruth Carawan (Hyde County) 17.

Colored
James Williams 21, Julia Ann Bryant 18; Julius Lee 54, Ophelia Whitley 45; George Gainer 58, Jennie Chance 50; "Esse" James 21, Bettie Gorham 17; Thurston Little 22, Reba Perry 24; George Rogers 21; Beatrice Barrow 20; Paul Harris 30, Carrie Williams 19; James Shade 51; Gatsy Lloyd 50.

Bishop Darst Completes Tour of United States

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D.D., Bishop of East Carolina, has just concluded a nation-wide tour. Bishop Darst visited all the larger cities in the United States as the personal representative of Bishop Murray, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Bishop Darst is the chairman of the National Commission on Evangelism in the Episcopal Church and spoke on the subject of evangelism before large and responsive gatherings in the course of his journey.

The Church of the Advent will have the Bishop here next Sunday, when he will administer the rite of confirmation to several candidates and will preach at the 11 o'clock service.

Special Services at Episcopal Church

Sunday, June 6th:
9:45—Church school.
11:30—Holy Communion and confirmation by the bishop.
8:00—Even prayer and sermon by Dr. W. J. Loaring Clark.

The public is cordially invited to these services.

Paul Peel, of Hamilton, Goes In Business Here

Mr. Paul Peel, of Hamilton, has moved to Williamston, and has gone into business with Whit Purvis, who has a soda fountain business and pressing club combined on Washington Street.

Mr. Peel is very popular in Hamilton, and has been very successful in all his lines of work.

W. T. Meadows Jr. Died Early This Morning

Succumbs After Months Of Intense Suffering From Sarcoma

BURIAL TOMORROW

Had Been to Number Hospitals and Specialists Who Could Do Nothing to Relieve Him

There occurred one of the saddest deaths that Williamston has ever known when W. T. Meadows, Jr., died this morning at 8 o'clock after suffering for three months of sarcoma. In February he spent some time in the Washington Hospital and soon after returning home he was taken to Baltimore for examination, but nothing could be done and during the past three months his life has quickly ebbed out while he suffered the most terrible pain known to medical science.

The thoughtful, patient kindly spirit that has been present during his illness characterizes his daily walk in life. He would have been twenty years of age the sixth of the coming October, and to see a young man smitten so shortly before reaching the age of maturity calls forth the sympathy of the whole community.

During the pastorate of Dr. W. R. Burrell, he joined the Baptist church, and has received much more joy out of his church life than the average young man of today. He enjoyed to a great degree associating with his young friends, but his habits of life were extremely clean, and he enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him intimately, both young and old.

"W. T." was the youngest child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Meadows, and the sorrow of the surviving parents and sisters, Mrs. L. C. Bennett and Mrs. Joseph Pender, has extended to a host of friends. He was born in Williamston, attended the local school and summer schools elsewhere. He was particularly bright on mathematics, and was planning to follow his father in the tobacco business, having worked in it last year.

The funeral services will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Rev. C. H. Dickey officiating, assisted by Rev. T. W. Lee, of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. Interment will take place in the Baptist cemetery beside his sister, Mrs. Olive Meadows Whitley.

Following is the list of pallbearers: Active: E. P. Cunningham, J. R. Peel, M. S. Moore, Harry Meador, Jodie Barnhill, and Dr. P. B. Cone. Honorary: J. G. Staton, C. D. Carstaphen, A. Hassell, J. W. Hight, George Harrison, C. O. Moore, B. S. Courtney, Leslie Fowden, Roy Gurganus, and J. A. Teel.

Judgment Filed In Rodman Case

Washington, N. C., May 27.—A judgment has been handed down by Judge H. A. Grady in the suit of Mrs. Theodora G. Rodman vs. Attorney W. C. Rodman, of this city, for subsistence and allowance without divorce. The case was heard in chambers on May 14, with both parties present and attended by counsel.

The judgment states that the couple have four children and that some weeks ago the plaintiff, Mrs. Rodman, left the East Main Street home of the couple. The judgment further states that Mrs. Rodman was caused to leave the home by the "inexcusable acts of the defendant."

The judgment allots the wife \$100 per month from June 1, also the right to live in and occupy the family home. The defendant is further required to pay the taxes thereon. The judgment bears date of May 19.

Attorney Rodman refused to give out a statement for publication today. It is understood he is about to leave the city and that Mrs. Rodman is now in Washington.

Two Freight Cars Are Ditched by Derailer

Monday morning two box cars standing on the Harrison Bros. siding took a down-hill fight on the River spur track until they struck the derailer below, the buggy factory ditched them, and the wreck train from Rocky Mount had to be brought down to lift them out of the ditch and place them on the track again.

It, of course, cost the railroad company considerable money to place the cars on the track, and it will necessarily cost something to repair them.

It is reported that the cars were on the siding with locked brakes and that two colored boys loosed the brakes, causing them to get a start. All boys, white or colored, should be taught to keep hands off of things of this kind.

STRAND THEATRE
THURSDAY
RUDOLPH VALENTINO
in
"COBRA"