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NEGRO SHOT AND KILLED SUNDAY NEAR HASSELLS

John Simmons Killed His Brother In Quarrel Over A Woman

Tom Simmons, colored, was shot and instantly killed by his brother, John Simmons, near Hassell, last Sunday afternoon, following a quarrel of long standing over a woman. Three loads of shot were fired, one complete discharge from a 12-gauge gun striking Simmons in the back just between the shoulders. He fell dead. The killer dropped the gun and ran to the woods, where he was later caught. He is now in the county jail awaiting a hearing.

The killing climaxed a quarrel that had been in the making over a period of nearly a year and which had to do with a woman claimed to be the wife of John Simmons. The two brothers lived together near Hamilton, and had engaged in fights and quarrels at various times during the past month, John claiming that his brother knocked his eye out some time ago during a fight.

Sunday, John Simmons went to the home of his father and was eating dinner when his brother arrived. Tom called John and told him to go into the yard, where they could settle their differences. Tom, with a stick in his hand, waited for his brother, but when he saw the gun in John's hand, he started running. John followed, and in the course of a 200-yard chase he fired three times, some of the shot from each load striking the man. Tom's badly worn overall jumper resembled the bottom of a flour sifter, with a torn spot about the middle.

The boys' father is said to have warned against a fight and attempted to stop the shooting, but his peace efforts were ignored by his sons.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Chief of Police Daniel, and Patrolman Braswell went to the scene of the killing on the Arch Robertson farm about one mile and a half out of Hassell. Witnesses to the killing are said to have denied any knowledge at first, but they later told all the details and no coroner's inquest was held.

No trial will hardly be held before June, as the grand jury for the present term of superior court has been discharged. A preliminary hearing will probably be held this week, when it is understood a charge of second-degree murder will be preferred against him.

IMPROVED HOG PRICES IN SIGHT

Receipts at Leading Markets Are Considerably Below Last Year

Because of the limited holdings of pork in cold storage and the low receipts of hogs at the leading central markets, there is every prospect that prices for pork will increase by or about April 1.

W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College, says the receipts of hogs at the seven leading markets during the five months of October to February, inclusive, were 7,972,748 head as compared with 11,649,308 head during the corresponding period in 1931 and 1932. The receipts during February of this year were only 537,240 head as compared with 724,152 during February one year ago. For the week ending March 11, receipts were 21,822 less than the week ending March 12, 1932.

"In addition to this," says Shay, "the cold storage of pork, including frozen, dry salt, pickled, and in process of cure on hand March 1, 1933, was 24.89 percent less than was the case on March 1, 1932, and 28.75 percent less than the average on March 1 for the past five years."

In Shay's opinion, this means that hog prices must increase by or about April 1 to where they will equal or exceed prices paid one year ago. He looks for the prices to improve to the point where they will exceed the actual cost of production. This prediction is made in spite of the fact that the average price for the week ending March 11 was only \$3.84 a hundred pounds.

Since most North Carolina hog growers are finishing their animals to take advantage of the high markets of April and August, these growers should prepare to market animals cooperatively next month.

Judge Parker To Address Kiwanis Club Tomorrow

Judge R. Hunt Parker will address the regular meeting of the local Kiwanis Club in the Woman's Club rooms tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock, it was announced today. It is a rare privilege to hear Judge Parker talk, and it is believed a large number of members will be present.

RAMBLIN' HERRIN'

Exploring the small streams of the county, a herring was caught in the Old Mill Inn stream, about four miles from here on the Washington road, by A. C. Coltraine yesterday. Wandering from the Roanoke River, the fish explored Sweet Water Creek, passed Watts Landing and Leggett's Bridge, went all through the Daniel-Staton mill pond and reached the mouth of Little Creek before turning up the small Old Mill Inn stream. He traveled about 15 miles from the Roanoke.

SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

Night Classes for Retarded Pupils Brought To a Close This Week

Senior Play
There are some who believe Noah has never escaped from the ark. To verify this fact the senior class of Oak City School will present a play Friday night, "Out of the Ark Came Noah."

The scenes of the play take place in the lobby of the Hotel Ark. The plot of the play reveals interesting incidents woven about the life of Noah; and the animals that escaped from the ark.

The characters who will impersonate Noah and his friends are:

Francis Worsley (Noah); Elwood Bennett (Mr. George McElwaine); Charlie B. Council (Franz Arnold); Hannibal Haislip (Terry Malone); Edward Hyman (Dawson); Pauline Glover (Julia McElwaine); Avril Woodley (Bill Bob Vance); Jessie D. Rawls (Mrs. O'Leary); Louise Council (Lenore Maitland); Addie Whitfield (Martha Lee); Chessie Piland (Maddie Lebow); Stella Davenport (Maggie) and (Bessie).

Attractive chorus girls will present several typical vaudeville numbers, which will be in keeping with the play.

Night Classes End
The night classes which have been conducted for retarded pupils by Mr. H. M. Ainsley and Mr. S. P. Williams came to a close this week. There were around 26 pupils enrolled in these classes, Mr. Ainsley having 16 and Mr. Williams 10.

GETS 2 YEARS FOR THEFT OF WATCH

Lying in Court Found Very Unprofitable By One Defendant

Ananias Keel, young colored boy, was sentenced to the roads for a period of two years for the theft of a \$50 gold watch and for falsifying his testimony before Judge R. Hunt Parker in the Superior Court of Martin County.

Keel, denying the charge last week, maintained that he was in Bethel on the date the watch was stolen and that he knew nothing about it. He had witnesses to prove he was in Bethel, but they were not here to testify in the case. Judge Parker, desiring to administer justice, told Keel's attorney to get his witnesses here. Keel was warned through the attorney that it would be just too bad if the witnesses failed to support his claim as to his whereabouts on December 24, 1932. It was learned that Keel was in Bethel, but he was mistaken as to the date. He was there on the 23rd, and after admitting he made a mistake in the dates he pleaded guilty.

Just before passing sentence, Judge Parker said little about the actual crime Keel was charged with, but he condemned lying in the courts and that he himself thought poor of the practice, is established in the two-year road sentence upon which Ananias is about to start.

ANOTHER MAD DOG IS KILLED

Bites Young Robbins Boy and Attacks Mule and Several Dogs

Another outbreak of hydrophobia was reported in the county last Friday when a Robbins child was attacked by a mad dog on the Speight farm in Poplar Point Township. The dog was killed and was declared mad by the Bureau of Hygiene, Raleigh, where its head was examined. The child, about 7 years old, is now taking the Pasteur treatment.

The dog is said to have attacked a number of animals and it is believed there is danger of their going mad and attacking people and animals. A mule belonging to J. G. Staton was bitten and the dog was in a fight with several other dogs. The mule was vaccinated Sunday, but the vaccine is hardly ever effective after rabies develops.

HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR PAST MONTH

Names of 110 Pupils Appear on Honor List For The Period

One hundred and ten names appear on the local school honor roll for the sixth month, recently ended, it was reported this week by Principal Wm. R. Watson. The list is a very representative one and is about the usual size, even though many names were held off on account of illness during the period.

The list:
Grade 1-A: Marshall Ange, Conrad Gotsinger, Fred Hardison, Richard Margolis, Burke Parker, Collin Peel, Helen Godard, Elizabeth Gurganus, Courtney Jenkins, Della J. Mobley, Pattie Modlin, Susan Moore, Mary T. Peel, Susie Wobblenton.

Grade 1-B: Lillie Mae Lee, Willie Gray Lee, Burkley Nicholson, Clarence Pate, Dora Mae Cherry.

Grade 2-A: Milly Biggs, Evelyn Griffin, Betty R. Gurganus, Patricia King, Nannie Manning, Jim Critcher, Bill Griffin, Hurley Shaw, Jimmie Manning.

Grade 2-B: Thelma Lowe, Daisy Manning, Sallie Williams, Corrine Roberson, Lillie Marriner, Gordon Howell.

Grade 3-A: S. C. Griffin, Reg Griffin, Garland Wynne, Thomas Walters, Edith Andrews, Mary A. Cherry, Susie Griffin, Dolly Godard, Bettie Hoard, Carrie Jones, Bina Jackson, Mary L. Manning, Grace Manning, Mildred Moore, Elizabeth Parker, Daisy Peaks, Louise Roberson.

Grade 3-B: George H. Wynn, Kathleen Nicholson, Sallie B. Griffin.

Grade 4-A: Nancy Biggs, Nina Bland, Eleanor Brown, Doris Bullock, Marjorie G. Dunn, Katherine Manning, Mary G. Osborne, Anita Wheelless, Arthur Anderson, Martin Anderson, Stuart Critcher, R. J. Hardison, Warren Jones, Jerry Manning, Joseph Thigpen, Jimmie Watts.

Grade 4-B: Fate Roebuck, jr.

Grade 5-A: Jerry Clark, Gordon Manning, Albert Peel, jr., Bernice Conner, Delsie Goldard, Sallie G. Gurkin, Rachel Keel, Doris Moore, Edna Shaw, Martha Ward, Virgil Ward, Julia Watts, Reid White, Susie Whitley.

Grade 5-B: Ellen Coburn, Dixie Daniels, Doris Andrews.

Grade 6-A: Elva Grace Barnhill, Reg Manning.

Grade 6-B: No report.

Grade 7-A: E. G. Wynn, Velma Bennett, Frances Cherry, Addie Lee Meador, Surreatha Peaks, Helen Shaw, Lois Taylor, Donnie Lee Terterton, Dolly Mae Wheeler.

Grade 7-B: None.

Grade 8: Edna Ballard, Marie Griffin, Gwen Watts, Ben Manning, Clayton Moore, jr.

Grade 10: Jessie Mae Anderson, Hazel Martin.

Grade 11: Jennie Green Taylor, Russell Taylor Roebuck.

Local 4-H Club In Regular Meet Thursday March 23

The Williamston 4-H club met March 23 in the home economics room. The meeting was opened with a few club songs suggested by the president and the club pledge was repeated by all the members. The secretary called the roll and reported the minutes of the last meeting. Owing to the absence of Marian Pender, the club news reporter, Bernice Ward, was appointed by the president to act in her place. There were 28 members present at the meeting. The members failed to bring necessary work for the project and in place of it each member was asked to get up her record book. Seven pages of the record book will be the requirement for girls wishing to attend camp this year. Seven members were eligible to join in the biscuit contest which was explained at the meeting. The members will be required to have a sample stocking darn and patch in their record book. A report was made by the club representative who attended the 4-H Council meeting.—Reporter.

Council 4-H Clubs Elects Officers at Meeting Here

At the first 4-H council meeting held in Williamston Saturday, March 18, in the home agent's office, the following officers were elected: Winifred Mizelle, president; Levora Grimes, vice president; and Edith Ross Vick, secretary.

There were seven clubs represented and plans were made for a county meeting every two months. At each meeting some hand work will be taught the officers of the 4-H clubs, and they, in turn, will be asked to teach their club members. "Candy Making" and get acquainted games gave all in attendance a happy time. The next council meeting is planned for May.

ROSEBORO MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON 5 YEARS

Found Guilty of Receiving Cigarettes Stolen from Wholesale Firm

J. P. Watson, Roseboro merchant, was sentenced to not less than five years nor more than eight years at hard labor in the State's Prison by Judge R. Hunt Parker in the Martin County Superior Court here today after a jury had found him guilty of receiving goods known to have been stolen from the Harrison Wholesale Company store here last November. The sentence brought to a close a series of daring robbery and receiving cases that caused much alarm throughout Eastern North Carolina during the latter part of 1932.

The case, scheduled for trial last week, was not called until yesterday morning as the defense counsel was busy in the courts of Sampson County at that time. During a greater part of the day testimony was offered, the defense calling eighteen witnesses from Roseboro, 134 miles away. Upon the evidence offered by T. C. Poole, the State contended that the defendant, Watson, received 13 cases of cigarettes stolen from the Harrison Wholesale Company, and that he paid about \$300 for them.

With its 18 witnesses the defense offered testimony tending to show that no delivery of cigarettes had been made to Watson as claimed, that only a small quantity of cigarettes had ever been seen in his store at one time. Poole maintained that he with Berry, Bailey, Tyson and Proctor, left Williamston about 1:30 a. m. November 14 for Roseboro. They dropped Bailey in Smithfield and Berry waited near Roseboro while Poole, Tyson and Proctor delivered the goods to the Roseboro man. None of the stolen goods was found in a search of Watson's store by police from several sections of the State. Watson did not take the stand in his own behalf.

Argument in the case was completed late in the afternoon, and the court ordered a recess until 7:30 p. m. Judge Parker completed his charge and turned the case over to the jury about 9 o'clock. Failing to determine a verdict, the jury retired at 11:30 and continued its deliberations this morning. The verdict of guilty was returned in open court about an hour later.

Disgruntled at the verdict, Attorney Herring for the defense, pleaded with the court for leniency. Watson's record was reviewed and his stay in prison for aiding and abetting larceny in Roseboro about two years ago was called to the attention of the court by the prosecution. Witnesses were called again to testify that the defendant had been of good character since his parole was granted about a year ago.

Just before pronouncing the five-to-eight-year sentence, Judge Parker stated that he believed Watson "was more responsible for the robbery than were Poole and Bailey, that one receiving stolen goods could encourage a dozen men to rob. Watson heard his fate with down cast eyes, his wife, a helper in caring for one child and the defendant's, widowed mother, breaking down and crying when the sentence was pronounced.

Watson's bondsman was released from payment of the \$1,000 bond posted for the defendant's appearance in court last week upon condition that the bondsman pay to Deputy Grimes \$19.50 expenses incurred when he went to serve papers on Watson.

The Roseboro citizens, openly disappointed over the outcome of the trial, departed for their homes soon after the last chapter was written in the case. The prisoners will be carried to prison this afternoon and tomorrow.

Loading Poultry Car In the County This Week

According to reports coming from Jamesville at noon today, much poultry is being loaded cooperatively there today. Mr. R. L. Stallings, secretary of the Roanoke Mutual Exchange, said that loadings up until about time were equally as large as those made there a few weeks ago.

The car will be brought here this afternoon for loadings tomorrow. It will be in Robersonville Thursday.

Regular Meeting of Oak City 4-H Club Is Held

The 4-H club of Oak City held its regular meeting Tuesday of last week at 2:30 o'clock. The vice president called the meeting to order by singing a few club songs. "Care of Clothing" was the theme for the day, emphasis being placed on darning and patching and removing stains. Owing to it being test week few members were able to attend.—Helen Johnson, news reporter.

Seed Loan Checks Are Being Mailed in County This Week

2-CENT POSTAGE IS REGARDED AS PROBABLE SOON

Representative from North Carolina Asks Change in Postal Rates

Washington.—What is regarded as the bill that will replace the 3-cent stamp with the old 2-cent stamp was introduced in the House last week by Representative Robert L. Doughton, of North Carolina, chairman of the Ways and Means committee. His measure provides that the 3-cent stamp be done away with, that the former rate of 2 cents be restored, and that the 2 cents on bank checks be abolished, but it extends the present gas tax one year.

Farmer Bob called at the post office department Saturday to discuss the matter with Postmaster General Farley and was told the Cabinet member was out of Washington. He was told at the office that Farley had not yet expressed himself definitely on the subject, but was only investigating it with a view of otherwise reducing expenses to save revenue that the extra cent for stamps yielded.

In order to have the matter in shape before his committee, the bill was introduced, and Doughton will talk to the President about it at the proper time.

"The three-cent postage rate keeps many people from writing letters and has never accomplished what was intended, to yield revenue," Mr. Doughton said. "The 2-cent stamps on checks is a nuisance and should have never been enacted. I would continue the government gasoline tax a year, but would exempt state agencies from the tax. I confidently believe that this Congress will abolish the check stamp and also go back to 2 cents postage rates on letters."

ARREST MAN FOR STORE ROBBERY

Albert Wilson, Colored, Is Now Being Held In the County Jail

Albert Wilson, young colored man, was arrested last Friday night for the alleged robbery of B. F. Perry's store on Washington Street the night before. Wilson's arrest was effected after he went to Will Baker's filling station and store at Gardner's Creek and spent about 40 cents in pennies. One of the pennies had a hole in it, making it possible for Mr. Perry to identify it.—Mr. Baker reported the transaction at his store, and Wilson was placed under arrest by Chief Daniel. The boy told one story and his father is said to have told a different one as to the whereabouts of Wilson the night of the robbery.

No hearing has been held in the alleged robbery case, but Wilson continues in jail under a six-months road sentence suspended at a previous term of court.

Wilson is alleged to have entered the Perry store through an upstairs window in the rear of the store and stole several dollars from the cash register. He was seen in the store but escaped before the law and others could trap him.

First Civil Case on Calendar Called in Court Here Today

Completing the criminal docket in the superior court here this morning, attention was turned to the trial of civil cases. The first case called was that of Child, administrator, against Dr. Norfolk, of Bertie County. The plaintiff is suing for damages resulting when her husband was run down and killed by the defendant on the Roanoke River fill, near here, back in the year, 1931.

Hamilton 4-H Club Holds Its Regular Monthly Meet

The Hamilton 4-H club held its regular meeting Tuesday of last week in the school auditorium. The meeting was opened by the president and the roll was called, the group singing a few songs and reciting the club pledge.

The County 4-H Council meeting was announced at the meeting and officers were urged to attend.

During the regular business session Miss Sadie Bowers was elected news reporter for the club. The project for the morning was darning socks and stockings and many members darned successfully at the meeting. This was a portion of the meeting devoted to "Care of Clothing."—News reporter.

TO PAY TEACHERS

According to information coming from educational authorities, Martin County school teachers will receive their checks for the sixth month of the current term about the latter part of this or the early part of next week. The sixth month was completed some time ago, but checks were ordered held back by the state authorities.

SENTENCES ARE PASSED IN FIVE ROBBERY CASES

T. C. Poole and Joe Berry Sentenced From 10 To 18 Years in Prison

A climax to the series of robberies in Eastern North Carolina during the latter part of 1932 was reached here last night and this morning, when Judge R. Hunt Parker pronounced sentence in five cases with a sternness that almost took the breath of the large number of spectators. Even though he expressed sympathy for the defendants and their heart-broken relatives, the judge declared himself a representative, and he meted out justice as an ordinary act of his sworn duty. But even though his pronouncements were made in calmness, it was almost apparent that the task was not at all a pleasant one to the recently elected judge.

The first of the sentences was meted out last night about 10 o'clock, after the jury had repaired to its room to decide the Watson larceny and receiving case that had been in progress all day.

Pleading for mercy before the judge, T. C. Poole, self-admitted criminal, asked that his sentence be made as light as possible. Poole stated that he had gone wrong, that he had now admitted all his crimes so he could go straight once he was released. For his part in the Harrison Wholesale Company store robbery he was sentenced for not less than five years nor more than eight years at hard labor in the State's prison. At the expiration of that term he is to serve a sentence of not less than five years nor more than ten years in State's prison for his part in robberies at Oak City and Hamilton. Judgment was suspended in the cases charging him with robberies at Everetts. The judgments combined call for a sentence of from 10 to 18 years. It is understood the sentence will run concurrently with the five to seven year term given him in the Pitt County courts.

Attorney Swain, pleading before the bar of justice in behalf of Joe Berry, a second party to the series of robberies, pulled at the strings of sympathy. But the unfortunate conditions—a wife and three small children hungry and penniless, a tubercular sister—failed to lessen the seriousness of the charged crimes. Berry was sentenced to hard labor in State's prison for not less than 10 nor more than 18 years.

Pleading for George Bailey, high school boy figuring in the Harrison Wholesale robbery, Attorney Insoce pointed out to the judge that the boy was not a criminal, that he was a wayward son. It was the boy's first experience in daring crimes. He sat calmly beside his parents, his father a faithful law enforcement officer in Raleigh. Tears trickled down his face when the judge ordered him confined in State's prison for not less than 18 months and not more than 3 years.

Arrangements Completed for Operetta at Everetts

Arrangements are complete for the operetta, "Are Fairies Real?" to be staged by the elementary department of the Everetts school there this evening at 8 o'clock, Principal D. N. Hix said yesterday.

It was feared at one time that the operetta would have to be postponed on account of the mumps, but the principal said yesterday all was in readiness for the production tonight.

Bear Grass Club Studies the "Care of Clothing"

The 4-H club of Bear Grass met last Tuesday afternoon in the school house. The president opened the meeting with the usual roll call by the secretary. Club songs were sung and the pledge repeated. Few members brought the work required and the project will be continued at the April meeting. "Care of Clothing" was the subject for the meeting held this month.—Irene Hodges, reporter.

MONEY MUST BE USED AS STATED IN APPLICATIONS

Borrowers Will Not Find It Necessary To Call for Their Checks

The first of the seed and feed loan checks for farmers in this county arrived last week and are being forwarded to the owners as rapidly as they are recorded in the register of deeds' office. More than 150 of the checks are now being mailed to the borrowers. The process is a bit slow, and borrowers are asked to be patient and just wait for the checks, which will be mailed. A personal call is absolutely unnecessary, Roy Hearne, field inspector for this county, said yesterday.

Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation checks are also reaching the county, and within the next few days approximately \$200,000 or more should be circulating. And, no doubt, everything will be fine for the borrowers until next fall, when the loans are to be paid off. In the meantime, the government will have men visit the borrowers to inspect their activities and to check up on the use of the money, it is understood.

According to Mr. Hearne, the borrower pledges himself to use the money as agreed upon, that no borrower should use the money lent for purposes other than those set forth in the application. The amounts approved under the direction of the government are supposed to be sufficient to enable the borrower to properly fertilize his crops, supply dusting materials, and make possible repairs to tools. In those cases where the farmer hasn't enough feed he may purchase some for his work stock.

Many farmers, applying for loans, asked for enough money to supply themselves. Money is not allowed for that purpose under the act authorizing the loans. In a few cases applications called for three times as much fertilizer as the applicants said they expected to use. These applications will be decreased in size.

Some farmers are of the opinion that the government is dictatorial in that it directs how the loans should be used. Others say it is not only right that they should be required to spend the money as agreed upon, but that it will be better for the borrowers where the instructions are adhered to. It is believed that conditions would not be so unfavorable today if all the loans advanced by banks and other agencies had been properly spent. Some merchants have gone bankrupt, it is said, because advances made by them to farmers were not used for purposes they furnished them for.

The government first planned for the borrower to call for the checks in person and pay for the registration. Realizing the inconvenience in the plan, the government changed the ruling and after paying for the registration it will forward the checks to the borrowers through the mails.

May Add Few Words To a Telegram Free of Cost

The following announcement was made yesterday by the manager of the local telegraph office:

"At no extra cost you may include four extra words in a telegram, as long as the four words mean 'Reply by Western Union.' You can ever make it five if you say, 'Answer collect by Western Union.' The use of the free words by any one will hasten the answer to a telegram and therefore will benefit the public as well as the company. In years past, suggestions have been made that the telegraph company permit certain words to be added free to telegrams. The one suggested most often is the word, 'Love,' defined as the tenth word in a telegram, but the answer has always been that it might constitute a discrimination in favor of that commodity."

Charged with Failure To Account for Postal Funds

Jesse T. Price, former postmaster here, was placed under a \$500 bond at a preliminary hearing held here yesterday for his appearance before Judge Meekins in Federal court next week in connection with his alleged failure, as postmaster, to account for \$568.90 upon demand of the Postmaster General through his authorized agent, which money came into his possession by authority of his office. The warrant was issued at the request of F. D. Conderman, post office inspector. Mr. Price resigned as postmaster of the local office the 28th of last month.