

**SALISBURY BOY
SHOOTS MOTHER
AND THEN SELF**

Double Tragedy, Enacted at Three O'clock in the Morning; Father Awakes Too Late to Prevent It

IN ILL HEALTH

Family Is Prominent One in Rowan County; Boy Was Only Child; Double Funeral on Wednesday

Salisbury, July 26.—(AP)—Paul E. Smith, Jr., 23 years old, shot and killed his mother this morning as she slept and then committed suicide, by shooting himself in the right temple. The tragedy was enacted at the Smith home at 1705 north Lee street, this city. The husband and father awoke at 3 o'clock this morning to find the son attacking his mother, having dealt her blow on the forehead with a hammer and bore he could interfere sufficiently to prevent assault. The son fired a pistol ball into the right temple of the woman who was 52 years old. Then rushing into his room, adjoining that of his parents, he jumped in bed and shot himself just below the right temple. Death for both mother and son was instantaneous. The son had been in ill health several years and about a year ago underwent a serious operation. However, he was able to go about and attended a picture show last night. Returning home he retired and nothing further was heard of him until he entered the room where the father and mother were sleeping.

It is said the father on awakening called to the boy to know what he was doing and he replied that he was "going to kill mother and myself," and in an instant, after striking the blow with the hammer, shot her, using a .32 calibre pistol, the same one with which he only a minute later killed himself.

Mrs. Smith was a member of a prominent family of Gold Hill Township, this county, and was a sister of H. E. Ruffy, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Rowan. She leaves besides the husband, several brothers and sisters and an aged mother. The dead son was the only child.

The double funeral will take place at Gold Hill Methodist Church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and the two bodies will be buried in the church cemetery.

It is very probable that a coroner's inquest will be held over the bodies of Paul E. Smith, Jr., and his mother, Mrs. Roxie Smith, to determine all the facts in the affair.

So far as can be learned the young man's mind had not been affected, although he has been in ill health. Officials have been conferring this morning relative to the advisability of holding an inquest.

**RODE TO WORK
BUT MAY HAVE
TO WALK BACK**

New York's Millions Facing Possibility of Strike on Elevated and Subway Lines Today

EFFECTIVE AT ONCE

Should Strike Vote Be Favorable Walkout Will Start Immediately; City Marshals Forces

New York, July 26.—(AP)—New York's millions rode to work today facing the possibility that they may have to walk home. A strike affecting all the elevated and subway lines in Manhattan and Brooklyn and surface car service in Brooklyn loomed as almost a certainty for late today.

The Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, whose efforts to unionize the employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the Brooklyn Manhattan Transit Company and the Brooklyn City Railroad caused the strike threat, has called a meeting of its members for 5 o'clock this afternoon when a strike vote will be taken. Should the vote be favorable the strike will become effective immediately.

Meanwhile, the city continued marshalling its transportation forces to meet the expected tie-up of the city's two main travel arteries.

Arrangements have been made for 1,300 extra buses to parallel the east and west side subways while municipal ferries will be run the length of Manhattan on the Hudson River.

Large corporations have been asked to operate their own trucks to bring their employees to and from work. Surface car lines and bus companies are prepared to place all their equipment into service and extend their routes.

The involved companies, however, to keep their lines in operation through use of strike breakers. Fifteen hundred men, most of them said to be skilled electric car men and others recruited from park benches, have been examined and pronounced fit for service by the Interborough Company.

A third attempt by Mayor Walker to avert the threatened strike met with failure yesterday. Previously the company officials refused to meet the mayor in conference with the union leaders but yesterday both sides to the controversy rejected the mayor's invitations.

A suggestion from Samuel Untermyer, attorney, to the Interborough Company that a secret ballot be cast by its employees to determine the question of their affiliations was refused by the company.

A tour of the soybean fields in the county adjacent to Elizabeth City is one of the big treats of the meeting.

Hyde County is the original home of the soybean in the Nation and on this tour visitors will have a view of one of the most fertile farming sections in Southeastern United States.

On Thursday, August 11, the party leaves Washington by auto for a tour of tobacco, peanut and soybean growing sections with the tour ending at Elizabeth City at noon.

SMITH-BRONTE PLANE CRASHES ON LEPER ISLAND



Hopes of the Smith-Bronte fliers for a round trip flight from Oakland, California, to Honolulu, were shattered in a klawe tree on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. Their gasoline supply exhausted, the fliers were forced down, but instead of landing in the ocean, as they thought they would, they came down in the famous leper colony. This first photo of the crash was brought to Los Angeles by ship and, sent to The Advance by air of telephoto.

No More Bobbed Hair for Them



The question of keeping it cut or letting it grow is dividing the ranks of the feminine stylists. Here are three ladies of the movies who have lined up with the "let-it-grow." At the top is Sally Rand, to the lower left is Estelle Taylor (Mrs. Jack Dempsey) and to the right is Dorothy Dwan. How does it look to you?

**Vidas Yacht Club Formed
To Promote Recreational
Life of Coastal Regions**

Formation of the Vidas Yacht Club to bring new interest in the sport of yachting into Northeastern Carolina is announced as the outcome of a meeting held in the McAlpin Hotel, in New York City, last Friday, at which a constitution and by-laws were adopted, and officers elected.

The officers of the club are: Captain Frank Winch, of Washington, and Elizabeth City, commodore; Frank A. Tichenor of New York, publisher of the Aero Digest, vice-commodore; Paul B. Klubb, president and general manager of the Zenith Radio Corporation, Chicago, rear commodore; Allen D. Hayman, Elizabeth City, fleet captain; Samuel A. Russell, Washington, secretary; and Dr. Jesse Shoup, Washington, treasurer. Mr. Russell is executive secretary to Senator William A. King, of Utah.

Of its authorized capitalization of \$100,000, Captain Winch reports that \$100,000 was subscribed at the initial meeting. This is to be applied upon the erection of a commodore's club house in Kitty Hawk Bay, on Virginia Dare Shores. Plans call also for the creation of a large basin in Kitty Hawk Bay, to accommodate at least 100 yachts, according to Captain Winch.

**Dairymen Probably
To Face Stricter
Laws Later On**

Within a year after the new Standard Milk Ordinance goes into effect, October 1, there is a strong probability that dairymen serving the public in Elizabeth City will be required to supply a product not lower in physical purity than grade B, according to L. Hedgepeth, city chemist and milk inspector.

"For a grown person, a grade of milk below B is unsatisfactory," Mr. Hedgepeth explained. "Under no circumstances should a baby be given anything but grade A milk. Of course, the milk ordinance as it stands now goes no farther than to require the dairymen to specify the quality of his product; but several progressive North Carolina cities have gone a step farther by prohibiting the sale of milk under grade B, and I am confident that Elizabeth City will fall in line."

The milk inspector declared that dairymen serving Elizabeth City were making every effort, speaking generally, to bring their product up to the requirements of the State Board of Health, as embodied in the ordinance. He expressed confidence that a majority of them would be able to meet the conditions of the two higher grades by October 1.

To correct a general misunderstanding of his own particular part in the program for pure milk, Mr. Hedgepeth stated that he merely acted as a representative of the State Board of Health and of the United States Public Health Service. Because of that, and to eliminate a possible basis for allegations of favoritism from disgruntled dairymen, he declared all grades would be fixed by representatives of the State Board, who didn't know one dairyman from another, and didn't give a whoop which was which.

"Elizabeth City people should remember that they have available, at no individual cost to themselves, as fine a laboratory as there is in the country," he commented. "That is the laboratory of the State Board of Health. The city, in common with others throughout the State, pays \$50 a year to help keep it up, and the people might as well make use of it. You don't have to depend on what I know, or don't know, on the subject of chemistry. I am merely the representative of the State Board."

"My main job, of course, is to see that you get absolutely satisfactory water when the weather is in operation," he continued. "I am responsible directly to the State Board for that, and if I fall down, I'll be quietly removed. You've got an absolutely ideal plant for your conditions here—built to deal with your particular problems. All the equipment necessary to produce fine water is here, and if you don't get it, it will be my fault."

GOOD THING IT RAINED
SAYS SHARRER & WHITE
"It is a good thing it rained Saturday, the first day of our Fire Sale," declared a member of the firm of Sharber and White, to an Advance reporter today.

"We were overwhelmed with customers and the weather had been fair I don't know what we would have done. Our advertisement in The Advance certainly brought results."

The sale is still in progress, by the way, as another advertisement states.

**Four Deputies Added
At South Mills For
War On Moonshiners**

**Chemist Discovers
Colon Bacilli In
River Water**

Persons who bathe in Pasquotank River in the vicinity of the hospital, bathe at their own risk—and a decidedly real risk at that, according to L. L. Hedgepeth, city chemist and milk inspector, who has conducted a two weeks' observation of the water there.

Even in quantities as small as half a drop, Mr. Hedgepeth announced, the water is found to be contaminated with colon bacilli. In other words, he explains, it contains focal matter.

The presence of colon bacilli themselves is not particularly ominous. These bacilli, according to the chemist, are not regarded as harmful except in the case of infants; but where there are colon bacilli, there are apt to be other disease germs that are decidedly to be avoided.

The colon bacillus is the hardest of all the germs that multiply in the intestinal tract, Mr. Hedgepeth declares, and that causes intestinal disorders, including typhoid and dysentery. Therefore, the cautious individual who would avoid the whole kit and boodle of them will stay out of the river at that point.

Mr. Hedgepeth's investigation of conditions existing at that point in Pasquotank River was prompted by a project of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club to establish a camp there for underprivileged children to enjoy this summer.

Before establishing their camp, the Kiwanians wanted to make sure that the water was safe for bathing. Hence, the chemist was called upon to analyze it.

Knobbs Creek, source of the city's water supply, also contains colon bacilli, but in such small quantities that they are not observable in quantities less than 10 cubic centimeters, the equivalent of a small tablespoonful, according to Mr. Hedgepeth. That is regarded as satisfactory, he declared, adding that these stray bacilli are promptly destroyed before the water reaches the city mains and the ultimate consumer.

Mr. Hedgepeth reiterates his earlier declaration that the city water is entirely safe, though perhaps a trifle objectionable to the taste, and containing a little organic coloring matter. It is boric acid, a quadruple dose of chlorine, he points out, as a means of guaranteeing its purity.

The principal coloring element is tannic acid, obtained from various vegetable substances. This will be eliminated completely by the modern methods and equipment to be employed at the new plant, Mr. Hedgepeth says. The plant will be given a preliminary tryout in the week of or so, and should be ready to serve the city within a couple of months, according to those in charge of construction.

**State Fair Certain
Returns Indicate**

Raleigh, July 26.—(AP)—The State Fair for Raleigh seemed assured on the face of unofficial returns this afternoon.

A majority of the 2504 registered voters were needed, under the law, to vote the \$75,000 bonds to obtain the fair, and 1253 affirmative votes were needed.

In the early afternoon, the affirmative vote was approaching 1200 with only a scattering negative votes.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the trucks will follow the eastern route south via Moyock to Elizabeth City, returning via South Mills. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, they will come south via South Mills, returning from Elizabeth City via Moyock.

**HURT WHEN HE HIT
TORPEDO FOR BALL**

Chicago, July 26.—(AP)—Samuel Demoria, 15, was seriously injured yesterday when a railroad track torpedo substituted for the baseball in a scrub game exploded as he hit it with a bat.

**YOUTH KILLS HIS PAL
WITH 'UNLOADED GUN'**

Burlington, July 26.—(AP)—A Burlington boy, still in his middle 'teens, who played "hold-up" robberies, today sought a \$5,000 bond while his companion, victim of the fatal outcome of the game, was being buried.

Arthur Craven snapped a pistol he secured from his father's trunk while pointing the weapon towards Harvey Flint, 15, who died with a shot in his body from the "unloaded gun." The gun was said to have snapped three times before the fatal firing.

**HEIRICK UNDERGOES
SECOND OPERATION**
Cleveland, July 26.—(AP)—Myron T. Heirick, 73 year old United States Ambassador to France was operated on again today the second time within ten days. Surgeons who attended him said he reacted well and that no complications are feared.

**FIRST BARREL OF
SWEET POTATOES
FROM GREGORY**

Gregory, July 26.—What is believed to be the first barrel of sweet potatoes from Currituck this season went forward over the Norfolk Southern from this point today.

These potatoes were grown by C. W. Roberts of this section and were shipped through the local firm of J. H. Boswood & Son.

Gregory has had the distinction of being the first point on the Norfolk Southern from which sweet potatoes are shipped several seasons.

**Seventeen Barrels
Currituck Sweets
Pass This Way**

Seventeen barrels of sweet potatoes grown by former Sheriff Bob Briggs of Harbinger arriving here over the North River Line today are believed to be the first shipment of early sweets from Currituck County to pass through Elizabeth City and the largest shipment from any point in the county made to date.

Mr. Briggs is the potato grower who had early Irish potatoes almost ready for digging when the March blizzard hit this section last spring. These Irish potatoes, had they reached maturity, would have gone on the market about six weeks ahead of the regular crop.

**NEW PAVED ROAD
OPEN TO TRAFFIC**

Motor Truck Freight Service Launched Between Here and Norfolk

The Sligo-Moyock Road, 16 feet wide, was opened to highway traffic officially Tuesday morning, without ceremony. It provides a highway hardsurfaced to a width of 16 feet or more all the way from Norfolk into Elizabeth City, and thence to Hertford, 18 miles west of here.

The newly completed road link is ten miles long, extending from Sligo, in Currituck County, to the State line at a point a mile north of Moyock. There it connects with an alternative highway route into South Norfolk and thence into Norfolk, a distance of about 20 miles from the line.

Simultaneously with the opening of the road, announcement of a new truck freight route serving Moyock, Elizabeth City, South Mills and intermediate points is made by the Hampton Roads Transportation Company, of Norfolk. Freight received at the offices of the company before 7 o'clock in the morning will be delivered the same day. That received later will be delivered the following day.

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**CHARLOTTE PLANS
FOR EXTENSIVE PARK**

Charlotte, July 26.—(AP)—Possibilities for an extensive park and playground system adequate for a city several times the size of Charlotte are seen here by Dr. Willis Allen Parker of Asheville, district representative of the national playground association who began a survey of possible park sites within the city today.

Dr. Parker, who will spend a week surveying the city at the invitation of the recently organized parks and recreation commission said that parks and playgrounds in each of the four main divisions of Charlotte would be his first recommendation to the commission.

Stripes of land lying along streams he added are usually unsuited for residential use and well adapted for playgrounds.