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## Fixidity Of Fixation Scheme Fixes Fixator

### Boone Finds It No Boon To Tamper With Jail Lock

#### GOES TO ROADS

### Release of Murderer May Have Been Behind It All

Madison Boone, Hertford Negro, is a great fixer. He fixed up the lock on the bull pen, the inclosure in the county jail where James White, awaiting trial for the slaying of Hattie Simpson, was believed by officers to be safely shut in, and in doing so fixed up a six-months sentence on the roads for himself, which Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., imposed in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

It all happened last week while Boone was in jail awaiting trial on a drunk and disorderly charge which was disposed of last Tuesday with Boone being released from jail after the trial. The lock was so neatly fixed by Boone, according to James White, that White enjoyed the run of the jail for four days, roaming at will through the jail corridors and watching the world go by the windows.

It was while he was engaged in watching the unloading of some mules that he became so absorbed that he forgot it was meal time and Mr. Fleetwood had come in and surprised him before he had time to get back into his cell and arrange the broken lock in place, as had been his custom. He heard Mr. Fleetwood up stairs, where he had carried his supper, and he called to him that he was down stairs.

Had he been so inclined, it would have been a very simple matter for this man who coolly announced that he had killed Hattie Simpson with an axe on January 25, to have knocked his Fleetwood in the head with the big iron bar exhibited in court, which White says Madison Boone used in trying to cut through the brick wall of the jail, and to have made his escape. White said on the stand that he didn't want to get out, which is obviously true, since he never made any effort to evade the responsibility for the murder with which he is charged. He merely wanted to get to the window and watch the folks go by.

Boone vehemently denied the whole thing, vigorously asserting that he did not give White 75 cents to get him to take the responsibility for the attempted escape.

"White, I think you owe Boone that 75 cents," said Judge Oakley at the conclusion of the trial. "You don't seem to have lived up to your part of the bargain. And I owe him six months on the roads." White immediately handed over the two coins, a half and a quarter, which Madison made an involuntary motion to accept. Then he drew back, "No, no," he said, "that ain't my money."

Through his attorney, C. H. Holmes, Boone took an appeal to Superior Court and the case will be tried at the April Term.

## Holy Week Services At Holy Trinity Church

Services at Holy Trinity Church for Holy Week are announced by the Rector, Rev. E. T. Jilson, as follows:

On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the celebration of holy communion;

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On Thursday, memorial celebration of holy communion at 8 o'clock in the evening;

On Good Friday, services from 2:00 until 3:00 in the afternoon, and evening prayer at 7:30;

On Saturday the rector announces that he will be at the church at 4 o'clock for baptisms.

On Easter Day, celebration of the holy communion at the usual hour of 9 o'clock in the morning; church school at 10 o'clock; holy eucharist and sermon at 11 o'clock.

## COTTON GINNINGS

W. M. Harrell, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that there were 4,567 bales of cotton ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1936 prior to March 1, as compared with 3,281 bales ginned to March 1, 1936 of the 1935 crop.

## VISITED PARENTS

Mrs. Horace Jones spent Tuesday at 1500, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Foster.

## MUSIC CLUBS VIE FOR HONORS HERE IN DISTRICT MEET

### Musicians From Nearby Towns Expected to Compete

#### E. CITY JUDGES

### Winners Participate In State Contest Held In High Point

Musicians from nearby towns are expected to be in Hertford on Saturday of next week, when the Music Clubs of the Northeastern District of the Federation of Music Clubs will hold the annual music contest here.

The affair will be held in the auditorium of the Hertford Grammar School at 10:30 o'clock in the morning.

There will be contestants from Bethel, Robersonville, Edenton and Hertford, in piano, voice, trombone and cornet. They will be judged by Mrs. I. M. Meekins, noted Elizabeth City musician and other judges from Elizabeth City.

All interested are invited to attend. The winners will be sent to the State Contest at High Point, to be held some time during the month of April.

## Rectory Damaged By Fire Tuesday

Fire did considerable damage to the Rectory, the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Jilson, on Market street, early Tuesday morning.

The alarm, which was turned in around 5 o'clock, was one of four alarms within a period of twenty-four hours, which is believed to be a record for Hertford. The fire at the Rectory, however, was the only one which resulted in serious damage, the others being mainly threatened fires from blazing flues.

The fire at the Rectory might have been a very serious thing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jilson were awakened by the odor of burning varnish, and immediate investigation disclosed that there was fire between the wall separating their bedroom from the hall, about the flue in the hall.

Though at no time was there a high blaze, there was considerable fire, which appears to have smoldered perhaps for a long time, and it was some time before it was entirely extinguished.

The damage, the extent of which will be determined by an adjuster to be sent by the insurance company, appears to have been confined to the front hall and one room.

## 1800 Persons Given Tuberculosis Test

More than 1800 persons have been given the tuberculosis test in Perquimans since the work was begun on March 8, according to the latest figures available. The preliminary work of testing has all been done, and Dr. John S. Denholm, of the State Sanatorium, who has conducted the tuberculosis clinic, left Thursday.

Those whose reactions were positive will be given X-Ray examinations on Wednesday and Thursday, March 24 and 25, at the Hertford Clinic. Two technicians will be here from the Sanatorium to do this work. All those who should have this examination, or whose reactions were positive, have been or will be notified in time.

Dr. Denholm stated on Thursday that, while the percentages of those in the county whose reactions were positive have not been definitely calculated, it would figure between 15 and 20 per cent. The doctor emphasized the fact that, while the tests is a very accurate test of previous infection of the tubercle bacillus, the positive reaction does not necessarily mean that the individual has clinically active tuberculosis. About 69 out of 69 who show a positive reaction, he said, control the disease spontaneously.

The tuberculin test, as this clinic will show, said Dr. Denholm, eliminates between 80 and 85 per cent of the students of the school, but of the rest the only way it can be proven that they are free from clinical tuberculosis is by X-Ray examination. It is, therefore, very important that this examination be made.

## SPENT WEEK END

Mrs. J. S. Vick, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Mae Robbins, who has been her guest recently, spent the week-end in Littleton, Washington and other points, visiting relatives.

## STATE THEATRE REDUCES PRICES FOR ADMISSION

### New Low Prices Now Effective Management Has Announced

#### GOOD SHOWS BILLED

### Special Low Prices Decided Upon For Saturday Shows

The State Theatre is announcing new admission prices, beginning on Thursday of this week, with only twenty-five cents and ten cents being charged at night at the beautiful new theatre, and a special rate of ten and fifteen cents for Saturdays.

The first show which will be seen at the new low price is "Rainbow on the River," starring Bobby Breen with May Robson and Charles Butterworth.

In this picture Bobby Breen, charming child star, makes his first appearance in Hertford. He is the boy, it will be remembered, who starred in his very first picture, which was "Let's Sing Again." His beautiful lyric tenor voice had already won him fame when he sang on the Eddie Cantor program on the radio.

In "Rainbow on the River" Bobby sings, among other songs, "Ave Maria," "Old Folks at Home," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "The Flower Song" and "Waitin' for the Sun."

May Robson, grand old lady of the theatre, celebrated the start of her fifty-fourth successive season of stage and screen work when she stepped before the "Rainbow on the River" cameras. She made her stage bow September 26, 1883. This picture will be shown only Thursday.

"Valiant is the Word for Carrie," will be shown one day only, Friday.

In this picture Gladys George, fresh from triumphs on the stage makes her screen debut. In the cast also are Arline Judge and John Howard. This is said to be the greatest woman's picture ever made, featuring a woman's devotion to her children.

On Saturday, when the special price of ten and fifteen cents will be charged, with shows continuously from 1:30 o'clock, Jack Holt will be seen in "North of Nome," which is a real thrill with a lot of action.

"Love is News" will be shown on Monday and Tuesday, starring Tyrone Power, Loretta Young and Don Ameche, with a good supporting cast including Slim Summerville, Dudley Digges, Walter Catlett, George Sanders, Jane Darwell, Stepin Fetchit and Pauline Moore.

On Wednesday, bank night, Irene Dunne plays in "Theodora Goes Wild," with Melvin Douglas, Thomas Mitchell, Thurston Hall and others. This is said to be one of the year's biggest laugh hits.

The State is keeping up its record for fine shows. Enthusiastic fans give expression to their appreciation of the class of shows which are being presented at the State by their patronage.

## L. N. Hollowell Buys Rocky Mt. Bus Line

L. N. Hollowell, president and general manager of the Hollowell Chevrolet Company, has purchased the Rocky Mount Bus Line.

This is Mr. Hollowell's second venture in the transportation business. Since December he has owned a half interest in the City Bus Service of Wilson.

The transfer of the Rocky Mount Bus Line was made on Monday of this week.

## Revival Services At Methodist Church

Rev. J. O. Long, pastor of the Methodist Church at Weldon is assisting in the meeting of the Methodist Church here this week and next. On Wednesday evening he preached on the subject, "The Permanent Elements in a Changing World."

A splendid congregation heard Mr. Long at this first service. The services begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock, and a cordial welcome is extended to the public.

## PROGRAM POSTPONED

The program of Irish music scheduled to be given on Friday evening by Mrs. R. M. Riddick's piano and rhythm pupils has been postponed until April 2, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Riddick this week.

## Mail Box Vandalism Causes Rigid Inquiry

### RECORDER'S COURT

### Another white man, convicted of the charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, was sentenced by Walter H. Oakley, Jr., Judge of Recorder's Court to thirty days in jail on Tuesday.

The man, who gave his name as David P. Burgess, and his place of residence Norfolk, Va., was arrested by Chief of Police J. T. Britt on Monday, after it had been reported to Mr. Britt that the man, who was under the wheel of his car parked at the curb on Market street, was drunk and that he had struck another car and failed to stop. Chief Britt found Burgess drunk and locked him up in jail. In the car was found a pint bottle containing about half a pint of liquor.

Mr. Burgess stated that he was only recently released from a hospital, where he had spent five weeks as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, and asked the court's mercy. Judge Oakley told the defendant that it was his policy to sentence to the roads all who were convicted in his court of driving while drunk. "It may be hard on the individual," he said, "but I am trying to protect the public against such people as you."

The defendant admitted he was under the influence of liquor, having taken a bottle of beer and two drinks of liquor, but said he was not drunk. "No," said Judge Oakley. "It wouldn't be so bad if you got down and couldn't drive a car."

Taking into account the fact that the man was not in physical condition to work on the roads, he was sentenced to jail for thirty days, fined fifty dollars and his driver's license revoked for the period of one year.

Spunk Stallings was convicted of the charge of drunk and disorderly, and prayer for judgment was continued, upon payment of the court costs, and good behavior for one year, and that he remain off the premises of C. E. Chappell for six months.

Four colored women, Beatrice Welch, Naomi, Evangeline and Helen Welch, were convicted of affray, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the court costs and upon good behavior for one year and upon the further condition that they not be found in the beer garden of Washington Lyons for the period of one year.

Beatrice Welch, in connection with the same affray, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, and was sentenced to thirty days in jail, the sentence being suspended upon payment of the court costs and upon good behavior for a year.

T. S. McMullan, Jr., of Elizabeth City, charged with the larceny of a truck, waived hearing in Recorder's Court through his attorney, J. B. McMullan, of Elizabeth City, and was ordered held for the grand jury under a thousand dollar bond, in default of which he was placed in jail.

## Holdren Served Town Twenty-four Years

Chief V. A. Holdren is observing an anniversary next Tuesday, the twenty-fourth anniversary of his term as chief engineer of the electric light, water and ice plant of Hertford.

Chief Holdren, who is a native of Bedford County, Virginia, came to Hertford to work for the Town of Hertford from Norfolk, on the 16th day of March, 1913. He recalls that President Wilson had just been inaugurated at that time.

Working twelve hours to the day for seven days in the week, the Chief has put in a good deal of time. He kept these hours up until six months ago, when, because of failing health, he could not remain so long on the job.

The Chief has lots of friends, though he hasn't had so much time off the job, who hope he will continue to serve the town for many more years to come.

## Scouts Registered

Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Hertford scoutmaster, has sent in the registration fee for 18 Boy Scouts. They are going on a hike on Friday.

The troop will meet at the parsonage Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, each boy taking whatever he wants for supper. At the end of the hike they will cook supper, hold their meeting and come back to town in time for the services at the church at 7:30.

## Rural Routes In Perquimans and Chowan Suffer By Deviltry

### INVESTIGATION ON Sheriff, Postmaster and Federal Authorities At Work

No arrest has as yet been made in connection with the acts of vandalism which occurred in Perquimans and Chowan Counties over the weekend when approximately fifty mail boxes on rural mail routes were torn from the posts to which they were attached and scattered about in ditches, swamps and near-by fields.

In some instances the posts to which the boxes were attached were pulled out of the ground and box and post thrown away.

Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow, of Perquimans, who was notified of the matter on Monday morning, lost no time in following up all clues, though the Sheriff stated on Wednesday that there were few clues to work on.

J. E. Morris, Hertford Postmaster, who was also notified on Monday, notified federal authorities and it is expected that an inspector will come to Perquimans to conduct an investigation.

The mail boxes on the right-hand side of the road, coming from Edenton to Hertford, were torn down, from just south of the Chowan County line, to Hertford. Only four or five of these boxes were in Chowan County. And the mail boxes on the right hand side of the road from the Highway to the road leading from Hertford to Burgess, in the Bethel community, were torn down, indicating that those responsible for the work only stopped on the right side of the road.

One little girl in the Bethel neighborhood heard the sound when the mail box in front of her home was torn down, and she said that shortly afterwards the clock struck 3. This was on Sunday morning.

While many theories have been advanced as to the reason for the acts, nothing definite has as yet been established, some believing that the perpetrators of the acts were drunks out on a lark, while others believe that it was spite work.

## Baptist Missionary Society Met Monday

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church met at the church on Monday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. L. A. Ward, presiding.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Ben Wood, after which there was a short business session. Mrs. C. W. Reed led the devotional and made a splendid talk. Mrs. Irvin White gave a reading and Mesdames E. W. Mayes, D. S. Dempsey and J. E. White, each of whom attended the Convention in Charlotte last week, gave short talks on the subject.

Due to the rainy weather, there were only 34 members present, three of whom were new members. Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood again won the WMU pin for having the largest number of circle members present.

## Hertford Couple Marry In Durham

Of interest to their many friends is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Helen Robbins Vick and Mr. John Christian Butler, both of Hertford, which took place in Durham on Sunday, March 7, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. T. Riddick, pastor of the Watts Baptist Church of Durham.

The bride who was unattended, wore an ensemble of navy blue, with harmonizing accessories, her flowers being a shoulder corsage of gardenias.

Those who witnessed the ceremony included Mrs. J. S. Vick, of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Butler, of Wilson, Miss Annie Lee Butler, of Durham, and Noah Gregory, of Hertford.

Mrs. Butler is the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vick, of Hertford. Mr. Butler is a son of Rev. A. A. Butler, of Hertford. He is associated with the Hollowell Chevrolet Company. The couple are very popular with a wide circle of friends. They are making their home at present with the brides parents on Church street.