NASH NEGRO SLAYS BROTHER HACKS BODY WITH AXE: TAR RIVER DRAGGED NEGRO HELD

Slaying Half-Brother, Chreuce the head.

Thompson Pieces Of Body Fished He was afraid, was the only Out Of Tar River After Being planation he gave for mutilating the Hacked To Pieces With Axe.

The most gruesome and startling within the memory of officers was practically ready to be turned over to the courts Sunday after a full day's work that began with the arof John Thomas Edwards, Ne-

Nash Deputy Sheriff P. H. John ston and Constable Harold E. Rico arrested Edwards, 45 year old farmer of year Gold Rock, Sunday morning. The Negro at first denied any man had not both been drinking, knowledge of the slaying but the Edwards replied "Yes." finding of bloody clothes near his

son, chopped up the body with an axe and threw the remains into Tar

to Deputy Johnston, the officers said were blood.

"Yeah, I killed my brother," the Two Counties Involved.

Negro said when interviewed in jail

"He shot at me with a pistol, two

saw he was dead.

of choppin' him up," the prisoner ficers R. L. Rogers and J. I. Nich-said with a wry expression. 'That ols and ABC Officer R. W. Brasaxe lyin' by him."

The Negro said he put the body spot by Tar river, 11 miles away, lishment. where he told police he chopped off! Nash and Edgecombe county

John Thomas Edwards Confesses with the axe and tried to chop off

corpse.

Officers Inspect Site Horrified officers found the ground The most grossome and starting soaked with blood by the river ing murder committed in this section bank, and they found bits of flesh in and shreds of clothing where to body was dragged to the river.

"I did: ft know what I was doing, Edwards earnestly told reporters in gro, and ended with the finding of the jail. "I'm going to tell the court his half-brother's mutilated body in

except to indicate vaguely that there had been an argument. When an of ficer asked him if he and the other

Officers said the shooting too house gradually brought from him place on the Levi farm near Gold a confession that he had lathed his Rock, on which Edwards lived, about half-brother, Clarence Thompson, 36. 3 o'clock Sunday morning, Edwards Under the questioning of Deputy told officers that Thompson used to Johnston and Corstable Rice, Ld. live on the farm but had recently wards admitted that he shot Thompson moved to Rocky Mount.

Child Tells Officer

First wind of the murder reached Sunday, in late afternoon officers was later arrested, we'll to the fished up the head of the dain Ne home of Deputy Johnston about gro with grappling hooks. Later they 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning. He pulled up out of the muddy river told the deputy sheriff that his uncle a muscular black torso and two logs. was missing and that "he was sat-The captured Negro showed offi-isfied his daddy killed his uncle." cers a place by the river on the old The Negro told Deputy Johnston

Biver Road. He said it was there he charped up the corpse and three it and that he had found some bloody into the river.

that he heard two shots in the night and that he had found some bloody clothes near the house. On that in-Taken To Nashville

Edwards was removed Monday to
the Nash County jail in Nashville.

Clothes near the house. On that information: Deputy Johnston and Constable Rice arrested the Negro and later obtained a confession. They He will be given a preliminary hear- found the axe on a woodpile new ing within a few days, according the house, still bearing stains which

Before a gathering crowd of mor bidly curious spectators, officers of Nash and Edgecombe counties and times," Edwards related. "I went in city police rowed about the river my houseand got my shotgun and for the greater part of the day prob when I came out he shot at me again ing on the bottom for the body.

He picked up an axe, too.

"I shot him with the shotgun" it were Sheriffs C. V. Faulkner of he continued. "He fell on the ground Nash and W. E. Bardin of Edgoand kicked a little, I said, "I didn't combe, Deputie, Johnston and Shade mean to hit you, Charlie." Then I Felton, Constable Rice. Police Chief. w he was dead.

Walter C. Cooke of Nashville, City
That was what made me think Police Chief J. R. Thomas and Of-

well. The mutilated body was turned in his car and drove to the wooded over to a local undertaking estab

the limbs of the corpse and threw oners were consulted Monday night it into the river. He told officer but tol dofficers there was no need he chopped off the arms and legs for an impuest.

Raleigh Street Crossing To Be Improved

The Board of Aldermen at its last meeting passed a reso The Board of Aldermen at its last meeting passed a resolution directing that the old stage coach Raleigh Street crossing be put into repair. This is the crossing that is used by the public generally, in fact, the only place that a citizen could cross between Bassett Street and Marigold Street, the crossing where Mr. Felps lost his life last winter. We trust that this work will be done immediately. While it is coming as a late improvement it is never too late to do good. The estimated cost according to press reports, will be between 7 and 8 thousand dollars. This is near the crossing that the state had agreed to spend 200 thousand dollars giving a modern underpass which would have unlocked traffic from the East and West side of town. The money that was granted Rocky Mount for this purpose was later given to Elm City for an overpass and to the city of Smithfield. Since our city refused the gift by a divided board, I son, K. C. Otfawa, an official guaram glad these two cities got the money, however charity dian, and Keith Munro, their busibegins at home and it is indeed a sad reflection to see this money go from our midst. Besides losing this money the city paid ten thousand dollars to an alien engineer on a wildcat and improvident scheme of moving the railroad which even the Campfire Girls of Rocky Mount would know was not going to be done. The city lost the \$200,000 and in addition thereto spent in the neighborhood of \$10,000,00 and now in order to get the people from the East side to the West side have got to go into the taxpayers pockets and spend \$7,000. We are glad to know that there were some members on the board who did not agree to this extravagance. The taxpayers are the goats, as usual.

CLOSING HOUR OF ROCKY MOUNT A. B. C.

Since last week the A B C closing hour in Edgecombe officers when B, I. Edwards, one of has been changed again. The regular closing hour has been After dragging Tar river all day the 10 children of the Negro was 6 o'clock then it was moved up to 7 o'clock and this week 6 o'clock then it was moved up to 7 o'clock and this week it has been carried to 9 o'clock. The Edgecombe authori-ties contend that they thought 7 o'clock was late eoughh but were forced by reason of competition of Nash Stores to keep open until 9 o'clock as the store in Nash County was keeping open its store until 9 o'clock. Practically all other businesses in Rocky Mount close from 5 to 6 and the liquor stores heretofore have been closing at 6 e'clock until the oobacco market opened and the stemming of tobacco began operation. As was said o fold "how many crimes were committed in the name of liberty" and well may it be said in this case "how many crimes are being committed in the name of Temperance" and this being done by the

ELECTION CASE OF DEANE AND BURGIN

The Supreme Court of the State of North Carolina has the Goldward of the fact finally declared that the State Board of Elections have the that the Halifax County Board of power and authority and it is their duty to investigate frauds in elections. Heretofore nobody seems to have assumed the responsibility of seeing that our votes were counted properly. Cases have gone to the Supreme Court before this case ad the Supreme Courts have from time to before this case ad the Supreme Courts have from time to before this case ad the Supreme Court have from time to before this case ad the Supreme Courts have from time to before this case adothed supreme Courts have from time to before this case and the Supreme Courts have from time to before this case and the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to be supremed to the Supreme Courts have from time to the Supreme Courts have supremented to the Supreme C time held that they had no power over primaries yet they served him with notice that he will were called legal primaries. Evidently the Court has awak-continue as health officer in charge ened and made some examination and found that the Courts of general public health work at do have some responsibility and that the County and State the pleasure of the board of health Board of Elections also have legal duties. Judge Harris for a limited period, the Halifax according to former ruling had good precedent to rule as County Medical Society has adapt-Many people who have been elected to office in ed a resolution praising Dr. Me North Carolina have been denied their right to hold the Geachy as "an efficient medical of office which the people had elected them to because the ficer" and expressing deep regret at Board of Elections and the Court refused to give the legal the action of the "Board of Commisprotection to the candidate that the law evidently intended sio prs." of Elections and the Court refused to give the legal protection to the candidate that the law evidently intended that they should have. Some weeks back a North Carolina Judge criticized the moving pictures for making the courts appear somewhat in the role of the burlesque when the courts are responsible for ill conditions.

THE WINTER WILL BE MILD Recommends Unity

America still has," said the Presi-

dent, "a small minority who as

sume that there are not enough

good things to give the minority

"There'll be no skating on ice in Eastern Carolina this winter." Those words coming from anyone

OLD MAN JOYNER CERTAIN

save G. W. Joyner, weather sage wouldn't meart much, and neithe would folks think a great deal of the statement that this section would experience "two and possibly three snows" this winter, if they respect

While predicting a "mild win winter," Mr. Joyner also suggested that it would be a good idea to "keep a little fuel on hand at all times, because we'll have some cold the weather forecasts made annually by Mr. Joyner.

eral snows had been predicted and didn't fall, the weather sage admit ted that he had missed "for the first time in 17 years." It may have been 18 years, but it was long time any-

Questioned, then, how he was abie to make predictions which were so accurate as a rule (they actually are) the "weather man" merely shook his head as much as to say, "if I told! you, then you would know as much

They say, however, that Mr. Joy-

pen to a mar around 70 years of age unless he is a weather prophet

Edgecombe Comm. **Favors Road Plans**

Tarboro, Sept. 18.-Edgecombe County commissioners in special Serate. He listed among many othsession Friday night approved three er good deeds done by Lewis in public life the fact that as a young road hard-surfacing projects. man in the Maryland legislature,

The board failed to approve funds for continuance of Conetoe Creek the first workmen's compensation law W. C. Harris in Raleigh or Septemdrai:tage. It asked Congressman ever passed in the United States. John H. Kerr to have surveys made Asked about last winter, when sev of Fishing and Swift creeks, with

a view to cleaning and dredging. the same interests as well as the Forbes church to Thorne's Cross ameestry. Efforts are being made Road, and to the Tarboro road by said the President, to break up tais the fire tower; from Highway 11 natural common feeling and set farat Conetoe to Highway 44 (six mers against workers, and vice vermiles); on Highway 43, six miles sa. fro mRocky Mount, by Yells Chapel " America always has had—and to Route 44 at Hester's.

The commissioners guaranteed a third teacher for Speed school.

Peanuts that have been dusted all it wants and at the same time ner may be seed along the river with sulphus in Northampton Coun to give the rest of America—the ovbanks, inspecting tree trunks, roots ty are greener and are holding a arwhelming majority of America—and observing the birds as they higher perce tage of their leaves humane and modern standard of make preparations for migrations. than undusted plants. The sulphus living. He also has been known to gavetreatment seems to be controlling t the moon by the hours and they the leaf spot diseases.

of all common men and women-President Roosevelt warm-hearted, simple men and wo. n-willing to live and let give whether in factory or on farm farm grows steadily clearer and more Labor And Farmers

N C FARMERS Washington, Sept. 7.-Speaking Labor Day at Denton, Maryland, **ARE SEEKING** to an open-air audience, Presiden Roosevelt gave a strong endorse ment to Congressman David J. Lew Democratic nomination for the is, New Deal candidate for the

What promises to be the biggest trial in the matter of number of untiring." plaintiffs and defendants ever known in Wake County and possibly the biggest ever in North Caro-Lewis had introduced and put thru lina is set to be heard before Judge ber 27th. In it 600 farmers figure the attention of the Society that the President Roosevelt emphasized as plaintiffs attacking the AAA to- County Board of Commissioners particularly the fact that farmers bacco control to test the validity of have given Dr. R. S. McGeachy noand wage earners of the cities have the law and 351 warehouse operatice that his services with the Coun-Road projects approved are: From same interests as well as the same defendants are summoned to show Department, are to terminate in the ting the tax on tobacco marketed in excess of AAA quotas.

> Judge L. R. Varser of Lumbertor, and his efforts untiring. a former Supreme Court Justice; Government at Washington, D. C, announced.

this country, the unity of interest hearing.

QUINS HAVE BIG FORTUNE

According To An Audited Statemer Most Famous Babies In The World Have Amassed Nearly Millon Dol-

The Dionne quintuplets who were four years old last May 28, have amassed an \$800,000 fortune according to an audited statement pre-ed to the United States Senate sented Saturday at a meeting of Messrs George and Tydings. Both their official guardians at which of these senators scored victories in plans for the girls' "dream home" the face of public addresses in their

son, K. C. Ottawa, an official guarness manager.

Tentative plans for the quints

The guardians favor a waterfront property on either Trout Lake or Lake Nipissins. In addition to providing accommodations for the parents and the other seven Dionie children, the nurses and staff, the proposed house would have a private room for each quint. It is planned to stock the grounds with wild animals and birds so that the children may study nature at first

MED. SOCIETY **GIVES PRAISE**

ors Of County Regret Action Of County Board Of Commissioners In Relieving Him

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

meeting place of the doctors held on September 9. The action of the meetings were held to discuss the matter, at one of which the healt'1 the board's meeting. board members were present. It The aldermen adopted a resolu was understood that the county commissioners were dissatisfied with some phases of Dr. McGeachy's work in connection with the county home patients and the sanitarium, but no statement was made by any member of the county board disclose the the railroad right-of-way. reasons for relieving Dr. McGeachy of his duties. However, the County INJUNCTION Medical society endorses Dr. McGeachy "as an efficient medical officer whose accomplishme: its have been outstanding, and his efforts

Following is the resolution of the medical society in full.

At the regular meeting September 9, 1938, of the Halifax County Medical Society, it was called to tors are listed as defendants. There ty as head of the Courty Health cause why they should not be re- near future. As a result of this instrained from collecting and remite formation, the County Medical Society went on record as highly en dorsing Dr. McGeachy as an effi-Plaintiffs have retained as legal cient medical officer whose accomounsel I. M. Bailey of Raleigh; plishments have been outstanding,

"The sentiment of the Society was and E. L. Gavin of Sanford. The deeply regretful that the Board of Commissioners had taken this acwill send down counsel for defense, tion, affecting a man of irreproach but the names have not yet been able character and the highest professional standards. A request was Intense i derest all over the state made by the Society that the above centers in this case and thousands endorsement with reference to Dr. "But at the same time, all over of people are likely to attend the McGeachy be given publicity in the County."

OCKING

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington

Last week the voters of Georgia and Maryland rejected the advice of President Roosevelt and returned to the United States Senate states by the President in which Mr. Roosevelt attempted to encom-

"Purge," Fails

Preceded by the triumph of Senator Smith in South Carolina, the new home were discussed but ac- primaries last week wrote "failure" cording to Mu ro the type of ar to the efforts of the President to chitecture, number of rooms and eliminate co servative senators. The California, He did fairly well, but the site have not been decided re-nomination of these senators efthe presidential nod can elect and the presidential frown defeat a candidate Regardless of the straegy

> Considerable discussion is heard as to the effect of the Presidenc's tactics upon the Democratic Party pursued by Mr. Roosevelt the pr mary resulth in these three states represent a defeat that encourages his opponents.

That the senators opposed by the President will be more independent and some-what antagonistic is to be presumed. That they will be joined by other Democrats of like opose him and his policies. Long-Range Fight.

From circles close to the adminis tration comes the suggestion that and brought out a waterproof jack Mr. Roosevelt was not greatly su- et about the size of an e clope prised at the re-nomination of the Opening the jacket, Taylor produ the President will continue a long important skirmishes in the greater be redeemed in cash,

Recovers Bonds Hidden In 1931

In 1931, James L. Taylor, a colored man raised in the Palmyra section of Halifax county, left Scotland Neck to see the world and perhaps to make his fourtune. He had a \$500 stake in the form of government bonds.

Since 1931, Taylor has traveled throughout the United States hold he didn't make a fortune. The urgs fectively disposes of the myth that to return home came, and so this week he journeyed back to Scotland

> But Taylor had not been improvident with that \$500 in bonds. He knew back in 1931 that in the fu ture he might need a stake, and in 1938 he fou d that he did.

Arriving home Monday he weat to a house on South Church Street extension. The folks who lived there seven years ago had moved and the house was occupied by a colored family named Baker.

"I hid something here seven years ago," Taylor told them, "and I would like to look for it."

The folks in the house consented mind in Congress is inevitable and In their presence he we'tt under apparently the President will face the rear of the house, and after a a bloc which will not hesitate to moment of thought, put his hand to a brick of the foundation and after a little effort slipped it out. Then he reached into the aperture

Opening the jacket, Taylor producsenators he opposed. It is said that ed \$500 in bonds he had stored away in 1931, while the folks it tho term campaign for "liberalism" and house gaped with astonishment. This that the failures so far are but un- week Taylor sent off the bonds to

Yellow crocuses are the brightest of which will be definitely liberal of the early spring bulbs. Plant a good patch of them.

BOARD ASKS RAILROAD TO REPAIR STREET CROSSING

Resolution Adopted By Aldermen At Regular Meeting - Ordinance Protects Game

A recurrent concern of the board of aldermen for two years now, county commissioners and county the matter of makin gsome improvehealth board was taken after three ment at the Raleigh Road railroad ing from an automobile-train collicrossi g arose again last night at sion in the city, he pointed out, oc-

tion, read by Alderman Henry W. Cutchin, chairman of the

that the Raleigh Road crossing be open season for squirrels begins. improved and repaired" and it re-"pave and protect the crossing on October 1. its right-of-way."

board that amount could be found in tee with power to act.

the proposal to improve the cross- announced. about two blocks south of the busi- Church street.

between the Nash and Edgecomb sides of the city in a busy area, the improvement advocates say.

Safety devices would be part of the desired improvements, Chairman curred at that crossing about a year

Shooting and trapping birds and works committee, declaring that the other city parks was outlawed by an crossing needs to be improved and ordinance passed by the aldermen asking the Atlantic Coast Line rail- last night. Presented by Alderman J. road company to make the improve. L. Williams, the ordinance provided of either board, nor do the munites ments on the portion which lies on a \$50 fine for violators. The board suspended rules in order to pass the Alderman Cutchin's resolution ordinance last night and get it instated that "public welfare demands to effect before October 1, where

The aldermen approved payment quested that the railroad company of \$21,977.50 of bond interest due

A protest from I. W. Rose concern-The project would cost about ing proposed curb and gutter con-\$7.500. Alderman Cutchin estimated, struction on Mercer street was re-City Manager L. B Avcock told the ferred to the public works commit-

Beginning with the next meeting Cutchin's committee has been the aldermen will meet at 7.30 working for a number of weeks on o'clock as during the summer, it was

ing which is said to have been ori- The board approved a cafe license ginally part of a stage-coach route, for Saunders Drug Store on Main The unpaved crossing, extending dia- street and cafe and beer licenses for gonally across the railroad tracks J. M. Reeves Coastal Cafe on

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