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## H. Minson Hodges Is Killed by Herman Allen In Benson Wednesday

Shooting Occurred at Home of Allen Early Wednesday Morning—Allen Surrenders to Sheriff and is Placed in Jail at Smithfield.

About 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning Handy Minson Hodges of Smithfield was shot dead by Herman Allen in Allen's home in Benson. After the shooting Allen went to the office of Rose & Woodall, undertakers, and asked that they send to his home and get Hodges' body. He then went to the home of Brad McLamb, deputy sheriff, to whom he surrendered and was brought to Smithfield and lodged in jail.

Allen who is a comparatively young man was interviewed in the county jail Wednesday and according to his statement he had of late been in the employ of Preston Woodall, and worked in Woodall's lumber plant in Benson. Hodges was in the employ of the Eldridge Wholesale Grocery of Benson and boarded and roomed in Allen's home.

Hodges, who in recent years had often taken an active part in religious exercises, had of late been teaching Allen's wife how to use a typewriter.

Allen says that when he reached his home about nine o'clock Tuesday night he found his wife and Hodges apparently holding a religious service. He said Hodges was reading the Bible and attempting to explain portions of it to Mrs. Allen. Allen took their fifteen-month-old baby and retired, leaving Mrs. Allen who was conversing with Hodges. About midnight he was aroused by the baby, and found that Mrs. Allen was not in their room. He then became uneasy and began looking for her in the yard and elsewhere. As he passed the window of Hodges' room he says he looked in and saw both of them in bed together. Allen says he became very nervous but started back to his own room and met his wife in the hall of his home and took her along with him to their room. When first accused of infidelity he says she denied it, but says that she later confessed. He says he brooded over the matter until morning, and then went out and borrowed a gun from one of his neighbors. After returning to his home he talked to Hodges about five minutes before shooting him.

Allen says he shot Hodges three or four times while Hodges was trying to dodge him by running from one room to another. After the second shot Hodges told Allen that he had been hit and asked Allen to go get him a doctor. Allen paid no attention to what he said and shot him again. The shots entered Hodges' breast killing him instantly.

Allen says that he was in perfect mind when he shot Hodges. He says that he was sorry he had to do it, but he did exactly what he wanted to do.

Allen had been married about five years and only had one child. Hodges was a middle aged married man and was running a boarding house in Smithfield at the time of his death.

### ABOLISHING POVERTY

Our attention was called by a Selma citizen recently to a newspaper article in which a prominent electrical engineer said machinery will in time abolish poverty in this country. That is certainly a nice prophecy, for there is hardly anything more desirable among human beings than to get away from poverty and drudgery. But those of us who have been watching these big power magnates and utility millionaires can't help but feel that the abolition of poverty is for them more than it is for the balance of us. They've been abolishing their own poverty, all right, but it has been through charging two or three times what they should be charging for service. They really are not helping the consumer abolish his poverty very fast. If all of this great mechanical power now being developed were distributed equitably and fairly among us it would help a great deal, of course. But since development and distribution in this machine age is in the hands of a few it is hardly likely, no matter how many machines we may invent, that many of us are going to see the day when poverty will be a thing unknown.

## County Sunday School Convention To Be Aug. 28th

Will be Held with Mill Creek Christian Church in Bentonville Township—Miss Flora Davis, of Raleigh, Will be one of Principle Speakers.

Programs are out and plans are being rapidly completed for holding the Johnston County Sunday School Convention all day Thursday, August 28. The convention will be held with Mill Creek Christian Church, 18 miles south of Smithfield, in Bentonville Township, the opening session being at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning. It is expected that there will be a good attendance from various parts of the county for this session.

The committee in charge of plans and programs for the convention have announced that the program has been prepared with the idea of having "a convention for the discussion of practical problems" and the plan is to make it possible for workers from all departments of the Sunday School to receive practical suggestions concerning their specific work.

During the convention there will be question and discussion periods when those present will be given an opportunity to present their Sunday School problems and ask any question on Sunday School work. One of the leaders in the convention will be Miss Flora Davis, Raleigh, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association. Miss Davis is well known among North Carolina Sunday School workers. She has been connected with the North Carolina Sunday School Association for the past eight years and has helped in Sunday School Conventions and Institutes in every county in the State. Before coming to North Carolina, Miss Davis did State Sunday School work for several years in Georgia.

Other prominent speakers on the program will be Rev. W. O. Henderson, Dr. G. A. Link, Rev. J. W. Alford, Rev. J. H. Frizelle, Rev. W. J. Crain, and Prof. G. B. Strickland.

## Bats Arouse Suspicion In Colored Woman's House In Selma

There lives in Selma a colored woman by the name of Minnie Be-thea, who occupies a two-room house on the east side of town. For the past four months Minnie says that she has been hearing peculiar noises in the roof of her home, and these noises have gained such proportions that she became rather suspicious and decided that before she made arrangements to move to other quarters that she would make an investigation as to the cause of these strange noises, so on Monday of this week she went to one of her neighbors by name of Silas Stencil and told him that she wanted him to take off part of the roof and see if he could find what was causing all this weird noise during the lonely night hours. In response to this request, Silas goes to the home in broad daylight so that he might take Mr. "Spook" unawares, and to his utter amazement when he took a look-in under this roof he found more bats than he had ever seen before, and began killing them with a stick and when he had finished the job over 500 bats had been killed. This is a true bat story coming from Selma, and we hardly believe there is another town in the state that can cope with us in the production of bats, however, we will not claim the championship until we hear from Kinston.

## MRS. C. B. WADDELL AGAIN IN HOSPITAL

Her many friends will regret to learn that it was found necessary to take Mrs. C. B. Waddell back to the hospital in Smithfield for a second operation which took place on Monday morning. Last reports are that she is getting along as well as could be expected.

## Canning



## Fess Expects Roosevelt To Run Against Pres. Three Selma Bachelors Entertain Kiwanis Club

Mr. Hoover and Governor Will be 1932 Nominees, He says.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 4.—United States Senator Simeon D. Fess of Ohio, in an interview here today, predicted that Herbert Hoover again will be nominated by the Republican party for President in 1932. Mr. Fess also said Mr. Hoover would overwhelm all opposition as he did in 1928. Senator Fess said he looked for the nomination of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York by the Democrats to oppose Mr. Hoover.

Senator Fess said that although prohibition would figure in the fall's elections as well as in 1932, it would do so only in a "local" way. He said he was optimistic by Republican prospects and that "Democratic propaganda, which has been spread to hurt Mr. Hoover, will be swept away by the record of the Administration's achievements."

The Ohioan declined to comment upon his probable selection as Chairman of the Republican National Committee to succeed Claudius H. Huston. He said he was "not at liberty to talk on that subject at this time."

## Low Prices Offered On Georgia Tobacco

Atlanta, Ga., August 1.—Reports to the state department of agriculture from seven warehouses in the bright leaf tobacco area today showed a price range of from 10 to 15 cents per pound, with the average around 12 cents, a figure which Eugene Talmadge, state commissioner of agriculture, said was below the cost of production.

From Hazlehurst came a report of 400,000 pounds on the floor at market opening time with a price ranging from 10 to 11 cents. Blackshear reported 250,000 pounds at 12-1-2 cents; Statesboro 200,000 pounds with no price quotation; Waycross 130,000 pounds at 15 cents; Camilla 45,000 pounds at 12 cents; Nashville 350,000 pounds at 12-1-2 cents and Thomasville, 125,000 pounds at 12 cents.

Mr. Talmadge said reports from the remaining markets might bring the average prices higher, but that he did not expect it to reach the 19-1-2 cent average of the first week last year. Regardless of any minor increase, he said, "the price is below the cost of production and there is too much disparity between the prices paid the farmer and paid by the purchaser of the finished tobacco product."

## ALEXANDRIA ORDERS RAIN-MAKING STUFF

Alexandria, Va., Aug. 5.—Having failed to get Governor Pollard of Virginia to call for state-wide prayers for relief from the drought, Dan S. Hollenga, business manager of the Alexandria chamber of commerce, has ordered 200 pounds of rain making powder from Arid New Mexico. The powder is to be sprayed from an airplane on clouds over Alexandria in the hope that it will condense them into rain. It is being purchased from a firm in New Mexico.

In addition, Hollenga sent a plea to President Hoover asking him to issue a proclamation for nation wide prayer meetings "to ask divine aid for rain."

## FAIR VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody ought to go to Sunday school II Timothy 2:15. Supt. Sullivan will be glad to see you out next Sunday morning. Preaching Sunday night. Everybody is welcome.

## Live Stock Train Brought Many People To Selma Tuesday

Governor Gardner's Address Well Received — Every Department of Train Under Special Supervision.

Governor O. Max Gardner addressed approximately 2,000 farmers and their wives at the initial stop of the Livestock Development Special at Selma Tuesday at 9:30. The train, operated by the Atlantic Coast Line, cooperating with North Carolina State College and the State Department of Agriculture, will tour thirty-seven eastern Carolina towns showing purebred dairy cattle, poultry, hogs and sheep and equipment for proper care and feeding.

Every phase of the livestock industry was lectured upon individually by experts and the hundreds of farmers visiting the train were all able to hear through the modern loudspeakers installed by the railroad.

"The Livestock Special, designed to stimulate interest in one of the leading phases of our agricultural life, should and I believe, will have a very wholesome effect. It is an established fact that the livestock industry is extremely important and vitally necessary to a well balanced agricultural system, and any agency which will have a tendency to promote it is well worth while," says William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture.

The poultry exhibits were housed by two cars containing every modern phase of the industry with model and modern equipment for raising chickens in eastern North Carolina. Vital practices were lectured upon by W. F. Armstrong, associate professor of poultry at State College who declares that one of the "biggest failings of poultrymen is the carelessness or failure to practice things that they know to be helpful and to take on newer ideas."

Swine feeding demonstrations with better feeding, breeding and management of beef cattle were discussed by R. E. Nance, assistant in animal husbandry at the college, who illustrated with large photographs, charts and posters showing in detail every phase of the livestock industry.

Various dairy breed cattle were shown on the train and ably discussed by Fred M. Haig, college dairy expert. "Dairymen in eastern North Carolina do not see the possibilities in the industry because of their previous experience with unprofitable animals. Through the displays on the train, the real dairy animals were shown as being far different from the unprofitable native cattle that are so prevalent in the eastern part of the state," declared Mr. Haig.

The livestock train is scheduled for Rocky Mount on August 18 and civic and city officials are expecting great results from the tour in this section, in the opinion of V. W. Lewis, Coast Line livestock agent.

### Governor's Address

Scrub cattle in North Carolina has done more harm than all the boll weevils and it is greater than all its pests, Governor O. Max Gardner told more than two thousand farmers and their wives at the initial stop of the Livestock Development Special operated by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad cooperating with North Carolina State College and the State Department of Agriculture in Selma August 5.

"A scrub is a person, animal or plant that has no ancestors and should not have any off-springs," said Governor Gardner. "The scrub should be the first thing to go in Eastern North Carolina. I think this train demonstrates that the scrub in the State must go and the county stocked with purebred stock."

"One purebred bull is worth more than any county commissioner that I ever saw," he declared. "Farmers would not find depression but will be guaranteed prosperity if they raise corn and livestock."

Declaring war on the scrub cattle in the State, Governor Gardner urged every farmer in Johnston County and in the State to cooperate in destroying the scrubby cattle and people. "A person can't live with these without becoming a scrub him-

self," said the Governor.

"The livestock train proclaims to the State the value of purebred cattle of all kinds which means purebred progress for North Carolina. With soil as fertile as in any part of the State, there are only 3,500 cows in Johnston County—one cow for every 16 people and for every two and one-half farms. You can never build a prosperous county or community and never rid yourselves of pellagra and raise your children properly with health, until you furnish them with milk," declared Governor Gardner. "This is an indictment against you."

The dollar marks on the tobacco barns blot out the prosperity derived from purebred poultry and livestock and the state can never be prosperous until it has a revival as the livestock development is beginning in Eastern North Carolina takes place. Cars of purebred cattle are cars of gospel that means much to the future of the State, in the opinion of the Governor, who says that the train is the most heartening sign he has seen in this time of depression.

Governor Gardner told the farmers that he was anxious to see prosperous and happy people in the State and that the four things on his program as chief executive were: elimination of scrub cattle, purebred seed planting, improvement of agricultural life in the home, and the starting of a movement to rid the State of scrubby people.

"Quit devoting all your time to cotton and tobacco and supplement your money crops with livestock, but don't stop raising cotton and tobacco," he concluded.

The Livestock Development Special will make a tour of 37 eastern Carolina towns this month and made its second stop at Smithfield Tuesday afternoon.

The governor was followed by O. H. Page, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line and in charge of the train. He spoke only about five minutes in explanation of the Coast Line's purposes in running this train. He then invited the people into the train to see what there was on board.

Both the governor and Mr. Page were introduced in a few well chosen remarks by Mayor Wash Hare, of Selma. Mr. Hare referred to the governor as the daddy of the Live-At-Home program and one of the greatest governors this state has ever had.

Among those accompanying the governor to Selma were Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer; Governor R. A. Doughton, Tom Bost, representing the Greensboro Daily News; Major William A. Graham, state commissioner of agriculture.

## Officers Make Raid In Banner Township

Last Thursday afternoon Deputy Sheriffs E. A. Johnston, W. E. King, Brad McLamb and Hanibal Godwin made a raid a few miles south of Four Oaks in Banner township and captured a 50-gallon copper still complete which was running at full blast, captured 7 gallons of beer all of which was destroyed at the still, six empty barrels cut down. Norman Tart was arrested and placed under bond. Other parties at the still made their escape but the officers know who they are and they will be taken as additional parties in the case.

## ATTEND FUNERAL IN GREENSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Oliver, Mr. Ed Creech and Miss Louise Townsend attended the funeral of Mrs. Ballard Creech in Greensboro Sunday. The sudden death of Mrs. Creech came as a distinct shock to relatives here, also to her husband who, being a railroad employe was on his run between Goldsboro and Greensboro. He was not notified of his wife's death.