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Hobo Arrested In Selma Is Wanted For Murder

The McNeil, Colored, Arrested Here For Hoboing, And Now Serving Term On Roads For Larceny, Was Identified As Party Wanted In Rocky Mount For Murder of a Colored Woman.

The McNeil, colored, was arrested in Selma on July 27th, charged with stealing a ride on a freight train, by Deputy Sheriffs Harvey Parker and Norwood Barbour and Special Agent J. M. Long. It later developed that the negro had broken into a home in Wilson's Mills and stolen several suits of clothes, shoes, etc., which were found hidden near the railroad tracks where he boarded a freight. He was tried for larceny on August 2nd, and sentenced to six months on the county chain gang. Officers Parker and Long received information this week that the negro was wanted in Rocky Mount for murder, having killed Savannah McMillan, colored, on July 25th. Detective Paul Zimmerman, of Rocky Mount, came to Johnston County yesterday and identified McNeil as the man wanted for the murder in Rocky Mount. He was ordered held for the authorities at Rocky Mount after serving his term on the roads. We understand that an effort will be made to stay off the road sentence in order that he may be tried for murder.

Cotton Estimate Shoots Price Up

Government Forecasts Production of 11,306,000 Bales of 1932 Cotton, Crop.

Cotton farmers in Johnston County are optimistic as a result of the cheering news accompanying the cotton production estimate announced by the United States Department of Agriculture in the first forecast of the year on Monday.

Prices on cotton jumped 75 points on the early reaction to the government estimate of the 1932 crop. The Department of Agriculture predicted an 11,306,000-bale cotton crop this year, 5,790,000 less than last year's yield. This prediction was nearly 1,000,000 less than any private estimate that had been made, and the market's reaction was to send prices up \$5.00 a bale in both New Orleans and New York.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop August 1, indicating 65.6 per cent of normal, compared with 74.9 a year ago. The indicated yield was announced as 149.6 pounds an acre, as compared with 201.2 last year and with 151.4 pounds on the 10-year average.

The acreage in production after deducting the average state abandonment was placed at 36,151,000 by the Department. The acreage this year is the smallest since 1922.

For North Carolina, the August 1 condition and indicated total production was 65 per cent condition and 509,000 bales.

Two reasons for the startling drop in production were assigned by the Department: First, the boll weevil, and second, the lack of the use of fertilizer and the consequent smallness of plants.

Cotton prices made another stiff advance Wednesday when more than a dollar per bale was added to the price of the staple.

Selma Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Price and son, Walter, left Monday for a two-weeks' vacation. They will visit friends in Norfolk, Va., Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and New York before returning home.

Mr. Curtis Cox, of Bolivia, spent a few days last week with his uncle, Mr. G. M. Willets.

Miss Janice Willets has returned after spending several days with friends in Goldsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. O'Neal, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mr. O'Neal's sister, Mrs. G. M. Willets.

Rev. Frank P. Jernigan, of Bismark, Missouri, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peedin Wednesday.

Gene Terrell went to Durham Saturday afternoon on a short pleasure trip, returning Sunday. Gene says the girls looked good to him before De War, but since De War they look gooder.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson, of Burlington, N. C., spent last week with Mrs. R. O. Broadwell.

Last Of Bonus Army Sent To Their Homes

Final Trainload Departs From Temporary Camp At Johnstown Amid Cheers.

Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 7.—The last units of the bonus expeditionary force steamed out of Johnstown Saturday only a few minutes after hearing the news that their former chief of staff, Doak Carter, had asked for a haven in Mexico.

Shouting, cheering, singing, some 500 veterans, members of the Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and New England contingents, marched from their squalid billets to be loaded on a train amid cheers of crowds lining the tracks.

A fife and drum corps escorted the marchers to the train. They sang while the corps played patriotic airs, and "so long" to Mayor Eddie McCloskey—and were gone.

Interest centered in the news that Carter wired President Rubio of Mexico, seeking permission to establish a colony of the B. E. F. there. Carter's telegram, dispatched from Huntington, W. Va., to which city he went after severing his relations with the B. E. F., read:

"Twenty-nine thousand honorably discharged American veterans of the world war and their families who are homeless political refugees driven away from their national capital and refused admission to the various states, request sanctuary and an opportunity for temporary colonization in Mexico. Your earnest consideration will be appreciated."

Carter said he plans to stay in Huntington until Rubio replies to his message.

Birthday and Family Reunion

Smithfield, Aug. 10.—The 71st birthday of Mr. N. J. Allen, which was celebrated with a family reunion and a big dinner, at his home in Clayton Township on Thursday, July 28th, was indeed an enjoyable occasion, and one that will not soon be forgotten by many of those whose good fortune it was to be there.

Mr. Allen, who has long been known as one of Johnston's good farmers, has given big dinners in other years; but in 1932, he probably had the biggest and best yet. Even the weather appeared to be in his favor. A nice shower and cooling breezes on the previous evening, had to some extent broken the drought, revived the crops and brought relief from the great heat wave that for three weeks had held North Carolina in its grasp.

Early in the day relatives and friends began to arrive from all directions and by noon about 100 people, including two daughters, two sons, and a number of grandchildren, were present. One son was absent.

A long table had been erected under the spreading trees in the yard, and when this table had been loaded to capacity, with all manner of good things to eat. Those present were invited to partake of the feast, and feast it was.

After all had eaten until their appetites had been fully satisfied, and several baskets of remnants been taken up, at the hour of 2:30, all were invited to the front porch to attend religious services. Improvised seats had been arranged in the front yard; and an able sermon was then delivered from the porch by Elder T. E. Adams, of Willow Springs, N. C.

After spending a delightful day and wishing Mr. Allen many happy returns of the same, all departed with pleasant memories of the occasion.

Norman Sheppard At Kiwanis Meeting

Mr. Norman Sheppard, of Smithfield, was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Thursday evening. Miss Carrie Sheppard, of Kingstree, S. C., delighted those present with several vocal selections, accompanied by Miss Margaret Hooks at the piano. Mr. C. W. Scales had charge of the program.

Small Tobacco Crop Will Be Harvested

Department of Agriculture Says 1932 Yield to Be Smallest Since 1913.

Washington, Aug. 10.—The smallest tobacco crop in the United States since 1913, except one, is in prospect for this year.

The department of agriculture monthly estimate today showed a decline of 41,000,000 pounds in prospective production from a month ago.

A total crop of 1,019,975,000 pounds is indicated by the condition of crop on August 1, which was 56.9 per cent of normal as compared with condition of 66.1 per cent a month ago.

Production last year was 1,610,000,000 pounds and the average production for five years, 1924-28, was 1,299,000,000 pounds. The acreage this year is 28.7 per cent smaller than last year, the total being 1,447,000 acres as compared with 2,030,000 acres last year and 1,700,000 acres the 1924-28 average.

Reviewing conditions the department of agriculture said in nearly all states some decline was registered.

Typhoid Vaccination Campaign Under Way

Hundreds of People Responding to the Treatment At Various Places Throughout Johnston County.

The typhoid vaccination campaign for Johnston county is now well under way and hundreds of people in various sections of the county are responding to the call to take the treatment as a protection against the inroads of this malady.

The program for typhoid vaccination, as given out by the County Board of Health for both white and colored people, is as follows:

Monday—Corbett-Hatcher, 2:00 p. m. Selma at 4:00 p. m., same day. Tuesday—Cleveland at 2:00 p. m. Clayton—4:00 p. m., same day. Wednesday—Ben-on 1:30 p. m. Four Oaks 3:30 same day. Stewart Cross Roads 5:00 p. m. Thursday—Archer Lodge 1:30 p. m. Corinth-Holders 4:00 p. m. Friday—Blackman X Roads 1:00 p. m. Meadow—2:00 p. m., same day. Bentonville—4:00 p. m.

Other appointments will probably be announced at a later date. The mission of the public health office is to prevent the spread of disease and not to treat it.

"Mutts" and "Jeffs" Play Interesting Game

Smithfield, Aug. 10.—The most interesting game of baseball of the season was played at the fair grounds here this afternoon by the "Mutts" and "Jeffs". The players were selected from among the business and professional men of the city, and the proceeds went for the benefit of a children's public playground.

In selecting the players to make up the teams, the stature of the man and any resemblance of either Mutt or Jeff as depicted by Bud Fisher, the cartoonist, were given consideration rather than his qualifications as a ball player. More than a dozen men were selected for each team in order to have a reserve supply to give relief to those who might desire to stop and rest. The tall men were placed in the "Mutts" team and the short and stout men were placed in the "Jeffs" team. The game was scheduled to start at 3:30 p. m., and to be finished by dark; and it was rounded out in good time.

The score was 26 to 20 in favor of the "Jeffs".

A large crowd attended the game, which offered more real fun than a barrel of monkeys, and a boost to the dwindling playground fund.

"Had a lot of fun last week with that cousin o' mine from the Tennessee mountains," said Yancy.

"As how" asked Smythe.

"Found out he'd been drinking white corn likker for forty years, and just for fun I gave him a drink of pure muriatic acid."

"Killed him, I reckon?"

"Kill nothing! Why, he didn't know he'd taken anything stronger'n usual till he went to blow his nose and burnt a hole plumb through his handkerchief."

Speculators Paying 4 to 28c A Pound For Tobacco

George Carter Says They are Expecting Fifteen Cent Average—South Carolina Crop Is Short, But The Quality Is Good—Crop Here Will Be Short.

Speculators are paying from four to 28 cents a pound for tobacco in the South Carolina and border belt, according to George D. Carter, who is back from a business trip to Fairmont, where he will operate a warehouse for another season. Mr. Carter also operates warehouses here and in Tennessee.

"The speculators, I was informed," said Mr. Carter, "are expecting tobacco to average 15 cents this year and are backing up their judgment with the cash. They are paying good prices for 'distress tobacco,' sold by owners in advance of the opening of the selling season to finance the balance of their crop operations."

Mr. Carter estimates that the South Carolina crop is less than fifty per cent of normal. "Thirty-five per cent of a crop, I should say, is a fair estimate. However, what tobacco they have in the border belt is of fairly good grade."

Conditions in Georgia and eastern North Carolina are no better, it was stated, and Mr. Carter does not expect more than 65 per cent of a normal crop in this belt. "Six hundred and forty million pounds of bright leaf tobacco," he said, "were produced last year. This year I do not look for a yield of much over 300,000,000 pounds, and if the law of supply and demand operates with its old-time vigor, I look for good prices. But one never knows what tobacco is going to do."

Mr. Carter is not only a warehouse man, but a grower of some consequence. L. L. Marion says, George has some of the best looking tobacco in this section, and that is quite a compliment coming from Mr. Marion.—Moore County News

Family Reunion

The annual family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Strickland, of Oneals Township, Johnston County, Thursday, August 4th, and all enjoyed a day of feast and fun and the renewing of the old home ties.

Mr. Strickland has passed his 72nd mile post and Mrs. Strickland has passed her 70th birthday. Well, we hear folks squak about "hard times", but it didn't look like hard times Thursday at that man's house. The guest began to arrive at 9 o'clock with a box or a basket.

The table was already prepared in the large, cool shade grove. In the midst of the arrivals and the hearty greetings and friendly hand-shakes, we had a shower of rain that lasted until after the noon hour. What a shower of blessings it was—all were so thankful, to look out into the fields—it looked as if it might be our last day of feasting. Each one had been praying for rain. The house was large and roomy with three large porches, and the table was removed from the grove to the porch. There it was laden with everything good to eat that any stomach could wish for—chicken, fried, baked, roasted and all other ways; ham by the big dish full; good old home-cooked barbecue (and it was cooked over the coals too); every kind of cake; salads, pickles and all other good things; ice cream, pineapple sherbet, ice cold water—just a plenty of everything and some to take back home.

After dinner, the young folks gathered in the parlor, played and sung some good hymns that were very much enjoyed by all. Later on they had games in the grove. All the children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren were there with a few other relatives and friends. The time of departure came all too soon, and each one turned homeward declaring it was a day of unusual pleasure.

ONE OF THE FAMILY. Middlesex, Route 1.

Misses Louise Blackman and Frances Henry spent the week end at Mr. Robt. Parker's on Selma, Route 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Talton were dinner guests Wednesday with their daughter, Mrs. R. T. Lewis, of Four Oaks.

Mr. Thos. W. Winston, of Oxford, spent Monday in the city with Mrs. M. T. Candler.

Interesting News Items From the County Seat

Funeral of Mr. Carl Gordon Held Friday and Was Largely Attended. Mr. S. B. Hardee, Prominent Citizen of Cleveland Township Died At His Home Friday Morning—Miss Estelle Talton Becomes the Bride of Lewis Levine.

Miss Mary Davis, of near Smithfield, and Arthur Cook, of Selma, were united in marriage in the court house last Monday morning, W. D. Avera, J. P., officiating.

Master Charles T. Turlington, of Coats, is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson.

Miss Marydel Rose, of Wilmington, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Rose.

E. L. Turlington, of Richmond, Va., spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson.

D. H. Stencil and two sons, of Garner, visited relatives in Smithfield last Sunday.

Hugh Reaves, of Morganton, is visiting Hubert Woodall, Jr., this week.

Dock Fuller and Joseph Stencil left Monday on a fishing trip to Minnesott Beach near New Bern.

The Smithfield unit of the National Guard, in command of Captain Luby F. Royal, left last Sunday morning for Fort Bragg, where the boys will be in camp, and get some training as soldiers for two weeks.

Miss Louise Williams, of the Bunn section of Franklin County, is visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stencil, this week.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle and Miss Lou Wescott returned to the city last Thursday, after spending several weeks in the Piedmont Section of the State, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks have returned to their home here, after spending several days at Mount Vernon, N. Y., with their daughter, Mrs. Carroll Schoen.

The funeral of Carl F. Gordon, former cashier of the First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., who committed suicide by shooting himself at his home on Third Street about 6:30 p. m., on Wednesday, August 3rd, was held at the residence at 11:00 o'clock Friday morning, and was largely attended. Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. J. P. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church, conducted the service. Interment was made in the Smithfield cemetery.

The pallbearers were: T. C. Jordan, W. J. Huntley, B. W. Sugg, R. R. Holt, W. N. Holt, and T. C. Henry. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The burial service was in charge of Fellowship Lodge No. 84 A. F. & A. M., of which J. D. Parker is master, and it was conducted in a very impressive manner.

County clerk, H. V. Rose, will be host to the local post of the American Legion in the courthouse at 8 o'clock Friday evening. Sandwiches and iced tea will be served, and there will probably be a good after-dinner speaker on hand.

S. B. Hardee, a prominent citizen of Cleveland Township, died at his home at about 5 o'clock on Friday morning, August 5th, after suffering for about two years with heart dropsy and high blood pressure, and for several weeks with paralysis. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon and was conducted by Rev. W. O. Rosser, of the Baptist church, his pastor, his membership being at Shiloh church.

Interment was made in the cemetery at Oakland church in Cleveland Township.

His widow and the following children survive: Mrs. J. Claude Carroll, of Cleveland Township; Mr. J. D. Coats, of near Garner; Mrs. Harold Wells, of near Clayton; Mr. Marvin

Hardee, of Smithfield, and Roy Hardee, of near Clayton.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Talton in the Sanders Chapel section, on Saturday, July 30, at 6:00 o'clock p. m., when their daughter, Miss Estelle Talton, became the bride of Lewis Levine, of New York City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Jones, of Salemburg, N. C., who is president of Pineland College, where the bride received a portion of her education. Of late she had taught school at Archer. Mr. and Mrs. Levine will reside at 41 West 72nd Street, New York.

Singing Convention at Selma Baptist Church

There will be a singing convention at the Selma Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, August 17th, at 2:30 o'clock. The convention will be conducted by Prof. Frank Stamps, of Greensboro. Mr. Stamps is a hymn writer and will use his own books. The churches of Johnston County are invited to send quartets, either male or female, who will have part in the program. Public is invited to attend.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that my son, Albert (Al) Massey, age 19, has become so incorrigible that he is no longer under parental control; that I have emancipated him and hereafter I shall not be legally bound for any debt, contract, or other obligation which he may create in my name or his own; and this is notice to all men that any credit extended him will be at their peril; that his beastly conduct at home both during my presence and absence has caused me and self-respecting neighbors much mental anguish and physical suffering and I enjoin the forces of the law to protect my home during my forced absence from continued use as a haven of refuge for immorality, drinking, and other practices of a downright destructive nature.

(Signed) MRS. EMMA E. MASSEY, Mother. Princeton, N. C., Aug 10, 1932.

TO THE PUBLIC

It is not possible for me to state the extent of the grief and humiliation that my wife and I have felt since the names of our two sons got into print relative to some alleged larceny of cigarettes back in the early part of July. The facts connected with this case are hard enough to endure, but what becomes cruelly painful is the stacking in of statements which have no semblance of truth in the matter and I am asking space in the papers of the county and State to clear up as best I can one or two statements that will have tendency to protect the good name of my home, which my wife and I have tried for 35 years or more to establish. I wish to here deny and denounce as false any and all statements, however worded, which would indicate that my home has been searched for stolen goods in connection with the arrest of my sons. I also wish to deny and denounce as utterly false, the story that has got abroad that my sons are in any wise connected with, or have been connected with, the so-called Red Stanley or Red Dixon gang, although my sons live in the same community with these two men and others connected with their robbing and pilfering. They have never associated with them in any way and are practically strangers to them. I need not add that I believe in the innocence of my two sons and I am at this time confident that when they shall be given a fair and impartial trial before a jury of their peers, they will be entirely vindicated.

R. L. RAY, Sr.

Miss Hattie Parrott, of Raleigh, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, and Mrs. Fannie Thomas, of Raleigh, were dinner guests of the family of Mr. W. H. Etheredge Thursday.