

### NEGRO GIRL KILLED BY ELI PUTNEY

#### Fires at Ruth DeLoche, Touches Her and Flees; Uncaptured Yet

Ruth DeLoche, 16 year old colored girl, was shot and instantly killed by Eli Putney, 35, colored, on the Matthews property back of the Rosemary School late Saturday afternoon.

There is a settlement of Negroes in that section and both parties lived there. The shooting took place in the DeLoche kitchen. Witnesses include small brothers and sisters of the dead girl, who were either in the kitchen or out in the yard.

Putney, who is a married man, is reported to have warned the girl that he would kill her if she had anything to do with any other man. Officers believe there is another man connected with the case and possibly present at the shooting. Very little information could be obtained from the neighbors or children.

The girl was shot as she stood in the kitchen door. Putney was seated in the kitchen. When his victim reached the door, he leveled an Army pistol at her and fired one time, the bullet striking her in the left eye and burying itself in the back of her skull.

She fell backwards down the steps and died instantly. Putney never uttered a word before firing, the children say, but after killing the girl, he walked down and touched her face, turned and fled.

Coroner Williams was notified and at six o'clock a man hunt had started which lasted until Sunday morning. County and city officers scoured the country but without avail. No trace of Putney could be found nor has he been caught yet.

The girl's father was in the city jail when she was killed, having been arrested only a few minutes before the killing.

### TRAIN KILLS WELD'N MAN

L. T. Garner, Sr., was killed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company's Northbound train No. 84, "The Everglades," Saturday morning, while attempting to cross the South Weldon crossing.

Mr. Garner had been at the office of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company when two little children came in and asked the manager to sell them a little coal. Mr. Garner, with the kindness of heart so characteristic of him, offered to take the little ones home, saying the coal was too heavy for them to carry. As he was returning to the office, his car was hit by the train. He was one of Weldon's representative citizens, ever ready to assist in any good or charitable work. He farmed on a large scale and also had a large peach orchard.

The funeral services were held from the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon and largely attended. The Pythians attended in a body and also acted as pallbearers. They had charge of the services at the grave. The services at the church were in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Shore, assisted by Rev. R. S. Fountain, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Moore, rector of the Episcopal Church. Interment was in Cedarwood cemetery.

Mr. Garner is survived by his widow, who was Miss Nellie Andleton, and the following children: James, Charles, Lonnie T. Jr., and Mrs. Graham of Charlottesville, Va., and the following brothers and sister: Messrs. Jesse, Albert and Archie Garner and Mrs. Susie Summerell of Weldon.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Fred Brown was hostess to the Episcopal Guild of All Saints Church. The main business of the afternoon was the election of officers for the new church year. Mrs. A. L. Taylor was elected president, Mrs. T. W. M. Long, vice president, Mrs. C. A. Webb, secretary, Mrs. E. W. Lehman treasurer and Mrs. M. R. Vick assistant treasurer. The new business under discussion was the silver tea and antique exhibit to be held at the home of Mrs. W. L. Long on Tuesday afternoon January 23, from 4 to 6 o'clock. The following ladies were present, Messdames K. H. Barrow, M. R. Vick, B. E. Culom, Wm. Shay, T. W. M. Long, F. G. Jarman, W. L. Long, J. N. Bynum, C. A. Webb, C. L. Grimmer, A. L. Taylor Mrs. Elmora and Mrs. Heath.

### GIRLS BEAT GREENVILLE IN THRILLER

#### H.S. Boys Beat Wash- ington; Lose to Enfield; Girls Play Fri. Night

Twin City High School girls opened the basketball season away from home last Friday night when they met Greenville High School there and came through with a brilliant 38-32 victory.

Lagging 13 to 18 at the end of the half the local girls came back in the second half with a vengeance and the game saw-sawed back and forth until the final three minutes of play. With Stainback making long, spectacular shots, and Captain Shearin accurate near the goal, the locals flashed in three field goals in succession near the closing whistle to win the game in nice shape.

Basketball fans will be delighted to know that the girls had fair to have one of the best feminine teams in this section of the State this year and will have a chance to see them in action tomorrow night when Greenville comes here for a return match with blood in their eyes.

The Twin City line-up at Greenville was: Forwards, Capt. Shearin, Stainback, Wilson; Guards, Mullen Daughtery, Cameron; Sub. forwards, Stansburg, Daughtry; Sub guards Hines, Akers, Tudor.

The boys team opened the season on the home floor by defeating Washington last Friday night 15-10. Sullivan was the star of the game, scoring 13 points. On Tuesday night the strong Enfield team, fresh from a victory over Weldon, took the local boys into camp by a 29-18 score. Again Sullivan led his team with a total of 10 points. Wertz and Starke also featured for the home boys. Brown has been doing good work for the Yellowjackets in the last two games.

The schedule for the boys games is as follows: Rich Square there Jan. 7, Washington here Jan. 10, Enfield, here Jan. 14, Elizabeth City there Jan. 17, Rich Square here Jan. 21, Farmville here Jan. 24, Greenville there Jan. 31, Open Feb. 4, Washington there Feb. 7, Henderson (boys and girls) here Feb. 11, Elizabeth City here Feb. 14, Enfield there Feb. 18, Farmville there Feb. 21, Open Feb. 25, Greenville here Feb. 28.

The girls play the following schedule this season: Friday, Jan. 24, Red Oak there, Friday, Jan. 31, Red Oak here, Friday, Feb. 7, Rocky Mount here, Friday, Feb. 11, Spring Hope here, Friday, Feb. 21, Spring Hope here, Friday, Feb. 28, Conway here, March 7, Rocky Mount there.

### BOARDS IN QUIET MEET

#### Dickens and Hawkins Kept Busy In Adjustment of Land Sales

Official Boards of the County were in session on the first Monday in January to transact business of Halifax and they moved smoothly through the sessions of the day. It seemed that the affairs governmentally were in accord to plans and specifications of the County Government Advisory Commission. Supt. Akers was there and so were members of the road board. County Commissioners, all five of the board were in session throughout the morning and until early afternoon.

Before this body, the last resort in governmental matters of a county nature, routine bills were presented and complaints of high taxes heard. Auditor G. A. Hawkins, with Wade Dickens of Scotland Neck, were kept busy in adjustment of land sales. Property advertised through its owners, sought relief, County Attorney, Geo. C. Green stayed with the board to advise upon the legality for any questions which came to their attention.

All bills were reviewed by the different members of the board before they were allowed the privilege of "as good as cash." A report was received from W. C. Mitchell, county health officer, and the commissioners acted favorably upon his recommendations. Funds were denied J. C. Britt, agent at Scotland Neck, to pay for office rent inasmuch as the office in the bank there had been used for some time free of any cost to the county and proceeding upon this basis the

### Roanoke Rapids Man Hurt in Auto Wreck

Inability to see a train of flat cars parked on the crossing at the Rock Quarry, south of Emporia, Va., an account of bright lights from another car approaching the crossing, is given as the reason for an accident on Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock in which Rock Wrenn, white man of Roanoke Rapids and driver of the car, was sent to the hospital with a bad crack on his head and possibly a fractured skull. Painful bruises were sustained by R. H. and Thomas Tudor and Russell Johnson, also of Roanoke Rapids, the other occupants of the car.

### M SYSTEM WILL OPEN

#### On Saturday Morning Under Local Management; Cash and Carry Policy

A new store opens for business in Roanoke Rapids this Saturday morning when the M System, thru Taylor-Matthews Drug Co., throws open its doors to the public.

A full page ad in this issue of The Herald gives all the details of the opening with several attractive offers and a few of the many bargains listed.

The M System franchise calls for a cash and carry policy which will be carried out fully by the new owners. Buying in bulk will be done through the M System and good discounts given to all customers because of the small overhead. No clerks will be employed, nor bookkeepers or delivery help.

C. O. Bell, field man for the M System, has been here for the past ten days moving in new equipment and fixtures, painting and redecorating, moving in an entire new stock of heavy and fancy groceries and meats and vegetables, and with a crew of several men has fashioned one of the most sanitary and beautiful stores in this section of the State.

The M System store is owned by Taylor and Collier, local grocers and Mr. M. D. Collier will give a large portion of his time to the new cash store, while Mr. Jim Taylor will continue to devote his time to the other store which has gained such a reputation in the past 18 years.

The M System store is for those customers who desire to pay cash for their purchases, while the old Taylor and Collier store will continue along the same lines as in the past, giving those customers who merit it, ample credit, and continuing the delivery system.

The two stores are not to be confused and will have nothing to do with each other in a business way. They will be under separate management and run on entirely different policies.

Messrs Taylor and Collier began the grocery business on February 14, 1911 and for the past 18 years have served this community with a cash and credit business, building up in that time one of the largest and finest businesses in this section of the country.

### Antique Exhibit Next Thursday Afternoon

On next Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. L. Long, the ladies of All Saints Church will hold an antique exhibit and serve tea from four till six o'clock.

The collection of antiques will contain many miniatures, among them will be a miniature of Joseph Montford, who was the only provincial grand master of Masons in America, and guardian of Willie Jones.

Among the historic portraits will be one of John Burgwyn a colonial secretary of the province of North Carolina. There will be rare specimens of pottery and porcelain and a varied collection of snuff boxes. An interesting assortment of Colonial handcraft will be displayed together with rare old books and many other items of interest. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. Joe Pierce of Norfolk, Va., visited Mrs. Nettie Morris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Strickland spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cook. county board had not provided for office rent in its budget. Chairman J. Waldo Whitaker of Enfield presided and all members were present to attend their duties.

### KIWANIS MINSTREL CONTRACT

#### Signed for March 14; Standing Committees Appointed

The signing of the contract with a producing company for the Kiwanis Club Minstrel on or about March 14, appointment for standing committees for 1930 by President Frank B. Wilson, December attendance report, and a speech by the new chairman of the Agricultural committee, were high spots in the Kiwanis Club program on last Thursday night.

Ned Manning, chairman of the Minstrel committee, reported that a contract had been signed with the Rogers Producing Company, of Fostoria, Ohio to direct a local talent minstrel for the Kiwanis Club here on or about March 14. The producing company furnishes the director, the play and music, the costumes, scenery, etc. Members of the Kiwanis Club, augmented by other local talent, will take the leading part in the minstrel, the proceeds of which will go to the Boy Scout Fund of the Club.

Twenty four members, practically half the club, registered perfect attendance during the month of December. A financial report was read by ex-secretary, Carroll Wilson. Visitors at the meeting were Messrs P. D. Lawrence, Power Company engineer, J. Clay Williams, Raleigh, Layman Hunter and Harry Hartwell.

W. J. Norwood, chairman of the agricultural committee outlined the work of his committee for 1930, giving a clear and colorful word picture of farm conditions in this section at the present time.

Standing committees for 1930 are, Agriculture: Billy Norwood chairman, Frank Nash, Wick Ross, Troy Parrish Jim Taylor and Duke Wade.

Attendance: Howard Pruden, chairman, Hugh Smith and Ray Goodman.

Finance: Wick Ross, chairman, Hurley King and Jack Weissenner.

Good Will and Grievances: Kelly Jenkins, chairman, Julian Alsbrook, and Bob Myrick.

Business Standards: Jim Taylor, chairman, Emmett Matthews and Allen Zollieffer.

Classification and Membership:— House Committee: Geo. Taylor, chairman, Tommy Gates and Clarence Grimmer.

Inter-Club Relations: Frank Joyner, chairman, Hunter Barbee and Murphy Jackson and Leslie Shell.

Kiwanis Education: Alonzo Akers, chairman, Charley Davis and E. W. Eubank.

Laws and Regulations: Joe Bynum, chairman, J. W. Smoot and J. L. Vest.

Music: Leslie Towe, chairman, Joe T. Chase and Leon Hall.

Program: Ned Manning, chairman, Alfred Martin and Charlie Whipple.

Public Affairs: Sam T. Peace, chairman, Frank Joyner and Joe T. Chase.

Publicity: Carroll Wilson, chairman, Bob Allen and Claud Edgerton.

Reception: Hugh Camp, chairman, Sidney Bounds, Jack Young and Billy Williams.

Underprivileged Child: Dr. Martin, chairman, Frank Williams, and Dr. Long.

### Local Red Cross Reports 208 Members

At a final summing up of the National Red Cross Roll call of which Mr. Ned Manning was local chairman he reports 208 annual memberships and donations amounting to \$60.18.

The community as a whole failed to respond financially as in former years which greatly handicaps the local chapter in carrying out their program scheduled for the year 1930. Mr. Ned Manning, chairman of roll call and Mrs. T. M. Jenkins, chairman of local chapter wishes to thank each one who helped in this work both financially and with their time.

Mr. G. H. and Mr. G. A. Heislei of Richmond spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. J. W. Martin.

Miss Mabel Glasgow and Mr. Martin Lambert were married at nine o'clock last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Brian, Rosemary. Both of the young people are residents of this county near Littleton.

Mrs. Nannie Hoffman of Scotland Neck, and Mr. Sam Hoffman of New York spent Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Charlena Hart and Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes.

### Creditor's Meeting In Bankrupt Case

W. B. Zabriskie, trading as Williams-5-10-25 Stores, with stores in Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, was adjudged bankrupt on January 11, and a meeting of creditors has been called by Marshall C. Staton, U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy, at 2 p. m., on January 22 at the office of G. C. Green in Weldon. Liabilities are listed at \$26,661.61 and assets at \$16,625.

### ORGANIZE TWO TROOPS BOY SCOUTS

#### Sixty Boys are Enrolled; 100 Wanted; Spon- sored by Kiwanis

Sixty boys were enrolled this week in two Boy Scout troops organized in the city schools and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. It is planned at least one hundred boys will be enrolled by the first of next week, necessitating the formation of two more troops, says Supt. C. W. Davis.

Ned Manning of the Boy Scouts committee of the Kiwanis Club, and C. E. Loman are looking after the boys in the South end of the Twin Cities, while Kiwanian Claud Dunn and R. G. Knight will handle Scout affairs in the North section.

With the enlisting of additional boys, Kiwanians Hugh Bradley and Howard Pruden are making ready to take over new troops and other Kiwanians have been chosen to help in the active work as numbers grow.

A Council of Twin City business and professional men will be selected to manage and advise the Scouts and deal with national headquarters. Scoutmasters and troop leaders will be selected from men interested in boys' work.

The first month will be taken up with organization and examinations for Tenderfoot rank. Plans for the future include a permanent Scout meeting place, week-end hikes, troop competition, summer camps, fancy drills, merit work and other Scout activities.

#### School Tennis Courts

Work began today on two tennis courts near the High School, the gift to the school of the class of 1927 in memory of Edward Vincent, to be known as the Edward Vincent Memorial Courts.

The class raised and donated a fund of one hundred dollars for this purpose. Cinders were hauled this week by the Rosemary Manufacturing Co. and construction begins today. The courts will be located on Washington Street on the South side of the Junior High School building.

### BOYS BUY LIVESTOCK

#### Pure Bred Live Stock Bought By Aurelian Springs School Boys

On December 20, 1929, thirteen members of the Aurelian Springs Young Tar Heel Farmer Club purchased thirteen purebred Poland China Gilts and two purebred boars from the Mount Pleasant Stock Farm, Fairfield, Va. All of these hogs were registered and these boys will get registration papers as soon as the breed association completes the details of registering them.

Each of these boys will use his gift as his project in supervised practice work in Vocational Agriculture during the present year. Complete records will be kept on each hog and the financial results will be determined at the close of the year. The classroom work in agriculture is correlated with the supervised practice work that is required of each boy on his home farm. In this way, the boy has an excellent opportunity to combine theory with practice.

Mr. F. L. Nash, cashier of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Rosemary is responsible for the placing of these hogs. He furnished 11 of these boys with money to start their pig projects, and also offered twenty five dollars in gold to the boy who makes the best record with his project.

These thirteen gilts and two boars, under proper care and management, will mean for better hogs in Halifax County. Five years hence, there will probably be a greater per centage of pure bred hogs in this section and

### FORMER NIGHT POLICE CHARGED WITH THEFT

#### HOSPITAL NEWS

Recent patients at the hospital include Mrs. C. L. Whipple, Miss Lilly May Keeter, Mrs. John Beard, Chester Wall, Girl Margaret Boyd, Miss Ethel Harris of Weldon, Mrs. I. W. Moore, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. W. Z. Harris of Littleton, Mrs. J. M. Ramsey, Mrs. John Buck.

Birth announcements: To Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Taylor of Rosemary, a boy, Jan. 10. Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hinson, of Roanoke Rapids, a boy, Jan. 13. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wheeler, a girl, Jan. 10. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Eson of Rosemary, a girl, Jan. 12. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gray, Roanoke Rapids, a girl, Jan. 11. Roscoe Wrenn, who was in an automobile accident near Emporia is much better.

### VETERANS FALL IN

#### To Reorganize Legion Post Here; Marvin Anderton to Try for Prizes

A meeting of all ex-service men in the Twin Cities has been called for the night of January 28th at a place to be announced later, for the purpose of reorganizing an American Legion Post here.

Dr. W. G. Sauter, Commander of the Weldon Post, will address the boys and is very anxious to have every ex-service man present whether he intends to join the Post or not.

The Twin Cities had a Post some time ago and the records show that it did noble work while it was in existence. There is much to be done and especially on National holidays, the city feels the need of a Post keenly.

One of the good projects now being sponsored by the Legionnaires of this State is the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Marvin Anderton, 11th grade pupil in the local High School, has been chosen by the school authorities to represent the Twin Cities in the county contest at Halifax on January 31. The subject of the oration is "Our Flag."

The winner of the county contest wins ten dollars, given by the American Legion Posts of the State, and enters the district contest at Tarboro on February 14th. The district winner gains a ten dollar prize and enters the State contest at Raleigh on Washington's birthday, February 22, where the winner receives a beautiful Legion medal and fifty dollars.

This contest is but one of the many projects planned for the coming year by the State Posts and from all sections of the country there comes a call to Twin City vets to fall in line and count off once more.

A weiner roast was held Monday night at Riverside Park. The young people played games and roasted weiners and everyone enjoyed the occasion immensely. Those attending were Misses Emma Andrews, Etta Mincher, Catherine Hutchinson, Joe Ann Rock, Blanche Newwood, Blanche Waddell, Ada Bell Strickland, Lucy Clemens, Pauline Webb, Elizabeth Mills, Rosa Williams, Alice Hux, Edythe Welch, Katie Smith, Annie Waddell, Mildred Balner, Edythe Elmore, Mesdames John Mincher, Mary Balmer, Lawrence Loomis, Bush Hux, Messrs Dick Moss, Seaborn Rook, Lawrence Loomis, Bush Hux, Garland Wheeler, Guy Moss, Jack Rook, Joe Loomis, Gene Dunn, Robert Bendall, Jesse Baird, George Loomis, Johnnie Briggman, Joe Lassiter, B. Mincher Herman Jenkins, Curits Rook and Clarence Loomis.

### ROSEMARY METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. W. Oaks, Superintendent of Weldon schools will preach at eleven o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, will preach on "Religion and Health" at 7:30 P. M. This is the second sermon in his series on the value of religion. Special music by the choir at both services.

more money will be taken in developing better livestock. Those boys who purchased these pigs are as follows: Alton Thompson, Milton Sledge, Robert Rogers, Rufus Everette, Lonnie Hux, Willis Taylor, Harry Liles, Archie Jessup, Joe Brown, Perkins Crawley, William Thorne, Plummer Shearin and William Arington.

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### JERNIGAN ACCUSED

#### Loot From Bertie Store and Smokehouse Found at His Home

The many robberies in this section may soon be solved by local sleuths, it is claimed, with definite proof secured by Rosemary officers in last Friday night's robbery of a store and smokehouse in Bertie County.

The theft Friday night has been pinned on a former night watchman at Rosemary with the discovery of part of the loot in his house, the houses of others seen with him, and with his sudden departure for parts unknown, when he discovered the officers were on his trail.

L. W. Jernigan, former night watchman employed by the Rosemary Merchants Association, is accused of robbing the store of T. J. Jernigan, a distant relative, and the smokehouse of Mont White, farmer, both of Powellsville, Bertie County, where the accused man once lived and where his aged father now resides.

Implicated with L. W. Jernigan is his brother, Denson Jernigan, who was seen with the elder Jernigan around Powellsville, and two others who have been their companions recently. Denson Jernigan has also disappeared.

Suspicion of the Jernigans was first aroused in the Bertie case when a check book on the Rosemary Banking and Trust Company was found in the smokehouse of Mr. White on the morning after this place and the store had been robbed. There was no signature in the check book but there were several entries on the stubs which were later checked at the bank here.

Messrs White and Jernigan came to Rosemary Monday morning of this week and with Chief Dobbins and other Rosemary officers began a search of the town for the stolen property. Both Bertie County men claimed to have seen the Jernigans in their vicinity on the night of the thefts. They also say that numerous thefts have been made in the past in their community and that on several occasions the men accused were seen in those parts. It being their former home and the home of their father, who is a respected old citizen, no connection was drawn at the time.

The Bertie men brought a list of the articles stolen last week and the most of these were discovered here in the home of L. W. Jernigan and the place where the younger Jernigan had stayed at various times.

The officers went first to the house of Hubert Finch in Rosemary. Here is where Denson's wife boarded and where Denson is said to have stayed until he was told to leave by Mr. Finch some time ago. Mrs. Denson Jernigan works in the mill and officers say she nor the Finches knew anything about the stolen property. However, bolts of cloth, silk hose, cigaretttes were found in the house Denson had brought them in early Saturday morning. The Finches also told of a chicken which he had given them.

E. J. Bryant admitted buying a carton of cigarettes from Jernigan but proved an alibi for Friday night.

The main portion of the missing goods was found in the home of L. W. Jernigan in South Rosemary. Eight or ten pairs of shoes, several dozen pairs of ladies hose and mens socks, new auto tires, several bolts of call co, sateen and dress goods with price tags still on them, fresh meat hams, shoulders, middlins, hog jowl and other meats from the smokehouse and store, cigarettes and other items were found there by officers and identified by the Bertie County men and farmer.

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