

SILENT MOVIE BECOMES A TALKIE WHEN GUN FIRES

NEGRO IS WOUNDED

After Getting a Death Grip on Officers Check At Theatre

Those who went to the Peoples Theatre Saturday night to see the regular wild and woolly Western paid to see a silent picture. They got more than their money's worth because this Western was synchronized with sound effects.

Just as the hero tossed the villain's two guns to the heroine and she trained them on the heavy with an eagle eye, a shot rang out in the theatre. Many thought the "silent" had become a "talkie". A few seconds later, a second shot rang out from the balcony. All idea of it being in the picture was dispelled and a rush for the exits beat any stampede yet shown on a Saturday night screen.

Luckily no one was hurt, but several probably lost the shoes they had slipped off during the performance.

It all started when one Ed Arrington, burly Negro, decided to go to the show. He must have arrived about 8:30 all ready for trouble. The Negro entrance is in the alley back of the Theatre and a fire escape takes one to their abode in the gallery. Oscar, colored porter, who doubles by acting as ticket taker in the gallery, had a little argument with Arrington about the payment, but that was settled. The latter, however, seemed looking for trouble and finally had the "Heaven" in a turmoil with his loud talking and cursing. He seemed to have something against one of the smaller Negroes in the audience. Oscar tried to quiet him several times to be rewarded with oaths and finally he went for help.

Downstairs in the police office, he found Officer Ed Keeter and told him his trouble. The policeman went back upstairs accompanied by E. R. Watkins. The Negro women were asking Arrington to leave the balcony when Mr. Keeter arrived. The Negro was standing up several stairs in the balcony. It was dark; the machines were humming away. Downstairs a packed house watched the hero and villain struggle for possession of the latter's guns.

Mr. Keeter says he had no idea of having any trouble other than telling the Negro to get out. When he did he was met with curses, so he grabbed Arrington with the idea of handcuffing him. He got one cuff on, but the Negro struggled loose and commenced striking the officer with the dangling handcuff. Watkins finally caught that arm and the three struggled in the gloom down several of the balcony stairs.

The Negro managed to get one arm around Mr. Keeter and proceeded to sink his teeth in the officers left cheek. The more they fought the deeper sank the fangs. In intense pain, Mr. Keeter managed to get to his gun and struck the Negro in the face but without results. He then fired once in the air, the bullet going through the roof. The Negro only bit deeper and by this time his eye teeth had pierced thru the officer's cheek. Putting his gun into the Negro's stomach, Mr. Keeter fired once more and the fight was over.

Arrington sank to the floor groaning and the officer, taking off the handcuff, sent Mr. Watkins for the ambulance.

By this time, the theatre was empty. The first shot cleared the balcony of Negroes and the second shot cleared out the downstairs. When the facts were known, most of those on the outside returned to see the hero finish the villain and win the girl.

JERNIGAN BROTHERS 6 MONTHS

Enter Pleas of Receiving Stolen Property Knowingly in Bertie

Charged with breaking in and robbery of a store and meat house in Bertie County on the night of January 10, L. W. Jernigan and his brother, Denson, entered pleas of guilty to a charge of receiving stolen property and on the basis of the latter charge were sentenced to six months each on the Bertie County farm in Bertie Superior court this Monday.

Solicitor Parker accepted the pleas entered by the defendants and Judge Small passed sentence after listening to the stories of the two men and to testimony of character witnesses.

The State charged that on the night of January 10, the store of T. J. Jernigan, a distant relative of the defendants, was entered and robbed, as was the smokehouse of Mont White, farmer near Powellville, and neighbor of the father of the defendants; that the Jernigans were seen in the vicinity; that most of the stolen property was recovered by police at the home of L. W. Jernigan, South Rosemary, and some in the house where Denson Jernigan had been the night before; that both Jernigans disappeared the day the houses were searched; and that Denson Jernigan was arrested in Petersburg on January 17 and L. W. Jernigan caught after a chase at his home on January 28.

The defendants' story on the stand was in substance that they had gone to Washington, N. C., on the day before the robbery looking for work. Returning home, L. W. Jernigan became violently ill, by chance near the scene of the robberies. Alighting from the car, they built a fire and Denson nursed his older brother.

Here, according to the defendant, enters the real culprit. Hugh Joyner accompanied them on the trip. When the two stood by the fire, they say Joyner left and later returned with many hams, shoulders, etc., telling them Mr. White had told him the day before that he would sell him some meat. Then they say Joyner took the car and went off after gasoline and came back from this trip with the car filled with merchandise of every description.

L. W. says that Joyner admitted breaking in the store. Asked what he did about it, Jernigan says he told Joyner he should not have done it. Denson says he did not know the merchandise was in the car and its connection with it came the next day here when Joyner handed him a package in lieu of a one dollar debt. L. W. admitted unloading most of the stolen property at his house.

He further said he left the next Monday for Richmond still seeking work. A few days later his brother found him there and told him his house had been searched and the goods found. Then he says he returned home. Asked if he ran from the officers on the day of the arrest, he said he only ran out in the yard.

Chief Dobbins testified to finding the stolen property, while the Rev. V. C. Grantham, Buck Taylor, W. F. Joyner, and W. C. Williams from here testified as character witnesses for L. W. Jernigan, who was at one time night policeman for the Rosemary Merchants Association. All said his reputation had been good until this occurrence. They knew little of the younger brother.

Hugh Joyner, who bore the brunt of the case, was not present. He left the country about the same time the Jernigans did and has not been seen or heard of since.

Bishop Pennick Here

The Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick, P. D., will preach and administer the rite of confirmation at All Saint's Episcopal Church Sunday night at 7:30. Bishop Penick is known as a preacher with a message and one whom it is good to know and hear. The public is cordially invited to worship with the congregation.

Men Fight Around Entire Block Here Saturday Night

A fight which started near Kidd's store at No. 2 mill worked its way down the street to the Avenue and clear around the block in the early hours of Saturday night. It was reported that several persons were involved, most of them picking on one man.

Special officer W. N. Reid arrested L. J. Moseley and L. T. Feltz a little after 9 o'clock. They were placed under bond. Feltz was badly hurt around the head. Later another call was sent in and the same two were mixed up in it. This time they were sent to jail on a disorderly conduct charge.

Feltz claims he was beaten on the head with sticks and bottles but did not name his assailants.

YELLOJAX RISE TO 2ND PLACE

High School Has Chance To Tie Leaders Double Header Friday

The Yellowjacket basketball team has been quietly slipping up on its Conference friends this season with the usual hillyhoop of Twin City teams of the past and now stands in second place in the Northeastern Conference having met defeat only once this season from a Conference team.

Elizabeth City comes here this Friday night to try and dislodge the local boys from their place behind the leaders. Should Elizabeth City win, the two teams will tie for that position. Fans and friends are urged to turn out Friday at 7:30 p. m. and give the boys the support they justly deserve this year. Crowds have been small but the team has been improving steadily as shown by its Conference standing.

As an added attraction tomorrow night, the girls' team will play Scotland Neck girls here. Last week the local girls came through with a smashing victory over Rocky Mount, winning 15 to 10. Capt. Cecile Shearin was the scoring star of the game, tallying 37 of the 45 points for her team.

The boys won their Conference game last week, defeating Washington 16 to 11 and going into second place. Farmville, only team to beat the Yellowjackets in Conference circles, tops the list. The local boys have a return game with Farmville and should they win tomorrow night and then defeat Farmville in the second conflict, they will tie Farmville for the Conference championship.

CHILDREN ROB STORES

One fifteen year old boy, charged with shoplifting, has disappeared and three girls implicated are held by the courts, after officers traced goods missing from Twin City stores last week.

Chester Vaughan, 15, is charged with stealing a \$29 dress from the store of Mrs. K. Jenkins and giving it to Julia Baker, 16. Two pairs of silk hose and two pairs of bloomers, which the boy is said to have lifted from the Oak Stores in Rosemary, were given by him to a Jones girl, 17.

Rachel Pulley, 15 year old girl, is said to have admitted getting silk hose from the boy and going to the store she took two pairs of bloomers. She was handed over to the County Juvenile Court.

The Baker and Jones girls, Bunker Hill residents, are in jail at Halifax under \$100 bonds, charged with receiving stolen property.

The Vaughan boy was to report to the Mayor's office Monday afternoon, but is said to have disappeared Saturday and has not been seen since. Being under age, he was not placed in jail but was released in the custody of his father. He lives on Back Street.

The arrests were made by officers Gray and Keeter, after the dress theft was reported by Mr. Jenkins.

P. T. A. MEETING
The Parent-Teachers Association will be held in the Home Economics room at the High School on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 3:30 P. M.

OAKLAND PONTIAC AGENCY

Comes to Twin Cities; Sales, Repair Garage Open March 15

Work started today on the construction of an addition to the Paragon Building which will be occupied by the newly organized Shearin Motor Company Incorporated, of Roanoke Rapids.

The new company will have the agency in this territory for Oakland and Pontiac automobiles and will operate an up to date repair and parts department.

Capitalized at \$50,000, the Shearin Motor Co., has elected N. M. Shearin as its president and treasurer. Mr. Shearin has for several years operated a similar company in Weldon in a most successful manner and brings with him his entire repair crew and machinery for the service department. New equipment has been ordered, also, for this department.

C. E. Matthews of this city is vice president of the new corporation and J. E. Myrick is secretary. The board of directors consists of J. E. Alsbrook, J. W. Ross, H. E. White, M. F. White, N. M. Shearin, C. E. Matthews and J. R. Myrick.

The Paragon Building, just above the Avenue Service station, was originally built for a business of this type. The present building is 40 feet by 90 feet and has never been occupied. The construction of the addition to the rear will increase the length of the building to 140 feet. This addition will house the repair and service department, while the front of the building will be used for displaying cars, a parts department and office of the company. The building will be of brick and fireproof construction with an entire plate glass front.

Six men will be employed by the company as mechanics and salesmen. It is estimated the new structure will be completed in thirty days and the company will begin active business on March 15.

INITIATION SERVICES

The initiation service of the Girls Reserve Club, of the Roanoke Rapids High School, with a membership of forty five was held on Monday afternoon in the High School auditorium with the high school students and quite a number of parents to witness the service.

As Miss Marjorie Collier presided "Hymn of Light," the girls dressed in white, wearing blue ties and carrying white candles, marched down the aisles on either side of the auditorium singing as they marched "The Hymn of Light." When they entered the stage their candles were lighted by Miss Virginia Ogletree and Miss Ollie Powell and at the close of the hymn they took their seats on the immense stage. Miss Mary Kesler gave the address of welcome. Miss Virginia Ogletree read the Scripture and Miss Ollie Powell gave the slogan and code of the Girls Reserve and told of the purpose of the organization. Miss Constance Barrow, vice president of the senior organization, responded to the commission and read the list of members in the senior unit. Miss Grizzelle Cameron and Miss Catherine Hutchinson, who are secretaries respectively of the 9th and 10th grade divisions, gave a list of their members.

Miss Lillian Bell Jenkins, acting as "Herald of Light" gave the meaning of the "Blue Triangle."

Rev. Hugh Bradley pronounced the benediction and the girls marched from the auditorium singing "Lead On, Oh King Eternal." The service was very pretty and impressive. Immediately following the service the parents and friends of the girls were invited to the gymnasium for refreshments, where Miss Ada Edwards, chairman of the committee, had punch served from a well representing the "Old Oaken Bucket," which was delicious as well as unique.

Miss Claudia Hunter is chief sponsor of this organization. She has been assisted by Miss Mary Kessler, Miss Frances McClary, Miss Vernie Eddins, Miss Virginia Blount, Miss Ada Edwards, and a number of ladies who are members of the Womans Club.

Three Injured Near Halifax As Train Hits Car Friday

A Pontiac Sedan driven by J. B. Davis of Enfield was hit by A. C. L. passenger train No. 73 at a crossing near Halifax Friday. Mr. Davis received only a few bruises and a sprained ankle while Mr. Freeman, who was with him received a broken leg and several bad lacerations. The third party on the car, whose name was not learned here, received bruises and lacerations and was taken to the A. C. L. hospital at Rocky Mount with Mr. Freeman.

ECTC CLUB REUNION

Members of College Faculty are Guests of Honor at Banquet In This City

The Roanoke Rapids Chapter of the E. C. T. C. Alumni gave a banquet on Friday evening in the Home Economics Department of the Roanoke Rapids High School, honoring Dr. Robert H. Wright, Mrs. Wright and Miss Annie Morton of Eastern Carolina Teachers College.

A color scheme of purple and gold was carried out effectively in the decorations. The tables were made lovely by using lavender and gold candles in green holders. Bows of yellow jasmints with fern and ivy arranged down the center of each table. The guests found their places by attractive place cards artistically made in colors of yellow on which were written in purple lettering the motto of the club, "To Serve."

Miss Ella Outland gave greetings from the club and Miss Ruth White gave the address of welcome. Response was given by Miss Annie Morton. Mrs. Mary Kesler, accompanied by Miss Thelma Tyler at the piano, sang a beautiful selection. Dr. Wright made a most interesting talk which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. W. A. China played a beautiful violin solo, after which Mr. C. W. Davis made a few brief remarks.

These present besides the honored guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Knight, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cleaton, Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Mustian, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis, Mrs. R. L. Towe, Mrs. W. A. China, Misses Pattie Edmondson, Virginia Blount, Julia Blount, Ruth Dean, Martha Spivey, Martha Hassell, Mable Regan, Ella Outland, Ruth White, Amanda Tillman, Mary Lowder, Thelma Tolser, Mary Cox, Bernice Wray, Hattie Braswell, Ruth Jessup, Grace Hunt, Mary Elizabeth Savage, Velma Harty, Mary Kesler, Marjorie Collier, Burwell Patterson, Lee Arnold, Reppy Walston and Mr. James Perl.

Delightful music was furnished during the banquet by Miss Marjorie Collier and Mrs. W. A. China.

NORWOOD ANNOUNCES

Local Man Out For Re-election as State Representative From Halifax County

W. J. "Billy" Norwood today announced his candidacy for nomination as State Representative from Halifax County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

Mr. Norwood is just completing his second term as Representative and to date is the only one to announce for the office. He defeated a large field of candidates in the primary two years ago.

He is cotton buyer for the Rosemary Manufacturing Co. Recently he has taken an active part in the reorganization of the local post of the American Legion. A few weeks ago, Mr. Norwood was elected president of the Mens Organization at the Rosemary Baptist Church. He is also chairman of the important Agricultural committee of the local Kiwanis Club.

Questioned by THE HERALD, Mr. Norwood stated the coming two years will be the most difficult that State Legislators have had to face in many years. He referred principally to taxation and industrial problems.

Mr. W. T. Clement, Register of Deeds for Halifax County, was taken to the Rocky Mount hospital for examination for appendicitis Sunday.

OAK STORES IS LATEST VICTIM WITH \$600 LOSS

PITTARD HEARD BY KIWANIS

Aurelian Springs Boy Represents County in Legion Contest

Members of the Kiwanis Club sat enthralled as the boy orator of Aurelian Springs gave his prize winning oration here Thursday evening, rose in accord to show their approval and voted him their support in his second contest at Tarboro tomorrow night when he competes for the district prize given by the American Legion on the subject "Our Flag."

Lorenzo Pittard, 11th grade Aurelian Springs student, won the Halifax County contest last week and represents this county at the district meet tomorrow night. He was accompanied to the club meeting by V. C. Matthews, principal of the Aurelian Springs school, who told Kiwanians the people of that section had a warm spot in their hearts for the Twin Cities where they never failed to gain support for any community movement.

A motion passed by the Club that the entire speech of young Pittard be published in THE HERALD that old and young might be benefitted by a rare tribute to the flag, is only too gladly fulfilled by this paper. It is printed herewith.

"Our flag is the national emblem of unity. It has forty eight stars which stand for the forty eight states. Its colors are red, white and blue. Red for valor, white for purity and blue for justice. It has thirteen bars and stripes which stand for the thirteen original colonies that stretched along the Atlantic coast.

"It is true that Congress authorized the making of our flag in 1777, but the spirit of our flag has been existing since 1215, when the barons, on the field of Runnymede, forced King John to sign the Magna Charta. The same spirit was prevailing in the mind of Oliver Cromwell when he forced his worthless sovereign from the English throne. The spirit of our flag was making rapid progress when in the fifteenth century, that mighty movement of mankind began to spread over the entire surface of the earth and the flaming torch of civilization was borne across the stormy ocean and planted on American soil. From the time the first legislative assembly met in Virginia in 1619, the spirit of our flag continued to grow with increasing force until it was just as natural for Patrick Henry to declare 'Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death,' as it is for the stars to be shining in (Continued on page six)

POWER CO. ORATORS

Comete in Public Speaking Contest Here; Winner Goes To Richmond For Finals

Claud Dunn Orvid Harris, Robert King, Richard Martin, John Shaw, Bruce Mason, Morris Moore, John Williams, and Charles L. Whipple, Power Company employees, will meet in final combat tomorrow night at Kiwanis Hall to decide who will represent the local force at Richmond in the National Electric Light Association speaking contest.

These ten men won out in elimination contests held here this week and two will be chosen tomorrow night from the above list. Each has written and will speak on "The Electric Utilities' Contribution to My Community, State and Nation."

Sales manager Ray Godmoor is in charge of the contest. Elimination judges were Messrs. A. E. Akers, Charles W. Davis and Carroll Wilson. The winning speech will be printed by THE HERALD next week. The first prize in the nation is a free trip to Europe. Second prize is \$500, third prize, \$250. There are also local and State prizes.

CHURCH DINNER SATURDAY

Ladies of the Christian Church will serve dinner at the church Saturday evening, Feb. 15, from 5 until 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

CAREFUL THIEVES

Take Only Best Ladies And Mens Merchandise; Reward

After suffering from a constant epidemic for several weeks, the South end of the Twin Cities managed to stave off further disaster over the week, while the robbery disease was creeping to the North end, culminating in the entrance and theft of over five hundred dollars in merchandise and \$67.50 in cash from the Oak Chain Stores here Friday night.

At least \$350 in ladies dresses was stolen with the thieves showing enough taste in the matter of feminine wear to strip clean two racks of the higher priced garments and leaving untouched four or five racks of lower priced frocks.

Again showing great care, more than twenty of the better grade mens' suits were taken, including every high priced blue serge in stock.

Small metal cash box was taken containing \$67.50, insurance papers, cancelled checks and valuable papers belonging to Mr. W. V. Woodroof, manager of the store.

Left untouched was a small safe and a box of change on the table with the cash box. And of course, the balance of the stock. At least, manager Woodroof has failed to find anything else of importance missing.

A careful method was employed by the robbers. They cut through the back screen and unlatched same. Removing the top part of the door frame of one of the double doors, they prized the door out enough to get a lever behind the interior of the hinges and prized the hinges loose. Removing the door entirely, they crawled in under the bar, evidently leaving the broken door leaning in place until their departure when they carried it outside and rested it against the back of the building.

G. D. Gage parked his car in front of the Oak Store and entered the last show here Friday night. When he drove off at 11:30 he noticed that the light over the cash register was not burning. The next morning the light was on, so the time is believed to have been early in the night with the thieves turning the light back on after completing their work.

Part of the stolen mens' suits were found about 9 o'clock Saturday morning by Billie Burton between the old hand house and the B. S. Webb property on Jackson Street. They had been dumped in an alley.

The battered money box was found later in the morning in the old canal under the Avenue bridge. The money was gone but the papers and ledgers were safe though damaged by water. In the ledger was a five dollar bill, the property of the Methodist Sunday school of which Mr. Woodroof is treasurer. The balance of the lost money belonged to Woodroof personally.

The robbery was discovered early Saturday morning by Mr. C. T. Kidd, owner of the building in which the store is located. He immediately notified the manager.

A reward of twenty five dollars was offered by the Oak Stores today for the recovery of the stolen goods or information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves, according to Manager Woodroof.

Mill Village Dwelling Damaged By Fire

A fire of unknown origin was discovered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gurkin, who live in the Patterson Mill village, about 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning. It was a six room dwelling with two apartments. The family living in the other side of the house was away from home and Mr. and Mrs. Gurkin were asleep. The fire originated in the attic and Mr. and Mrs. Gurkin had to be awakened by someone passing by. All of the household goods were saved but greatly damaged. The house was not completely burned but damaged to the extent that it probably cannot be repaired.