

# WELDON CHIEF'S CONDITION CRITICAL

## NEGRO ASSAILANT SHOT THREE TIMES

### POSSE OF 200 MAKE CAPTURE

#### Excitement Intense in Triple Cities As Two Fight For Life

J. R. Crew, Chief of Police of Weldon, and Erwin (Buddy) Jackson, Negro, whom the chief attempted to arrest Sunday afternoon, he at death's door in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital today. Crew was conscious this morning for a few minutes and talked a little about the shooting.

Chief Crew was shot by Jackson and the Negro, escaping for a few minutes, was hunted out by a posse of men, led by county and city officers, and shot down from a high perch in the cotton seed room of the Eastern Cotton Oil Co., where the fugitive had sought refuge.

The policeman was hit on the side of the head from Jackson's pistol, the ball entering under the right eye, severing the optic nerve of the left eye, passing through the lower part of the brain and coming out behind the left ear.

Since being brought to the hospital Mr. Crew has lingered between life and death. Attending physicians assert he has a slim chance to recover, but nothing definite about his condition can be ascertained for several days. He has been conscious for only a few minutes at a time since the shooting Sunday. Should he recover, he will lose the use of the left eye permanently. As yet, he has run no fever and every care is being taken to prevent possible complications.

The Negro was hit four times. He claims the first shot was inflicted by Chief Crew. Two of the shots passed through the stomach. One struck him in the left side, coming out on the right side after passing through his entire body. Another went in his right side. A third shot struck him in the back and lodged under the left shoulder blade. The fourth shot hit his shoe, struck the sole of his right foot and stopped, the ball being recovered from the inside of the shoe. An operation was performed and four holes in the intestines sewed up. His chances for recovery are better than those of the white man, although his condition is still serious. He has been conscious most of the time and his side of the story told.

There were so many different versions of the story, especially of the first part in which the Chief was wounded, that it was most difficult to gain a clear idea of just what transpired. The following details were furnished by officers and persons who saw parts of the action which moved so swiftly late Sunday afternoon and threw the entire county in an uproar.

Jackson had been having some trouble with other Negroes near Brown's Tea Room, a colored hangout in South Weldon, near the Eastern Cotton Oil Co. plant and across the street from the Standard Oil Co. tanks. He had been flourishing a gun, and was reported to have been drinking. The matter was reported to Chief Crew who went to the scene of the action. After looking for Jackson, who had disappeared into a house, he sent for deputy sheriff W. C. Mitchell, who was at the South Weldon Drug Co.

The two officers continued a search for Jackson and found him in the house. He started out the front door, gun in hand, but retreated when he saw the officers. Crew emptied his gun in the ground to bring the Negro out. The two started around the house as the Negro ran out the back and was commanded to halt. Instead, he cursed the officers, it is said, and fired. Then Crew fired several times. (Continued on Back Page)

### Girl Hit By Hit And Run Driver Dies In Hospital

Gladys Carlyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carlyle, of near Scotland Neck, died in a Tarboro hospital yesterday from injuries sustained Saturday when she was struck by a hit and run driver.

The accident took place on the Tarboro road about four miles from Scotland Neck. The Carlyle girl, with a sister, was walking along the road when a car, driven by a Negro, struck the girl.

The sister was so frightened that she failed to see what kind of car it was or who was driving and could give the officers no clue except that the driver was colored. Car and driver disappeared without stopping.

The injured girl was taken to a hospital at Tarboro where she lingered for three days. Coroner Billy Williams was called to Scotland Neck yesterday and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by being struck by a car driven by an unknown Negro. Officers are searching for clues as to the identity of the man.

Gladys, 17, and her sister were off the concrete. Two cars passed and the death car left the concrete, the back end hitting the girl as the driver twisted back on the road. A hip and leg were broken and internal injuries were sustained.

## CANCER CLINIC COMING

### At Local Hospital Next Week—Lecture at H. S. Tomorrow Night

A three day cancer clinic will be held at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital October 29, 30 and 31. The hospital physicians are giving their services free to those who come for examination for cancer on the above dates. The clinic hours are from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Three physicians, experts in the field of cancer have been secured to make addresses in the County. Dr. Shands, of Duke University Medical Staff appeared in Enfield, October 20 at 8 p. m., and Dr. H. H. Bass, State chairman for the Control of Cancer speaks in Scotland Neck, Thursday, October 23 at 3 p. m. Dr. S. M. Budd of the McGuire clinic of Richmond will make an address on the subject in Roanoke Rapids at 8 p. m., October 24, on the third floor of the Junior High School building. Attend these lectures, at least one of them. Read the free literature on cancer, learn the danger signs of cancer, and if you have any of them attend the clinic.

Anyone who has any of the danger signs and symptoms of cancer should take advantage of this clinic for the detection of cancer. These danger signs are, external cancer, cancer on (Continued on back page)

### STATE FARM PRISONER DIES

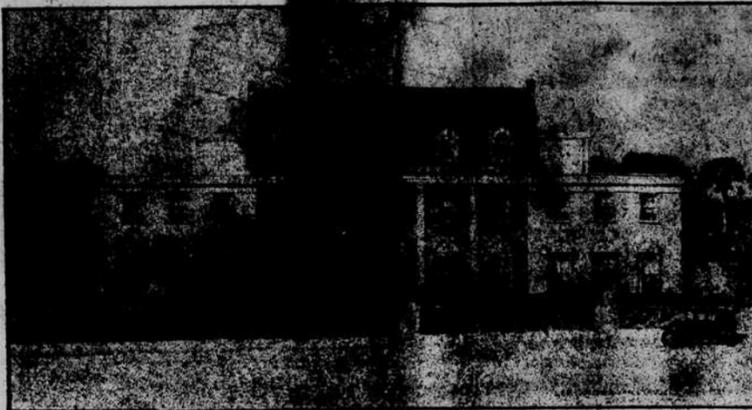
A. C. Saul, 33, prisoner at Caledonia State Farm died last Friday from pneumonia. The body was shipped to his home at Schoolfield, Va., for burial.

### THE WASH IS READY

All is in readiness for Hanging Out the Wash, a play to be presented at the High School tomorrow night by the St. Mary's Guild of the Episcopal Church. It is said that timely town topics form a zestful part of the entertainment. Eight o'clock is the time for starting the laundry work.

### SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

Special music will be featured at both the morning and evening services of the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church. The anthem, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," will be sung by a specially trained choir at the morning service while a special quartet number is on the evening program. Harvey Saunders is directing the singers. The public is cordially invited to all services.



PROSPECTIVE OF PROPOSED HOTEL FOR TWIN CITIES

The above is the architectural representation of the fifty room hotel which will be built at once at Colonial Heights, Va., by J. W. Smoot, contractor for the Guaranty Finance Corporation of Richmond, which specializes in financing and building hotels and apartment houses. Two other hotels of similar design will be built in other Virginia towns this year. Local citizens, interested in a hotel for the Twin Cities, are planning to open negotiations with the company, which has the cash now to build at least two more hotels. On the third floor of this particular hotel are several three room apartments, parlor, bedroom, kitchen and bath, with electric refrigerators and other modern conveniences. The entire hotel, including apartments, will be furnished with Simmons equipment and furniture.

## THREE HURT IN WRECK AT WELDON

### Herald Man In Hospital; Fate Call To Officers Set Fire To Bridge

As an aftermath to the shooting in Weldon late Sunday afternoon, three men were injured in an auto crash, officers guarding the wounded Negro at the hospital were lured away by a fake message from Jackson and the Weldon bridge was set fire by unknown parties.

Frank Steber, advertising manager for The Herald, sustained severe injuries when he was thrown from a car which was smashed into by another car soon after the shooting at Weldon.

The accident occurred a few blocks from the Eastern Cotton Oil Co. Mr. Steber had been to the scene of the shooting and was returning with Mr. Howard Bounds of the Bounds Motor Co. As he started to leave the car, a Ford sedan smashed in the rear of the Hudson, driven by Mr. Bounds. Mr. Steber was thrown from the car against a telephone pole and both knees were sprained. He has been in the hospital since but will be able to leave in a few days.

Ira M. Davis and S. B. Wagstaff of Weldon were in the Ford, the former driving. The force of the impact shoved the Hudson about 100 feet and broke the windshield of the Ford. Both men were cut about the face. They had been near when Mr. Crew was shot earlier in the evening and were part of the posse which hunted for the Negro. They were hurrying back to the oil mill when the accident took place. Both cars were badly damaged.

**Fake Call To Officers**  
Soon after the wounded Negro was carried to the hospital, ten city and county officers were stationed at the hospital to prevent further trouble. A telephone call came from a man in Weldon stating that a race riot had broken out in Jackson and all available officers here were needed there.

Instead of proceeding to Jackson part of the officers remained at the hospital while others went to Weldon to trace the call. They could not find the man who telephoned and returned to the hospital. Later, they were in touch with Northampton officials who reported no disorder of any kind.

### Weldon Bridge Afire

A few minutes after the above episode, unknown parties set fire to the Weldon bridge. Driver Davison, bus driver for the Norfolk bus, discovered the blaze as his bus started over the bridge. The sills beneath the floor were burning merrily. He snatched a fire extinguisher from the car and had the fire out in a few minutes. The bridge was not damaged much.

### INFANT DAUGHTER DIES

Mary E. Edwards, 19 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Edwards, Jackson Street, died Sunday. Funeral services were held on Monday by Reverend C.T. Thrift.

### Twin City Kiwanis Club Entertained By Enfield Club

Thirty members of the local Kiwanis Club journeyed to Enfield Tuesday night of this week for the weekly meeting which takes the place of the regular Thursday night meeting here.

They were guests of the Enfield Kiwanis Club in their splendid quarters in the new Masonic building. After a special luncheon dinner, the program was put on by the local Kiwanis Club under the direction of Kiwanian Ned Manning.

Club singing was followed by a talk on Kiwanian principles by Hugh Erskine, secretary of the local club. He stressed regular attendance at the weekly meetings, a militant program and the taking of an active part in all club activities. Musical numbers were presented by Messrs. Baxton and Britton, Rosemary Banjo artists. Fun for the occasion was furnished by Howard Pruden and his tap-dancing buddy, cross questions and crazy answers, and a boxing contest between teams representing each club, won by the Enfield Club. The address of welcome was by D. Alac Johnson of the Enfield Club.

### Ten Local Nurses Take State Exams

Ten nurses who are graduates of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Training School are in Raleigh today, tomorrow and Saturday, taking the State Board examination for trained nurses. The young ladies left yesterday.

Those taking the exams are Misses Edna McCompass, Blomnie Taylor, Martha Daughtrey, Stella Giles, Marguerite McDonald, Lucy Hayes, Nellie Williams, Nannie May Wood, Effie Woby and Annie May Etheridge.

### MRS. ANNIE SUE BUTLER

Mrs. Annie Sue Butler, 53, died Friday at the Halifax County Sanatorium. She had been ill for some time and was moved to the Sanatorium two months ago. Her husband, E. G. Butler, and several children survive. Funeral services were held Saturday with Reverend J. E. Kirk officiating.

### WHAT A MAN SAYS



Vice President of the United States  
The American Red Cross is in a position to and does more to relieve those stricken by misfortune than any other organization in the world. Its splendid work has done much to bring a friendly feeling in all parts of the world for the people of our country because they sustain the American Red Cross.

This wonderful organization is entitled to the liberal support of our people.

Mrs. Birdie Brown of Kinston visited here last week.

## J. W. BAILEY HERE NEXT WEDNESDAY

### Democratic Candidate to Speak to Twin City Voters

Joshua W. Bailey, Democratic nominee for U. S. Senator, will speak here in the interest of the Democratic party and his own candidacy on Wednesday night, October 29. The speaking will be at the High School at eight o'clock.

Mr. Bailey did not speak here during the primary at Halifax County and especially the two Roanoke Rapids precincts returned handsome majorities for him over Senator F. M. Simmons.

Voters in Eastern North Carolina are not taking as much interest in the November election as party leaders think they should. While the Republicans are making a strong fight in the Western section of the State, where there is a large Republican vote, they have wisely stayed out of this normally strong Democratic territory.

The result is that there has not been any interest and Republicans tactics to have a tight vote in Democratic strongholds is causing no little concern to Bailey and State Democratic leaders.

A meeting of the Halifax County Democratic committee was held at Halifax Tuesday of this week. Every precinct in the county was represented. Messrs A. N. Martin, W. F. Zeyner, L. G. Shell and Billy Williams represented the local precincts.

A series of precinct meetings were planned in the county prior to Mr. Bailey's arrival. W. T. Clements, Ed Travis, Jr., and N. L. Steadman were appointed a committee to map out a speaking program. At precinct meetings, local speakers will be used to pep up things in preparation for Mr. Bailey's arrival.

Rosemary voters will meet next Monday night over W. C. Williams Furniture Store and Roanoke Rapids voters will hold a precinct meeting in the court room over the Roanoke Bank and Trust Co. All voters of the two precincts are urged to attend one of these meetings.

### MEN OF THE CHURCH

The Presbyterian Men of the Church will meet this Friday night at the church at 8 o'clock. The subject will be "The Christian Home," and F. D. Wilson will be in charge of the program. All members are urged to be present and on time, while visitors are cordially invited.

### LADIES AID CAKE SALE

A cake sale for the benefit of the Ladies Aid of the First Christian Church will be held Saturday morning, October 25, at the store of the Shell Furniture Co., in Rosemary. Delicious home made cakes of every kind will be on sale.

Miss Evelyn Grant of Garysburg is in the local hospital with diphtheria.

## LOCAL CONTRACTOR TO BUILD HOTELS

### Dial Phones Ready

Final tests have been made on the new dial system installed in the Twin Cities and Weldon by the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., and if the proper reports are made by the home office, the new system will be hooked in for use on next Wednesday.

Local telephone workers are not certain as to the date, but it will be only a short time now. New directories will be issued at an early date in time for users, to have in handling the new system which eliminates the central office.

### Halloween Party At The Country Club

The Womens Club is planning a big Community Halloween party at the Country Club Halloween night from seven to eleven. There will be provided by a special committee a regular program, another committee will have charge of games and amusements for children. Tables will be placed for those wishing to play bridge and dancing will also be enjoyed by those desiring same.

Lots of Halloween stunts will be enjoyed and refreshments will be served. The prices will be 15 cents for children, 25c general admission or 35c for those playing bridge.

## HIWAYMAN TAKE PANTS FROM MAN

### Queer Doings Mark A Strange Week End of Shooting and Fights

Tragedy and comedy were mixed in peculiar happenings over the past week-end in addition to other events reported in this issue. A man was shot in a family row at Ebony Va.; a local man was robbed of everything he had, including his pants; white man and black mixed up on the Avenue; and a young race riot ended the Fair late Saturday night.

Eddie Connor of Ebony is in the local hospital as a result of a family row Monday night. His uncle and another kinsman were fighting and Eddie stepped between them to prevent bloodshed. A gun in his uncle's hand went off at the same time and Connor received the ball in the stomach. He is in a serious condition. The uncle was arrested.

### Losses His Pants

Taylor Cole, employee of the Roanoke Mills Co., returning here Sunday night in his automobile, was held up by two white men near Warrenton. They took his watch, money, stripped his car of meter and tools, and then, not satisfied, peeled off Mr. Cole's pants and hit him a terrific blow over the head.

After he recovered from the blow, he borrowed a pair of trousers and drove on here, stopping at the hospital to have a bad gash in his forehead dressed. Mr. Cole had been to see his father who was ill at his home near Warrenton. He could not identify his assailants.

### Other Social Events

A street fight between a white man and a Negro on Roanoke Avenue Saturday night was reported. The Negro finally knocked the white man over and fled down the street. It was the only blow he struck.

Late Saturday night a riot started at the Fair Grounds when a Negro ran into a white man. Fists, sticks and bottles flew for a few minutes until officers cleared things up. The Negro was badly battered before rescued.

Two cars smashed head on near South Rosemary Monday night. Neither were local cars. A white man from Oxford was treated at the hospital for cuts. Negroes in the other car were cut and bruised. Both cars were wrecked.

## J. W. SMOOT ACCEPTS POSITION

### As Chief Contractor For Guarantee Finance

J. W. Smoot, local contractor, announced this week that he was now connected with the Guaranty Finance Corporation, an organization for organizing, financing and building hotels and apartment houses.

Main offices of the company are at 707 Mutual Bldg., Richmond, with other offices in Washington and New York.

Mr. Smoot will have charge of all building for the Corporation. The company will start work at once on 2 hotels in Virginia towns and has funds available for the immediate erection of at least three more hotels and apartment houses.

The first combination hotel and apartment house will be built at Colonial Heights, just outside Petersburg. There will be forty thirty to forty hotel rooms, with baths on the three room apartments on the top first, second and third floors, with story. The ground floor will house the lobby, dining room, kitchen, offices and two shops.

All structures built by the company will be fireproof of reinforced concrete and other fireproof material. Simmons beds, mattresses, draperies and furniture will be used.

The plan for financing, as outlined briefly by Mr. Smoot, was explained on the basis of a fifty room hotel costing complete and furnished \$125,000. A smaller hotel would cost in proportion.

Several local men who are interested in getting a hotel here have approached Mr. Smoot for details of the financing plans of the company and he has stated his intention of getting other officials of the company here if enough men in the community are really interested.

As an example, Mr. Smoot explained the following general method used by his company in financing and building a \$125,000 hotel.

Plans: Our plans for building small hotels and cooperative apartments is generally as follows, subject to change to suit needs, etc.:

Investment: Site of suitable size to meet requirements, \$15,000; fifty room hotel-apartment, reinforced concrete, comp't, \$75,000; hotel furniture and fixtures, (not including dining rooms), \$20,000; Discounts and working capital, a-c, \$15,000; estimated total, \$125,000.

Financed: Class "A" bonds, 6 per cent, 15 years, \$75,000; class "B" bonds, 6 per cent, 10 years, \$25,000; stock of the corporation, at par, \$25,000; estimated total, \$125,000.

Income: Rent for \$2 per day, two to room, allowing 65 days vacancies, \$30,000; shops, dining room, and other concessions, rent, \$5,000; estimated total, \$35,000.

Expenses: General operating expenses, \$15,000; interest on class "A" and "B" bonds, 6 per cent, \$6,000; average insurance premium, 15 year endowment, \$7,000; Wear-tear-depreciation a-c, \$4,500; available for stock dividends, (10 per cent), \$2,500; estimated total, \$35,000.

Insurance: Twenty-five men subscribe for the stock of the proposed corporation, and also insure, individually, to the extent of \$4,000 each on the 15 year endowment plan, and company pay the premiums. The net results, is as follows: Twenty-five men at \$4,000 insurance, means, \$100,000; Stock subscribed, by above men, \$25,000; capital, \$125,000.

Ownership: Allowing the dividends to accrue, \$25,000 of this endowment insurance can be cashed in in about 10 years and pay the class "B" mortgages, and in 15 years the remainder mature and pay the remaining class "A" mortgages, and so retire the funded debt and leave the stockholders in possession of the free property, each having invested only the \$1,000 against which he will own an equity in the property with a book value of \$5,000 per person.