

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

LIGHTNER GETS 26 YRS.

2 Of Hog Gang Found Guilty

TWO TO 4 YEARS IN PRISON

Lonnie Harris Freed; Lewis and Leonard Found Guilty by Halifax Jury

Lewis R. Harris and Leonard Harris, two members of the now famous "Hog-Gang", were found guilty by a Halifax County Superior Court jury yesterday and Lonnie Harris, a third member, was found not guilty.

Lewis was sentenced to from three to four years in the State Prison and Leonard to from two to four years by Judge Small. All three had pled not guilty and stood trial charged with the wholesale theft of hogs in this and adjoining counties, the trio was arrested in Roanoke Rapids on July 26th in the act of delivering dressed pigs to a local barbecue stand.

They came clear on two counts in Northampton Superior Court last week due to insufficient evidence, but evidently there was enough evidence in the Halifax County cases to convince jury and judge.

Reports continue to come in from all sections as to thefts of hogs, but just how many should be charged against the gang cannot be estimated. It is thought they are being charged with some

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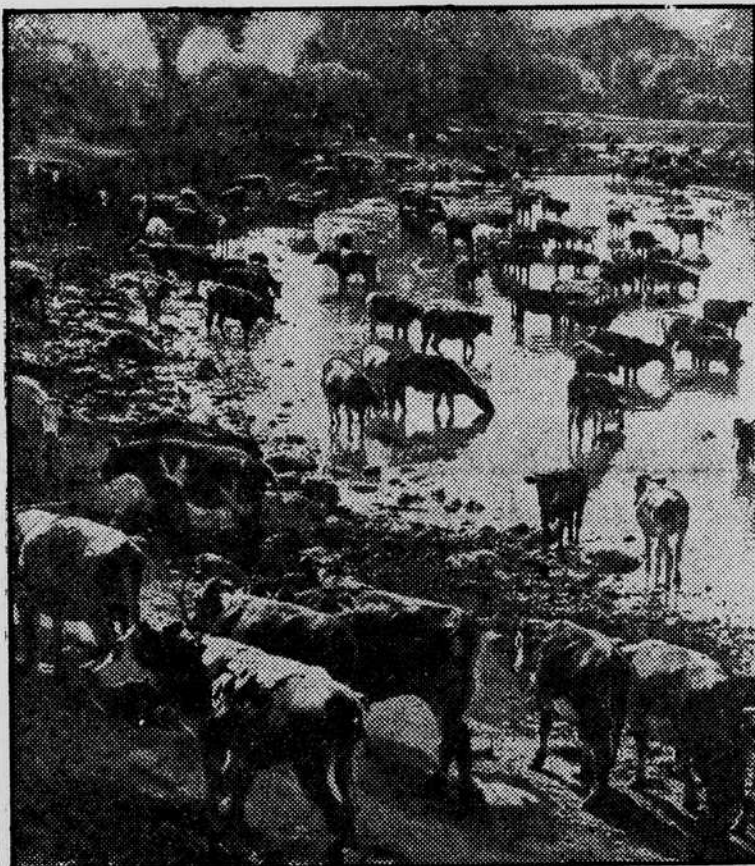
UP AND DOWN
The Avenue
WITH THE EDITOR

Postoffice Inspector Starr of Baltimore has been in Roanoke Rapids for the past three days looking over various sites for the proposed Federal Postoffice. He has gone minutely into an investigation of the local postoffice situation, a study of the city and an examination of all the properties offered in the bids opened several days ago. He will make his report to Washington postal authorities where the location will be finally decided.

A trip in the South Ward business section today, after

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Plenty in a Land of Want



This federal-leased range near Delaware, O., was like paradise for these emaciated, drouth-stricken cattle, shipped there from parched midwestern areas. Hundreds of cattle have been shipped to Halifax County where they are being pastured on the fertile banks of the Roanoke River, while fellow steers back in the west die slowly from the heat.

Shooting Case Goes To Jury

With five lawyers speaking, Judge Small adjourned court at 11:00 p. m. tonight to instruct the jury Friday morning in the shooting case in which Millard Edwards, Gilbert Barber, Alvin Barber, Richard Searce and Morris Blanton are involved.

The trial lasted all day today. Tomorrow morning the judge will instruct the jury and a verdict is expected before noon.

A packed courtroom all day with a goodly crowd to hear the arguments tonight attested to the interest in the case which started with a shooting affray on Jackson St. on a Saturday night in September of last year in which Edwards and Barber were wounded and Mrs. W. S. Brown, across the street, was wounded by a stray bullet.

SAFE IS BLOWN

Yeggs cracked the safe in P. I. Rook's store at Camps Store crossroads Saturday night and escaped with \$450. in cash.

The safe had been blown

open, probably with nitro glycerine, after the door of the store had been forced.

No clues were found and no trace of the robbers uncovered yet. County and State officers are on the case.

Garysburg has been busy the past two days, all farmers coming in to fill out applications for certificates to gin their cotton.

Pleads Guilty To 2nd Degree

26 years in the State prison was the sentence meted to Howard Lightner by Judge Small in Superior Court Tuesday after the defendant, indicted for first degree murder, had submitted to a second degree charge.

Lightner was charged with killing his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Esther Lightner, at his home in Hornertown early Sunday morning, May 13th.

There was no need for a jury after the defendant's attorneys had agreed with the Solicitor to submit their client on the lesser degree, but Lightner took the stand to tell the judge how it happened. He could not, however, remember many of the details leading up to the killing.

The most coherent story was told by his wife at the Coroner's hearing the day after the shooting. Mrs. Lightner told how her husband had been drinking heavily and taking a quantity of headache powders. He finally left the house Saturday night but returned at daybreak Sunday demanding to be let in the house.

She says Esther came into her room and the two were in bed together when Lightner entered the room with a shotgun. She pulled the cover over her eyes and heard the gun fire. When she looked out the girl was dead with the load of the gun in her left temple.

Lightner says he remembers nothing of what happened in the house on the fateful morning.

NITE COP HITS HIM 2 TIMES

A wounded Negro, shot once and probably twice, is at large. One such was shot about 4 a. m. last Friday as he attempted to break into the rear of Roanoke Hardware Co.

The night policeman wounded him as he used a crowbar trying to force in the back door. Calling to him to halt, the officer drew his gun as the Negro turned and ran.

The officer fired twice and believes the shots took effect in both arms or hands. The Negro escaped by running thru a narrow passageway to the rear of the store and between a warehouse.

On each side of the passage was much blood and it appeared to have been thrown there by a hand or arm wound. When the officer got thru the passage the Negro was gone.

A white man, believed by officers to have been a lookout man, was heard running away in another direction as the police sought the Negro, who was not recognized as coming from around here.

Nothing has been heard from the case since as no local doctor has dressed the wounds.

PEACE-HARRIS

Invitations were received here to the wedding of Miss Closs Courtney Peace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Peace, and William Harris, 2nd., at 5:30 p. m. Saturday, September 1st at the First Methodist church, Henderson.

VETERAN FARMER IS DEAD

B. F. Powell, 80 years old, one of the oldest and most respected farmers of Halifax County, died today at his home near South Rosemary.

Mr. Powell was born and raised in Halifax County. He was a widower and is survived by several children and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday afternoon at 3:30 with interment in the Powell cemetery.

BIG CROWD AT RALLY

A crowd from all over Eastern North Carolina, estimated at 2,000, met in the City Park here Saturday morning in a rally of United Textile Workers, affiliate of the A. F. of L.

Principal speakers were Dr. T. W. M. Long, Dr. W. E. Daughtrey and T. E. Wilson of the N. C. Industrial Commission. An amplifying system aided the speakers and refreshments were served the visitors at noon.

Cars and trucks from all over this part of the State were parked along the avenue, side streets, Jackson and Hamilton.

LEONARD-PEARSON

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pearson announces the marriage of their daughter, Ruby to Ralph Leonard of Thomasville, July 8 at York S. C. The young couple will make their home in Thomasville.