

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD

FIND ALL GUILTY IN SHOOTING CASE

CONVICT KILLS WITH FIST AT STATE FARM

UP AND DOWN
The Avenue
WITH THE EDITOR

It appears that bad weather may delay opening of the Avenue on the last block between 3rd and 4th Streets until next week. The entire Avenue, on the present contract, is now open with the exception of this last block with only a quarter of that left unfinished.

The bad place left on the West side of the Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets by installation of the sewer line is being fixed this week with a coat of asphalt.

Altho working only three days a week, sidewalks appear almost as by magic in various parts of the city. Completed in the past week were walks on both sides of the street from Charlotte to the Avenue on 4th Street. A perfect net of walks now lead from all directions to the High School. Jackson Street from 4th to the Hospital is next on the program. Well laid plans are for walks to the Avenue centering on schools, churches and the hospital.

The buildings occupied by Smith's Billiard Parlor and the Olympia Cafe are being treated to a new front with a stucco and imitation stone finish. The completed fronts will be very attractive. The Rosemary Drug Co., next door, is planning a new front and entrance and work may start on this next week.

Those sending in news items are again requested to write names and initials plainly. Use typewriter whenever possible and check those names. The Herald has a new typesetter who is not familiar with the names and they must be written clearly. Remember when you are writing that m, n, u, v, and w, with an occasional i thrown in can make anything out of a name. To say nothing of trying to decide whether it is an a or

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NEGRO IS DEAD FROM ASSAULT

James Smith, Negro convict, killed Lonnie Green, Negro convict, with a blow of the fist at the Caledonia State Farm near Scotland Neck late Tuesday afternoon.

Three eye witnesses saw three blows passed, one of which was fatal to Green, who died a half hour after the fracas. The first blow was in the stomach, the second in the face and the third, delivered as Green was falling, landed at the base of the brain.

Green was sitting down when the fight started and the first blow passed. He and Smith had words and as Green started up he received a terrific blow to the stomach, followed by another to the chin which sent him toward the ground.

The third, and probably the fatal lick, came as he fell and landed at the nape of the neck. Medical views and those of the Coroner differ slightly as to which actually caused death. Some say the stomach blow was sufficient, if Green had been drinking much water. They had all just finished supper and were in the stockade.

Others say the blow at the base of the brain could have caused instant paralysis of the nerves or a cerebral hemorrhage.

Smith is 21 years old and is serving a 30 year sentence for second degree burglary. He is being held in solitary awaiting further court action.

Green was 22 years old and was serving a 15 year sentence for assault. He was a Halifax County Negro who lived near Tillery. Smith was sent here from another county.

Smith was taken to the States prison at Raleigh yesterday for safe keeping.

1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Reverend Gordon L. Price of the First Baptist Church, who has been holding a revival at Jarrats, Va., this week, will be back Sunday to fill his regular pulpit for both morning and evening services.

Willing Victim Of Snake Bite



To demonstrate the power of religion, the Rev. Albert Teester, 39, Sylvia, N. C., preacher, let a five-foot rattlesnake sink its fangs twice into his arm, while his congregation looked on. After several pain-wracked days, during which he refused the services of physicians, Teester was able again to speak to his flock, although the swelling of his arm, as pictured above, had not subsided.

PLAYING WITH GUN ONE DEAD

Living Man Says They Were Just Tussling Over Gun When It Fired.

Clarence Sherrod, 25 year old Negro, was shot and instantly killed at the home of Sam Purvis near Scotland Neck last Thursday and John Draughan is held in jail without bond charged with the killing.

The gun was missing when officers arrived but turned up later when the person who had it turned it over to Sheriff Johnson. This party said the gun was given to him by Sam Purvis.

Purvis and Jack Reynolds were held on a charge of aiding and

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Edwards Is Fined, Others Get Road Sentences; Appeal

All five men in the Jackson Street shooting affray of last September were found guilty by a jury in Superior Court Friday after a trial which lasted all of one day and which went to the jury late Thursday night.

Millard Edwards, to whose house the other men came, and who admitted going back into his house to get his gun after he says his life was threatened, was fined \$100 and half the costs of the court by Judge Small. The charge was assault with a deadly weapon.

Gilbert Barber, the leader of the crowd which came to Edward's house, was found guilty of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to 18 months in a district road camp.

Allen Barber, his brother, was found guilty of the same charge, and was sentenced to 12 months minimum in a district camp.

Morris Blanton and Richard Searce were found guilty of aiding and abetting in an assault with a deadly weapon. Blanton was sentenced to 15 months and Searce to six months in district camp.

An appeal to the Supreme Court was noted in all cases. Crowded courtrooms day and night, with crowds anxiously awaiting the verdict Friday morning, marked it as one of the most bitterly contested trials in the county in several years.

BLOODY BUNDLE FOUND IN CREEK

Complete mystery surrounds the discovery of a bundle of bloody clothing found in Ray's Creek near Roanoke Rapids last week. Officers have kept quiet hoping to gain some information about the ownership but today no clues had been gained.

The bloody bundle was fished out of the creek by Jim Taylor who works at the saw mill about three miles from Roanoke Rapids. He noticed a piece of white cloth in the water and retrieved it to find he had a bundle of clothing, covered with blood.

The clothes had been weighted down with several rocks, tied together with strips of a bloody handkerchief and pushed under the bridge. From this spot the heavy bundle had been washed into shallow water.

Untied, the bundle revealed a bloody undershirt with what appears to be a bullet hole in it. There is no laundry mark or other means of identification.

Also a pair of striped shorts, which had been cut into small

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7-LEG KITTEN

A kitten, with seven legs, was born Tuesday to a cat belonging to Marylyn Wheeler, daughter of D. W. Wheeler, 231 Jefferson Street.

There were three fully developed legs on each side of the body, making a total of six, with the seventh, a smaller leg, between the front two. Paws and claws were fully developed.

The kitten, buried yesterday, was disinterred and will be preserved for a time in alcohol or formaldehyde.

The kitten, a little black, appeared perfectly normal otherwise, but died yesterday after living twenty-four hours. As the news spread many citizens visited the small freak, others arriving too late yesterday afternoon to see it alive.

It was one of a litter of triplets.