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Murder Charge Against Five Now In Halifax Jail

Dooley Found Guilty

KILLING SUNDAY

Five Littleton Negroes are being held in jail at Halifax charged with the murder of Will Alston, 22 year old Negro, whose dead body was found on the railroad tracks near Darden Lumber Co. Sunday night.

Those in jail are Wilson Lee, Willie Mae Arrington and her daughter, Annie Belle, and two material witnesses, Haywood Shearin and Minnie West.

The body was found by Officer Newsome and a railroad employee. The Coroner Monday rendered a verdict of death from being struck by a train. Trainmen say they saw the man just before he was struck but too late to stop the train.

Tuesday, the father of the dead man, June Alston, swore out warrants for the five above, charging murder. Chief Harvey and Officer Newsome made the arrest. At the hearing before Magistrate J. R. Kirkland, there was much conflicting testimony but sufficient of a nature to cause the Magistrate to hold the five for the grand jury.

It was brought out that all the persons had been fighting and that shortly before Alston was killed he had a fist fight with one of the defendants near the spot where his body was found. One witness testified he was knocked down twice on the railroad tracks. All had been drinking. It is the opinion of some that Alston was left senseless on the tracks after the fight.

UP AND DOWN WITH THE The Avenue Editor

DRUNKS are going to find the going harder and harder as the police of all N. C. cities where there are ABC stores express themselves as did the Chief of Police of Warrenton. The police are also going to find that they have public opinion with them now more than ever. It is no longer funny to see a drunk. That fellow is just making it harder to convince folks the present system of handling liquor is the best. We say to our police that they will have the full cooperation of a great majority of the citizens if they bear down on those who persist in making disgusting hogs of themselves. Citizens, police and the courts should combine to bring forth an era of real temperance by turning thumbs down on the intemperate. The Warren Record says: "The expressed determination of acting Chief-of-Police Wilson, as carried on the front page of this newspaper, to bear down on public drunkenness will meet with the approval of citizens of the town as well as those who come to their county-seat town to do their trading. There is no good reason for allowing those who are unable to control their appetites for strong drinks to annoy other citizens of the town and make a general nuisance of themselves. In bearing down on all such, without fear and without favor, we believe Warrenton police will have the full support of our citizens."

WHAT is the Reason? asks F. C. Hege, who sends in the following: A loom fixer who formerly worked here returns from Burlington to move his family. Says all the mills there running full time double shifts. When asked if any Union there or ABC store, says No.--We might ask Mr. Hege what is his reasoning. What connection has an ABC store with whether a mill has orders to run on or not? Had he left that part off, we could see where he reasoned that because the Burlington mills were not unionized, they had received plenty of orders from buyers who do not care to place orders with mills constantly having labor disorders.

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FARMER USES HOE ON NEIGHBOR'S HEAD

John C. Alston, well known farmer and saw mill operator near Littleton, is in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital in a very serious condition from a wound in the head received from a hoe in the hands of Frank Langston, another farmer of that section.

The affray took place Friday morning on the road near Langston's farm. After an argument, Langston struck Alston a powerful blow on the head with the hoe he had been using. The wounded man was rushed here in a critical condition and doctors at first did not think he would live.

His condition is slightly improved today, but is still very serious.

Langston is being held in jail at Warrenton pending the outcome of Alston's condition. The former's son was the only eye witness.

Both are from prominent families and each is about 40 years old. Alston was passing Langston's place when the latter stopped him and the two got into an argument. It is said the difference was about a small amount of money which one claimed the other owed him.

FINED AND LOSES HIS LICENSE

J. Dooley, who told a crowd of 75 at the Labor Temple here last Saturday that he had been framed and was innocent of charges brought against him, was found guilty in Recorder's Court this Tuesday at Fayetteville.

He was fined \$50.00 and the costs and his driver's license was ordered taken from him for a period of three months.

Dooley was found guilty of drunk and disorderly and driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. He noted an appeal to Superior Court.

He had been arrested last week on the highway near Fayetteville by county officer Raymond Edge, after he had driven the officer's car off the road and after a chase of several miles, during which Dooley forced several other cars off the highway. He was drunk when the officer finally caught him.

Dooley was under bond when he returned to Roanoke Rapids last Saturday to attend a meeting with Messrs. Lawrence and Christopher. Evidently planning for an overflow crowd, they installed a loud speaker in front of the meeting place. About 75 went in the hall, while about 25 heard the speeches from the sidewalk in front.

Mr. Lawrence spoke on the Wagner Bill, while Christopher took occasion to belittle home unions. Dooley was most interested in defending his criminal record. He assailed the Roanoke Rapids Herald as a "Tad-pole" newspaper, which this week would be compelled to print in large type the news that Dooley was Not Guilty.

Instead, the headlines are that Dooley is guilty.

Local Union Grows

At the same time this speaking was on, the Roanoke Textile Workers, local union of textile employees, were having their regular

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Peck O' Trouble



Viola Brown, above, pretty American shop girl, is in a peck of trouble since her marriage to K. M. James Lin, foster son of the President of China and student at Ohio State University. Reports from home say Lin is already married.

Change ABC Hours

Week-day and Saturday hours of Halifax County ABC Stores will be from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. according to announcement coming late this afternoon from Wm. Alfred Thorne, chairman of the ABC board. Last week, the stores remained open until 8 o'clock Saturday night. In the future, the stores will close at 6 o'clock every night.

CHANCE TO PAVE J'CKS'N AND HAMILTON STREETS

If the property owners are willing to pay their share, as in all cities, Roanoke Rapids can have several miles of paved streets within the next year. The city officials have applied to the Federal government for a 45 per cent grant on a paved street project which would cover all of Jackson and Hamilton Streets and the side streets leading from Jackson and Hamilton to the Avenue.

The government will pay 45 per cent, the property owners 36 per cent and the city 19 per cent of the cost. Corner property owners would pay only for 60 of the 140 feet on the side streets; the city

paying the balance and for all alleys and street intersections.

The cost to each property owner over a ten year period per 30 foot lot would be:

Concrete--\$8.49 a year.

Asphalt--\$5.55 a year.

This would include the cost of storm drainage, concrete curb and 18 inch concrete gutter, and the grading and permanent surfacing of the street.

If the property owners agree to pay their share at once, there is a good chance of having the project approved at once and work started within 60 days.