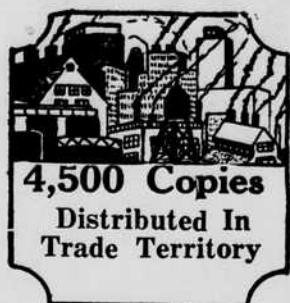




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CHIEF-KILLER TO DIE

3 Killed In Two Crashes

Three persons were killed in two automobile crashes here Saturday afternoon. The dead are Albert Hughes Jarvis, 5 years old, Mrs. Delia Barnes, 45, and Claud Shaw, 21.

The little boy died in the local hospital Saturday night with severe head injuries. He was struck near Clary's Filling Station at Burton Springs Crossroads at 2:30 the same afternoon by a car driven by Mrs. Tom Perkinson of Littleton.

In the car with Mrs. Perkinson were Mrs. Thurmon Atkins and her small son, and another lady visiting Mrs. Atkins. Mrs. Perkinson is in bed at her home with a nervous breakdown.

Floyd Bryant says the child was following him and was hit as they crossed the highway from one filling station to another.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the residence on Cedar St. with interment in the local cemetery. A. C. Jarvis, grandfather of the child, was nearby at the time of the tragedy.

An hour before, two had met death at the railroad crossing just a short distance from the same spot where the child was hit. Mrs. Delia Barnes, wife of Jack Barnes of Deep Creek, and Claud Shaw of Thelma were the victims. Shaw was driving the car and had contracted to take Mrs. Barnes and her son to their home. The son and a Negro in the car escaped with minor injuries.

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KIDNAP SENTENCE DROPPED

The Supreme Court of N. C. yesterday struck out the charges of kidnapping against George Smith, Dick Tudor and Jewell Gray and affirmed the sentences of conspiracy and assault against Smith and Tudor.

According to this decision, Smith and Tudor will serve sentences of six months each.

After being found guilty in Superior Court in January of charges brought by Frank Mitchell and Richard Weaver, Judge Parker sentenced Smith to from five to eight years in prison for kidnapping; Tudor from three to five years; Gray 18 months. To each was added six months for conspiracy and another six months for assault as to Smith and Tudor; the latter six months Judge Parker suspended.

UP AND DOWN The Avenue

WITH THE Editor

COUNTING DOTS has proved very popular and the counting still goes on. The contest does not close until noon May 12 and those who have not counted them and entered have a good chance yet to win one of the cash prizes. The contest manager says less than ten out of one hundred usually count them right. In order to give those out in the county an even break with those who could get them in the P. O. here quicker, we offer special prizes to those outside the city this week. Read details inside. You can't lose. If you even fail to win a prize, you get The Herald for 9 months or a year, with its local news, county news, 8 pages colored comics, 8 pages magazine section, and once a month an additional 12 page Rotogravure farm section. Sample copies do not carry these extra features this week. They go only to regular subscribers in the trade territory. Turn inside and count the dots. It's not too late.

HOWMANY dots are there, we are constantly asked? Honestly, we do not know. We have not tried to count them. The campaign manager does not know. The only man who does is the man who made the plate and he lives hundreds of miles away. His machine count is sealed and will be opened by the judges when the contest closes. Until then nobody knows. Altho several tell me they do, because they have counted them. Maybe. The contest closes noon May 12th. Every count is being checked as to arrival by the contest manager and all books will be turned over to the three judges: Messrs. Lee, Thorne and Hobbs from the three banks.

FLASH--- Bad news for Jax fans. Edenton defeated Roanoke Rapids at Williamston this afternoon 6 to 1 to win the Eastern Carolina Conference championship.

TWELVE Rooms and four baths for transient trade will soon be completed by John C. Smith on the second floor of the Rose Building. The rooms are large, well lighted and ventilated and will fill a long-felt need in Roanoke Rapids. The office will be downstairs next to Rose's. Later Mr. Smith plans to build a warehouse for Rose's behind the Filling Station and then fix up twelve more rooms and four extra baths in the rear of the second floor.

ROCKFISH season in the Roanoke has been extended fifteen days, according to Sen. Allsbrook who was in Raleigh Friday on this and other matters. The season, which was to have closed May 1, has been extended to May 15th, due to high waters early part of the season when fishing was impossible and most of the fish traveled on up the Roanoke.

Fishermen report splendid catches last night and today. ASSISTANT Manager of the Battle-Vance-Pettigrew Dormitory at the University of North Carolina is now Jimmy Shell of Roanoke Rapids, who is working his way thru college and now has a good position which helps him much and yet leaves him time for studying. Jimmie says in a letter to C. W. Davis and Paul Reid that he is trying hard to make the honor roll. Go to it, Jimmy.

PEGGY ANN is the name of a new dress shop to open in the building with Gladhome Florist, 1014 Roanoke Avenue, Friday, May 8th, according to announcement of A. Swartz, manager. Partitions are being built and fixtures erected this week. The shop will carry a popular-priced line off ladies and misses frocks.

BRUSHES probably went flying out the door when a local housekeeper told a brush man this week what she thought of him when he started to politick her for his favorite candidate. This lady was interested in buying brushes and found out the salesman was not half so interested in selling his wares as in putting in a word for a candidate for office. Salesman and brushes were sent speeding from the house

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LITTLE NEGRO GIRL AND STRAY DOG CHIEF STATE LINKS

A little Negro girl and an old stray dog were probably the most potent and deciding factors in the murder case completed last night when a Halifax Superior Court jury found Evans (Snooks) Macklin guilty of first degree murder in the death of Chief of Police Moore of Scotland Neck and Judge Cranwell sentenced the negro to die in the State lethal gas chamber on Monday, June 1st.

CANDIDATE



DR. W. A. CARTER

who today announced his candidacy for the office of Judge of the County Recorder's Court of Halifax County. Dr. Carter was born near Halifax, the son of the late R. W. Carter. He has lived in the county all his life. He attended the U. S. College of Veterinary Surgeons, Washington, D. C., graduating there in 1918. He returned to Weldon 18 years ago where he has practiced ever since. Doc says he is a rank amateur at politics but is going to try his hand at it.

He will oppose Charles R. Daniel of Weldon and T. Emmett Marshall of Enfield, both of whom announced this week. Judge Daniel is the present incumbent. This newspaper requests all candidates who wish their pictures run to please bring photos or newspaper cuts to this office and we will gladly run them. It takes one week to get a cut made from a picture.

It was when another colored friend of the accused, told the jury Macklin said to him the morning after the shooting, "I shot the --- and would have shot the --- dog if he hadn't run away", that the circumstantial evidence web tightened around Macklin. The dog, a poor stray which the Chief had befriended and which followed him around on his rounds, had howled when the death shot was fired, had run, but after the killer fled, had returned to the side of the dead body of his friend. The dog testimony made a profound impression on all who heard it.

A tiny pickaninny, so scared her voice could hardly be heard by the Judge, forged another strong link. After the defense denied knowing anything about the death gun, the little girl told how she went out in the early morning after the Chief's death and while she stooped near the house she saw the gun lying under the house. She told the court she went in and told her mother and that later Macklin came out and carried the gun away.

His woman also gave strong testimony against him. She says Macklin came to her house soon after the murder and told her the man who had arrested him several times would never do it again.

It was shown that the Negro was a bad character who had been arrested several times. As a matter of fact, he was arrested the night before the murder and had been released that afternoon. Other witnesses told of threats Macklin had made against the Chief and Sheriff Johnson and said he was sore at the town which arrested him so much.

The accused showed no emotion during the trial or at the verdict

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Another candidate in the field for Sheriff is J. L. Bass of Enfield, who announced in this paper last week, bringing the total aspirants for sheriff to six.