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WOMAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SLAYER OF HER 'LOVER'

Manhunt Is Ended After Long Search

ELI PUTNEY ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE

The "long arm of the law" has finally caught up with Eli Putney, negro, about 60 years old, after a manhunt that had extended over a period of 14 years.

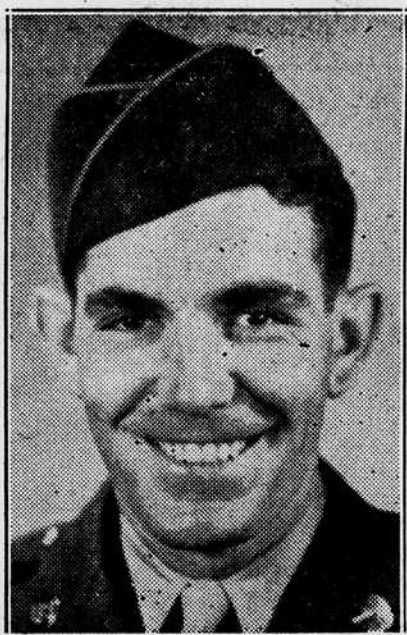
Putney is charged with the killing of Ruth Eva DeLoach, negro girl, who at the time of the alleged slaying was about 15 years old. The killing is said to have occurred on Saturday afternoon about 3 or 4 o'clock, on January 11, 1930, on a farm known at that time as the Matthews place, near Rosemary.

Details of the killing as recalled by Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins of this city, follows: Henry DeLoach, father of the negro girl and his family resided on a farm near Murfreesboro. DeLoach and his wife separated, the negro man bringing his children here and locating on the Matthews place. The Putney negro at that time was living near by. Soon after DeLoach came to this section he was arrested by officers on a charge of illegal sale of liquor and placed in jail to await trial. It was while he was confined that Putney is alleged to have gone to the DeLoach home and engaged in a violent quarrel in the kitchen with the DeLoach girl with whom he is reported to have been keeping company. It is said that Putney pulled a .25 automatic pistol from his pocket and fired at the girl who was standing on the step just outside of the kitchen door, the bullet striking her just under the eye, causing almost instant death.

After the slaying Putney went to Dragonville, Va., and from there into the state of Maryland where he located on a farm not far from Baltimore. At the time of the killing Putney is alleged to have been living with a negro woman as his common law wife, and when he fled he left her behind. After taking up residence in Maryland and at the time of his arrest he again had another common law wife and is said to be the father of five children.

No trace of the alleged slayer was found until about two years after he left here. He was arrested in Baltimore on a charge of (Continued on Page 7—Sect. A)

In Oklahoma



Staff Sergeant James Braswell, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Braswell of Rich Square, is in an Army hospital at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. Braswell was taken ill while on a hike some time ago. He has been confined to the hospital for eight weeks. He is the husband of the former Miss Marjorie Bridgers of this city. Sergt. Braswell entered the service August 25, 1943. He is a member of the famous Rainbow Division, and was employed by the Roanoke Mills prior to entering the service.

C. L. Elting Is Promoted

C. L. Elting, who has been connected with the Virginia Electric and Power Company for the past twenty years, has been promoted to the position of Distribution Superintendent of the Roanoke Rapids District. Mr. Elting has had much experience in this particular work.

This appointment has received the enthusiastic approval of the entire personnel of the Carolina Division of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, many of whom have worked with Mr. Elting for years.

Safe Overseas

Pvt. Arthur B. Kidd has arrived safely overseas, according to information received by his wife.

Two Negroes Are Arrested Today Charged: Theft

Men have been arrested in many places, but A. J. Brigman, local police officer, was "hard pressed" today. He, however, was called upon to arrest two negroes Mark Arrington and John Burns, charged with stealing a pair of shoes from Coburn's Shoe Store.

And Officer Brigman, of all things, went to the "chaingang" to make the arrests. The negroes, being trustees of the state prison system, were doing some work on the regraveling and tarring of Roanoke Avenue in Downtown Roanoke Rapids this morning, and were serving "time on the roads", one for shooting two men and the other for stealing. But Brigman made the arrests "right off the chaingang."

CHAIRMAN LEE IS OPTIMISTIC OVER RESULTS

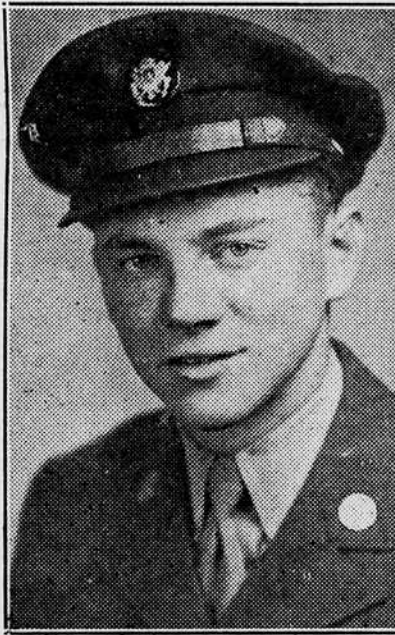
"Buy an extra Bond" is the theme of the present campaign of the Fifth "V" War Loan which opened here and throughout the country last Monday. The campaign got off to a fine start, according to officials, but because of this fact, there will be no letdown among the workers. A huge amount of money has to be raised through the sale of these government securities—for the nation as a whole, \$16,000,000,000, and for Halifax County, \$1,657,000.

Chairman H. E. Lee, while very optimistic, is not over-confident, and emphasized the fact that if Halifax County's quota is to be reached, everyone will have to do his part and a little more—hence the slogan—"Buy an extra Bond."

For the information of the public the list of agencies who are handling the bonds direct are as follows: Roanoke Bank & Trust Company, Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Roanoke Rapids Building & Loan Association, Rosemary Building & Loan Association, the Postoffice and Radio Station WCBT. All of these agencies have the E, F and G series on hand and they can be issued promptly (Continued on Page 12—Sect. A)

Mrs. Gertrude Storey Placed In Jail Charged With Murder Of Kinnin On Monday Night

Visiting Home



Cpl. Robert G. (Bobby) Martin son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Martin, Roanoke Rapids, is stationed at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif., after qualifying as first flight engineer turret gunner at the Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas. Bobby graduated from Roanoke Rapids High School in June 1943. He entered the service after graduation and took his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss., where he graduated as mechanic engineer on the B-24 Liberator Bomber. He went to gunnery school in Texas, and was recently sent back to California and assigned to the 4th Air Forces on the West Coast.

Gov. Inspector Moves To City

Mrs. Florida H. Cauthen and daughter, Barbara, of Anderson, S. C., have taken the apartment of Mrs. John M. Smith on Hamilton street. Mrs. Cauthen is government inspector at the Roanoke and Patterson mills.

Ridenour Now 1st Lieutenant

1st Lt. F. M. Ridenour has been promoted to his present rank at the Air Service Command Training Center, Fresno, Calif., and has been transferred to Stinson Field, San Antonio, Texas. He entered the Army over seven years ago, and has seen service in Alaska.

Henry Kinnin, white, about 43 years of age, married and the father of seven children, was shot to death last Monday night about 10:30 o'clock.

The slayer of Kinnin, it is said, was Mrs. Gertrude Storey, about 40 years old, and the mother of two children. The killing took place just across the Roanoke River from Roanoke Rapids in Northampton County in front of the one-room "shack" in which the woman lived.

The motive for the slaying, it is believed, was the threat by Kinnin to cease his attentions to the woman which is said to have extended over a period of about three years.

This threat on the part of the dead man is thought to have been actuated by the Storey woman's daughter, Iliose, 16, leaving the home of her mother and refusing to return until "you get rid of that man and stop running around with him."

According to information, Mrs. Storey and her eleven-year-old son, James, left home about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon presumably in search of her daughter who had left sometime during the day. After finding the girl and learning her refusal to return home she and her son returned to her home in Kinnin's car accompanied by him. They arrived about 10 o'clock. The couple and the boy entered the house and immediately an argument ensued with the free use of profanity. The windows and doors of the "shack" being open the heated words of the man and woman could easily be heard by people across the road.

Mrs. Storey, it is said, was heard to exclaim to her son after the quarrel had been in course for several minutes, "get me my gun, — d — him, I'm going to kill him." Whether she got the gun herself or whether it was given to her by her son is not known, but the boy was heard to say to his mother "don't kill him mama, don't kill Mr. Henry." But the plea fell on deaf ears.

Kinnin ran out of the house toward his car which had been turned around and was facing the highway, the woman following him. The man went around the car to get in on the left hand side and as he was about to open the door the woman is alleged to have caught up with him and at this point he turned around and faced her and she is said to have fired one shot from a revolver point blank at him from a distance of about three feet. The (Continued on Page 12—Sect. A)