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FLOYD IS SENTENCED TO DIE

Negro Shot Dead After Stealing Car

After stealing an automobile on March 18 belonging to Mrs. Katie B. Cooke, Hamilton street, Eddie Jones, negro, was shot to death last week by Princess Ann County (Virginia) officers.

Jones, according to Police Chief H. E. Dobbins, after stealing the car took it to Richmond, accompanied by several other negroes. After "hanging around" there for a few days, the negroes went to Norfolk. Officers there noting suspicious actions of the negroes started to close in on the car and Jones, it is said, jumped from the vehicle with a gun in his hand and attempted a get-away. Officers opened fire on him killing him instantly. The other negroes were rounded up.

Willie Lashley, one of the negroes involved, was arrested here last Saturday by Chief Dobbins and FBI Agent Stewart. Two others arrested in connection with the theft were Wilson Lashley, 17, and Eddie Louis Arrington, 17.

Ministerial Association Holds Meet

The Roanoke Ministerial Association met in Weldon Methodist Church last Monday at 10:30 a. m., with the president, Rev. D. L. Fouts, presiding. The program consisted of an address by Mrs. W. R. Stevens of Roanoke Rapids on the subject, "The Pastor's Ministry to the Children." Mrs. Stevens discussed different ways in which the pastor might make his Ministry to the children more effective.

Immediately following the session a meeting of the Roanoke Rapids Ministers was called by the president, Rev. B. Marshall White-Hurst. The following program and plans were made with the co-operation of all the churches of the city:

Pre-Easter services are to be conducted the week preceding Easter from Monday to Friday from 12:15 to 12:40 noon in Rosemary Baptist Church and the First Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend and is urged to come dressed as you are for work.

The Easter Sunday Sunrise service is being planned by a committee composed of Rev. L. A. Tilley, Rev. Edmund Berkeley and Rev. Peter Dinges with Rev. W. R. Stevens as preacher for the service.

Simultaneous Vacation Church Schools are being planned to be conducted in all the churches from June 17th to June 23th.

The time of evening services in all the churches is being changed next Sunday to 8 o'clock p. m. The public is asked to make a note of the change.

Playgrounds Equipment Is Ordered For City Schools

The annual Kiwanis Minstrel for 1946 has been staged, and the club thanks all those who participated in the show, ticket purchasers, and advertisers for their cooperation in making the show a success.

As previously announced, the Kiwanis Club promised to use the entire proceeds cleared from the minstrel to buy and equip the city schools with playground equipment. The project gained unanimous approval from the various Parent-Teacher Associations of Rosemary, Central, Clara Hearn Vance Street, and John Armstrong Chaloner School, and the P. T. A. of each school offered to increase the amount given by the Kiwanis Club thus providing each school with even more equipment than originally anticipated.

This week an order amounting to \$1,930 was placed for the equipment, approximately two-thirds of which will be given by the Kiwanis Club. The club will be responsible for installing and putting up all the equipment when the shipment arrives.

Typhoid Vaccine Given at Clinic

Typhoid vaccine will be given at Rosemary Clinic every Tuesday and Thursday, it was announced today. The hours for giving the vaccine will be from 11 to 12 a. m., and 7 to 8 p. m. This treatment for the prevention of typhoid began last Tuesday and will continue until May 16.

Army Day Will Be Celebrated by Wildcat Veterans

Veterans of the historic 81st or Wildcat Division will meet Friday night at 8:00 o'clock at the Hotel Weldon to celebrate "Army Day."

James E. Cahall of Washington, D. C., national adjutant of the Wildcat Veterans will attend and address the vets. Plans for the great National Homecoming Reunion, jointly of the new and old Wildcats will be discussed, and refreshments will be served.

Will Launch Emergency Conservation Of Food Plan

C. L. Kelly, chairman of Halifax County A. C. A., has been appointed manager of Halifax County Emergency Food Program. Mr. Kelly is calling a meeting of all school superintendents, school principals, vocational teachers, rural preachers, civic club leaders and any other interested persons to meet in the auditorium of the Halifax County Office Building in Halifax on Tuesday, April 9th, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of discussing plans for a county wide emergency food conservation program as requested by President Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a county program to reach every individual in Halifax County, both white and colored with the need for the conservation of wheat, fats and oils and the increased production and use of substitute foods.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson says, "Millions of our fellow human beings in other lands face prospects of starvation in spite of help given so far and look to this country for immediate aid."

President Truman's Famine Emergency Committee has called on America to cut consumption of wheat by 40 percent and of fats and oils by 20 percent to provide export shipments to starvation areas abroad.

This will be an open meeting and all interested persons who are willing to help with this program are invited to attend.

Oliver D. Fitts Given Discharge

Coxswain Oliver D. Fitts, Jr., has received his honorable discharge from the Navy. Fitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Fitts, 1917 Roanoke Avenue, enlisted in the service July 22, 1943, and served 20 months overseas. He was awarded the ETO ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific and American defense ribbons, Philippine Liberation and Victory medals.

John West Dies At Maurice Home

John L. West, 73, died last Thursday evening at 6:10 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Maurice on Hamilton street. Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon from the Rural Hall Methodist Church, Mr. West, a long-time resident of this city, was postmaster of Rosemary from 1922 to 1934 when he retired from active business.

Convicted of Double Murder In Northampton County This Week; Death Date May 24th

Oakes Made Chairman Of Cancer Drive For County

Albert W. Oakes, Jr., of Weldon, has been appointed Halifax County chairman of the campaign for funds during this month for the American Cancer Society. Mr. Oakes has accepted this responsible chairmanship and is now engaged in perfecting a county organization to make every effort to raise this county's quota of the \$12,000,000 national goal.

In asking the cooperation of the people of Halifax County Mr. Oakes gave out the following information on the work of preventing cancer:

At present three people die every 10 minutes of cancer. Did you know that one of these three can be saved? When detected early enough, and treated effectively, at least 30 to 50 percent of cancer cases can be cured. That is a wonderful message of hope.

To save those who now die needlessly, and to increase the number who can be saved, we must do these three vital things:

1. Spread knowledge everywhere of the danger signals of cancer and urge people to consult a doctor in time to be saved.
2. Provide far more and much better hospital facilities for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer.
3. Expand widely the scientific research attack which will lead to more effective treatment and possibly even the elimination of cancer.

We must organize to do these three things as thoroughly and effectively as scientists were organized to solve the problem of the atomic bomb. The American Cancer Society has developed a program to do this. Last year it raised \$4,000,000 to establish a beachhead for such action. This year it is asking \$12,000,000 for an All-Out attack!

Funeral Services For Whitley Held

Funeral services for Aubrey Whitley, 39, and Harvey Lane, both of whom were drowned in the Chowan river last Sunday afternoon, were held last Sunday afternoon from the Baptist Church in Woodland. Whitley, a resident of Rich Square, was the brother of Mrs. H. I. Pepper, of Roanoke Rapids. He was married and the father of two children.

Edward Floyd, 39-year-old white man, was this week found guilty of the murder of his father-in-law, Wade Cook, 62, and his sister-in-law, Miss Rosa Cook, by a Northampton County jury.

Presiding Judge John J. Burney sentenced Floyd to die in the gas chamber at State's Prison on Friday, May 24.

The crime for which Floyd was given the death sentence was committed on Saturday night, November 10, at the home of his father-in-law, about three miles from Roanoke Rapids in Northampton County. Floyd, it was said at that time, had been hunting and after coming home late in the afternoon was asked by Rosa Cook to get in some wood. Floyd replied, according to testimony, that he had gotten in "all the wood I'm going to get in today." A short while later the family sat down at the supper table to eat the evening meal. Floyd was called for supper and pulled his chair out to sit down and then said: "I've got to wash my hands."

Going out on the back porch for this purpose he came back through the dining room, went to his bedroom and appeared within a few moments in the door of the hall with a .22-calibre rifle in his hand and began shooting. He killed Miss Rosa Cook first and then shot Wade Cook to death. In a struggle with his wife and another sister-in-law, Clyde Cook, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Wade Cook, for possession of the rifle, Mrs. Floyd Cook was shot through the thumb, Miss Clyde Cook was shot through the jaw and his mother-in-law was kicked over two chairs.

Floyd's attorneys, Gay & Midyette, of Jackson, entered a plea of insanity, based on the fact that two of Floyd's uncles committed suicide and a brother died in the State Hospital for the Insane. No motive for the crime was established.

Solicitor Ernest Tyler handled the case for the state, assisted by Crew & Crew of Roanoke Rapids as private prosecutors.

James W. Cannon Gets Discharge

James W. Cannon, MAM3/c, 1016 Henry Street, Roanoke Rapids, has been given his honorable discharge from the Navy at the naval personnel separation center, Shoemaker, Cal., it was announced today.

Conduct Medal Is Awarded Graham

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Graham that their son T/Sgt. William C. Graham has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Sgt. Graham entered service on July 1, 1942, and is now stationed in Peiping, China, with the Marine Air Corp.