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NEGRO IS GIVEN LIFE TERM

Schools Will Open Sept. 3

Roanoke Rapids schools will open on Tuesday, September 3, for the fall semester, according to an announcement made today by Superintendent I. E. Ready.

Monday, September 2, at 11 a. m., a general teachers' meeting will be held. All principals of the schools, however, will begin their duties on Tuesday, August 20. The faculty is almost complete, there being only one vacancy, ninth grade general science. This position is expected to be filled within a few days, however, said Mr. Ready.

The school buildings, some of them at least, have been undergoing repairs. The inside of Central and Rosemary schools has been given a new coat of paint. The outside of the junior building, Rosemary, Vance Street and Clara Hearne schools has been repainted. Repairs to the roofs on some of the buildings have also been made.

The enrollment for the 1945-46 term was as follows, based on average daily attendance: Junior-Senior High School, 758; white elementary schools, first six grades, 1,010; colored high school, 95; colored elementary schools, 453. This is a total average daily attendance of all schools in the city system of 2,316.

Playgrounds Close Season With Success

The 10-weeks season of the city playgrounds closed last week with splendid success, J. C. Hoyle, supervisor, announced today.

Operating twice daily the five grounds drew an average attendance of 250 kiddies per day or 1200 per week. The swimming pool, naturally more popular during the extremely hot days, drew an average attendance of 1600 per week.

This was decidedly the best playground season yet held and the program of activity was considerably enlarged.

Assisting Coach Hoyle in conducting the playground activities were:

Vance Street School: Mason Harp and Ann White. Central School: Buddy Smith and Doris Fahey. Clara Hearne School, Sam Wood and Martha Starke. Rosemary School: Bill Hawkins and Grace Taylor.

Chief lifeguard at the swimming pool was Frank Hawley.

At the Chaloner Park playground of the John Armstrong School, where Mary Brewer and Hazel Ivey had charge, the average attendance of colored children was between 65 and 75 per day. This is the first time the Chaloner Park playground has been operated for the full 10 weeks' period and was the best season held yet at that playground.

Baughan In New Position

H. W. Winstead of the U. S. Employment Service disclosed today that Gilbert Baughan, 301 Hamilton Street, a former interviewer of the Employment Service, had been promoted to veterans employment representative, effective August 11. Mr. Baughan is on vacation this week but will begin his new duties on Monday morning.

Mr. Baughan's new duties will consist of assisting veterans in locating suitable jobs, contacting employers to encourage employment of veterans, to develop job orders for veterans and to be a source of information for veterans concerning any question of employment.

All veterans are urged to contact Mr. Baughan at the Employment Office concerning employment and employers are urged to report all job openings to Mr. Baughan immediately.

'Faulty' Rim Blown Off; Prause Hurt

While putting air into a truck tire at the Whiteway Service Station last Monday afternoon about 6 o'clock, Eddie Prause, operator of Eddie's Garage on Tenth street, suffered a deep gash over his left eye, four compound fractures of the left arm, and a slightly sprained right wrist when a "faulty" rim was blown from the wheel.

A strange coincident of the accident, according to Prause, is the fact that the vision in his left eye has been restored. Prause declared that he has been totally blind in the optic for 15 years, but can now see perfectly.

Prause was treated at Roanoke Rapids Hospital for his injuries by Dr. Bahnsen Weathers and is now recovering at his home.

Howard O. Hale Given Discharge

Howard Oscar Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hale, 651 Charlotte Street, has received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Naval Reserve. Howard served from June 11, 1945, to August 7, 1946, and was stationed for a long period of time at Norfolk.

Shearin Back In U. S. Air Corps

Franklin L. Shearin, 1011 Burton Street, a former staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps, has been accepted for another three-year enlistment. Sgt. Shearin was discharged from his first period of enlistment on November 19, 1945, and entered his present period of active service on August 12, 1946. Temporarily he will be stationed at Fort Bragg.

Letter Delivered Promptly Without City's Name On It

Sometimes Uncle Sam's mail service goes "haywire," and postal officials get "cussed" for it, but then again, you have to give the mail men credit for doing a good job.

On August 8 a letter was mailed in Scotland Neck addressed simply:

"Mr. J. A. Seaman, District Manager, Southern Dixie Life Insurance Co."

There was no further address and no indication as to where Mr. Seaman lived. The letter arrived in Roanoke Rapids on Friday, August 9, and was promptly delivered by the post office to Mr. Seaman.

Allowed to Plead Guilty to Accessory Before the Fact In Slaying of War Veteran

William E. Moody, 21-year-old negro, who went on trial yesterday afternoon in Halifax County Superior Court, charged with the murder of Jonas Hyman, Jr., 23-year-old Scotland Neck war veteran, was allowed by Judge Burgwyn to plead guilty this morning to the charge of "accessory before the fact." The negro was sentenced to life imprisonment. Deputy Sheriffs J. A. House and J. Bracy left with Moody immediately afterwards for Raleigh where he will be confined.

Four days after he is alleged to have shot and killed Jonas Hyman, Jr., 23-year-old Scotland Neck World War veteran, William E. Moody, 21-year-old negro, went on trial yesterday in Halifax County Superior Court charged with murder in the first degree.

The state rested its case in the afternoon, and Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn overruled a defense motion for a verdict in a lesser degree, since it was contended there was no evidence presented proving the crime was of first degree. Solicitor Ernest Tyler prosecuted the case and the negro was defended by court-appointed attorneys, D. Mac Johnson of Enfield, and Lunsford Crew of Roanoke Rapids.

Young Hyman was shot and killed, allegedly by Moody, when he and Lonnie Bryant, Scotland Neck electrician, were wiring the farm tenant home of Moody's parents, five miles from Scotland Neck last Saturday afternoon. Bryant fled for his life and summoned officers who captured the Negro.

Lonnie Bryant testified that the Negro fired a shotgun at short range and without provocation at Hyman, killing him instantly. He said neither he nor Hyman had had any trouble with the Negro and neither had ever seen him before. He said he ran when the Negro appeared to be reloading his gun after killing Hyman and he got behind the house. The Negro came around the house and he heard him ask a Negro girl "where's the other one, I want to get him, too."

Then Bryant testified he fled the scene to get help.

Sephus Banks, Negro, who was in the house when the shooting took place testified he crawled under the bed when he heard the report of the gun. While hiding, he testified, he heard Moody ask the Negro girl, "where's the other one."

Moody was taken into custody by sheriff's deputies shortly after the shooting. He was first lodged in the county jail at Halifax, but was later carried to an undisclosed jail for safekeeping.

The shooting apparently was without provocation, officers reported. Young Hyman, who had been employed as an electrician since his discharge from the Army following two years of service, had gone to the farm of George Davis, about five miles from here,

to wire a tenant house in which Moody lived with his parents.

Bryant reported that they began their work on the outside of the house, and were engaged in the preliminary work when they saw the Negro with a shotgun. They asked him what he was going to shoot, and he said he was going after a squirrel. They then continued their work, and a few minutes later, Bryant said, the Negro came around the corner of the house. Bryant said he heard a shot, and Hyman, who was about nine feet from him connecting a wire, fell to the ground, dying almost instantly from a severed jugular vein.

The Negro was about 25 feet away, Bryant said, and was slipping another shell in his shotgun.

Bryant then ran through the house and down the farm road to the highway, leaving his automobile. He went to the nearest farm house and telephoned Scotland Neck for Deputy Sheriff Dick Bracy, who immediately went to the scene with Deputy Sheriff Albert House of Hobgood and two or three other men. When they arrived Hyman's body had been moved and subsequently was found about 150 yards away in a peanut patch adjoining a woods area, where the Negro is thought to have dragged it. The deputies searched the house and nearby area, and found the Negro's gun. After a short time a man was seen heading down a road in the woods and Bryant identified him as the Negro.

When captured Moody had another shotgun shell in his pocket. The Negro's only explanation, officers said, was that he killed the man because he had been meddling with him.

Funeral services for Hyman were conducted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Scotland Neck Baptist Church by the Rev. W. E. Goode, former pastor, and the Rev. Douglas M. Branch, pastor of the Scotland Neck Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Hyman, a member of the Scotland Neck Baptist Church, is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mollie Hyman; two brothers, Alton Hyman of Fayetteville and Talmadge Hyman of Scotland Neck; and five sisters, Mrs. Cicero Price of Tarboro, Mrs. M. J. Spain of Norlina, Mrs. R. W. Smith of Kinston, Mrs. W. J. Harris of New Bern, and Mrs. R. H. Wiley of Scotland Neck.

Mistrial In Negro's Case

A mistrial was declared in the case of William, alias Jack Bradley, Roanoke Rapids negro, who was tried this week in Superior Court on a charge of assaulting his mother-in-law, Henrietta Bartley.

During an investigation of the crime last February, it is said evidence was "uncovered" tending to show that Bradley had attempted to poison his mother-in-law in December of last year.

After the jury heard the case and had returned to the court room, presumably with a verdict of "not guilty," it was "polled" and discovery of a dissenting vote was made. Judge Burgwyn immediately declared a mistrial and set the case for a rehearing at the next term of Superior Court.

Two More Days of Racing Scheduled

Two more big days of horse racing have been scheduled at Checkoyotte Park near the Country Club next Saturday and Sunday, it was announced today.

About 50 entries have been made for the event, which consists of four races each afternoon. Included in the entries are some of the finest and fastest horses in this part of the country. The purses for the two days will run approximately \$2,500.