

Chief of Police Moore Shot In Scotland Neck Sunday Morning

Final Rites Are Held on
Monday Afternoon
NO CLUES
Sheriff Says it is "Perfect
Crime"

Scotland Neck, Feb. 19.—Funeral services were held here Monday for A. P. Moore, Chief of Police, who was killed here Sunday.

Chief Moore was mysteriously shot and killed shortly after three o'clock Sunday morning when officers surmised he surprised robbers about to loot the Bank of Halifax here.

Sheriff G. H. Johnson said Monday it appeared to him to have been "a perfect crime" as he had found no clues. He was directing an intensive investigation.

There was no evidence any robbery had been perpetrated in the bank nor in any business house here.

It was the habit of the bank to leave the door to its vestibule unlocked and it was believed Chief Moore surprised a lookout in the vestibule as a gang was just starting its work.

The chief was shot at close range with a shotgun, the shot entering his body going downward as if his assailant was standing on the steps in the vestibule. Moore's jugular vein and heart were pierced by the shot. The shotgun has not been found.

Pistol Not Fired
Chief Moore fell backwards, his flashlight in his left hand and his unfired pistol in his right. He was the only night policeman here.

J. V. Daisey, manager of a hotel across the street from the bank, heard the gunshot and noted a dog of Moore's was howling. Without dressing he ran across the street and found Moore on the sidewalk just as he died. The dog "Negro" was a straggle which started hanging around the Chief a year ago.

Daisey said he saw no one leave the scene and did not hear a car.

A son of the chief, A. P. Moore, Jr., was two blocks away stirring up a fire in the mayor's office, which is also police headquarters. He heard the gunfire and ran to the bank, where he found his dead father. The young man said he saw no one in the vicinity except Daisey.

A telephone operator at work nearby said she looked out of the window when she heard the gun shot but saw no one.

A resident in northern Scotland Neck, however, said a speeding car passed going in a northerly direction about the time the killing took place.

Residents commented on the coincidence between the slaying of Moore and the death from apoplexy Saturday of Eugene Bishop, a former policeman who was ambushed here 12 years ago but never recovered from his wounds.

Moore is survived by his widow and several children. Funeral services were conducted here Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Meredith Offers Scholarships to Hi School Girls

Notice has recently been issued by officials of Meredith College to the effect that the scholarship good for \$75, which have been authorized by the Board of Trustees of that institution, will be awarded on the basis of grades through the first semester's work. As was announced previously, these \$75 scholarships are available to the girls of the Senior classes of the various schools who have made the highest averages in their classes during their years in high school. This statement that averages for the first semester of this senior year will be accepted, makes it possible for the eligibles to make immediate application. In the event that the highest average cannot accept the scholarship, the girl rating second high is permitted to apply.

The number of scholarships thus offered is limited to 100, so that girls eligible for consideration are urged to file application at an early date. Additional information will be furnished on applications received by Mrs. Gerdan Maddrey, Woodland, or Dr. Chas. E. Bruner, Meredith College, Raleigh.

Seaboard's New Free Service Proves Popular

"Just what we wanted and a wonderful solution to the problem of getting small shipments to and from the freight station" seems to be the opinion of all merchants storekeepers and individuals who have tried Seaboard Air Line Railway's free pick-up and delivery service as innumerable shipments of all descriptions are daily being transported between shippers' doors and the freight station in locally owned, Seaboard-contracted trucks.

The new Seaboard plan has proven a boon to all shippers and receivers of less than car-load freight who do not operate their own trucking equipment—bringing them a dependable, door-to-door service at prevailing low freight rates, while to those who operate their own drayage equipment, an allowance of five cents per hundred pounds is granted for performing either the pick-up or delivery service themselves.

Kerr Plan is Creating Interest

Offers Advantage to All
Farmers Cooperating

Washington, Feb. 19.—Considerable interest has been manifested here by both Virginia and North Carolina tobacco growers in the past few days in a resolution introduced by Congressman John H. Kerr, of the second North Carolina district, to supplement the Administration Bill which, in all probability, will be enacted as a substitute for AAA legislation.

Asked by newspapermen to-day to explain his resolution, Judge Kerr said:

"The Department of Agriculture has prepared and presented to the Congress of the United States an amendment to the Soil Conservation Act through which amendment and law the Department hopes to be able to encourage the production of certain crops and regulate the production of others. This is conditioned upon, and an inducement for, the farmer voluntarily withdrawing certain acreage from cultivation of certain crops. Those farmers who comply with these methods of cultivation are given certain grants or payments by the Department of Agriculture, which payments come through general appropriations from the Government. The farmer is not compelled to enter into any contract with the Government nor is he compelled to enter into any agreement whatsoever—the plan is purely voluntary and there is no element of compulsion, either as to reduction of crop or to the entrance upon the part of the farmer into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture. This method of conserving the soil and as an incident to this the reduction of acreage of certain crops will be administered by the Department of Agriculture until the first day of January, 1938. After that date this Act provides that the U. S. Government shall make certain payments and grants to the states in the Union upon state compliance with rules and regulations made by the Department of Agriculture through which the states can make direct grants and payments to the farmers who will consent to take out of production that part of their land which should be conserved and the fertility thereof be enhanced. This agreement which the farmers may have with the respective states will be governed also by rules and regulations provided by the Department of Agriculture, in order that grants may be made and money appropriated for the purpose of this Act. The Act does not give the Department of Agriculture nor the states any authority either to regulate the production of crops except as an incident to the withdrawal of acreage for soil conservation purposes. I shall support this Bill because it seems to be in the light of the Supreme Court's decision recently about the only way the Federal Government can

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Schools May Open Monday, Feb. 24

C. B. Thomas, Superintendent of the Weldon Schools announced today the schools would open Monday, February 14.

The schools, which have been closed for some time, will re-open if no more bad weather is experienced in the meantime.

The "worst winter in the 20th century" has made most roads impassable to any kind of traffic, thus stopping the school buses which transport most of the pupils to and from school.

TWO MEN AND 180 GALLONS OF SPIRITS CAUGHT

Rum Runners Are Taken
After a Long
Chase

One of the biggest loads of illegal whiskey ever taken in this section was captured Sunday night.

Two men giving the names of Marvin Thompson and R. V. Harris of Henderson, driving a Ford V-8 pickup truck were captured after a chase of about 30 miles.

Patrolmen Long and Arnold tried to stop the men, because the truck did not have a tail light, at Garysburg. The driver would not stop, driving on at a high rate of speed. The truck turned in Weldon towards Roanoke Rapids. Between Roanoke Rapids and Weldon, Chief of Police Robinson of Weldon saw the truck and Patrolmen when they passed him as he was coming to Weldon, realizing something was wrong he turned around and joined the chase.

In Rosemary the truck turned towards Littleton and when the rough streak that is in the road was reached the Patrolmen were forced to abandon their motorcycles. Chief Robinson picked them up and continued the race.

After a furious chase, which at times reached speeds of 75 and 80 miles per hour, the officers caught the bootleggers between Littleton and Warrenton.

In Recorders Court Tuesday the men were found guilty of having illegal whiskey in their possession and Thompson was given 12 months on the roads. Harris was sentenced to five months.

New President of Chowan Presented to Student Body

Murfreesboro, Feb. 18.—Dr. R. R. McCulloch, who came to Chowan College, Saturday, February 15, to take up his duties as president, was presented to the student body at the chapel hour, Monday, February 17.

With Dean Schaible presiding, the Rev. J. H. Bunn, pastor of the local Baptist Church and professor of Bible in the college, introduced the incoming president whom he has known for several years.

After a special number by the college glee club, "Adore and Be Still," by Gounod, Dr. McCulloch spoke to the students and faculty members, using as his theme a passage from John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches".

He stressed the idea that in the Master's plan there is a place for every individual and institution. Becoming more specific he said that Chowan College had its place and its purpose and that each one in the personnel of the college had a definite, though maybe a small part, in fulfilling this mission. Further, he pointed out that it behooved each one to seek that place through the help of prayer.

As for himself, the president stated that he intended to seek, humbly but sincerely, his own peculiar place, and to perform his task by the help of Divine guidance. "This principle," he said, "applied by each and every one of us, will be the secret of future growth for the college."

Miss Fanny Marks of the Ladies Specialty Shoppe, Roanoke Rapids is spending two weeks in New York on her spring buying trip. While in New York Miss Marks is stopping at the Hotel St. Moritz.

New Farm Relief Bill To Replace The AAA Is Passed By Senate

Measure is Given
a Large Vote

Calls for \$500,000,000
for Soil Conservation-
Subsidy Crop Control

FARMERS OF SECTION
INTERESTED IN BILL

Proponents Declare it
Conforms to Supreme
Court Decision

The farm relief bill, sponsored by the administration as a means of relieving the acute situation brought about in agriculture by the invalidation of the AAA, was overwhelmingly passed by the United States Senate in Washington last Saturday. The vote was 56 to 20. The bill now goes to the House.

Roanoke-Chowan farmers have been watching the fate of the bill in the upper house of the national legislature with a great deal of concern. The measure calls for \$500,000,000 to be used in a soil conservation-subsidy brand of crop control. It would authorize expenditure of the half-billion dollars in Federal subsidies to farmers based on their acreage of crop land, soil-improving and erosion-preventing crops, changes in farming practices and a percentage of normal production entering domestic channels.

The farm bill passed by the Senate would:

- 1—Preservation and improvement of soil fertility.
- 2—Promotion of the economic use and conservation of land.
- 3—Diminution of exploitation and wasteful and unscientific use of national soil resources.
- 4—Reestablishment and maintenance of farmers' purchasing power.
- 5—Maintenance of a continuous and stable supply of agricultural commodities adequate to meet consumer demand at prices fair to both producers and consumers.
- 6—Prevention of erosion of rivers and harbors.

Under the fourth policy, the secretary would be authorized, in his discretion, to use any of the funds authorized by the bill for "the expansion of domestic and foreign markets or for seeking new or additional markets for agricultural commodities or the products thereof, or for the removal or disposition of surpluses of such commodities or the products thereof."

The bill would apply to continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

Under the temporary plan, Federal grants would be measured by the acreage of crop land, acreage of soil-improving or erosion-preventing crops, changes in farming practices during the year in which payments are made, and the percentage of normal production required for domestic consumption. No contracts, such as were entered into under the AAA, would be permitted.

The secretary could utilize the old AAA personnel and also the agricultural extension service, county and community committees of producers or such other state agencies as he deems necessary.

Payments would be subject to review only by the secretary, but with the Comptroller General having authority to pass on legal phases.

No state plan would be approved unless it provided for an efficient administrative agency or for submission to Washington of such reports as are deemed necessary to ascertain whether the plan is being carried out according to its terms.

On or before November 1 of each year, the secretary would apportion among states that adopt soil plans the funds for carrying out the control methods in the next calendar year.

In determining the amounts, the secretary is directed to consider "the acreage and value of the major soil-depleting and major export crops produced in the respective states during a representative period."

As an amendment to the 1935 soil conservation act, the bill declares the broad policy aims to be:

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Jailor Hux Has Light Task

Lone Prisoner in Jail is
Unlike to Run
Away

Most everybody is passing away the time close by the fire, "cussing" and "dis-cussing" the bad weather these days and there is at least one man in the county whose job will allow an unlimited amount of this pastime. He is Deputy Sheriff Hux, well-known Jailor of this county.

Jailor Hux reported to the NEWS Wednesday that he had only one prisoner—something very unusual these days. As the prisoner is a blind man Mr. Hux does not have to worry about losing him.

Bank Hearing Held In Halifax Sat'day

Continued Until Next Saturday, February 22nd

A hearing ordered by Superior Court Judge R. Hunt Parker was held in Halifax last Saturday. It was called for the purpose of investigating the affairs of the closed Bank of Weldon, following a complaint made by Elliott B. Clark, local attorney, representing two depositors in the bank.

At the opening of the hearing Mr. Clark complained that he had not been given access to certain old records of the bank, which right he thought he had secured in an order signed by Judge Parker two weeks ago.

G. Harold Myrick, liquidating agent in answer to the complaint stated the order specified assets and as the law required the court's permission when disclosing certain papers and records he felt it his duty to withhold the papers. However, he added there were no personal reasons for refusing Mr. Clark's request.

In answer to a query by a NEWS reporter this week Mr. Myrick stated the records of the assets of the bank had always been open to depositors.

Judge Parker did not decide at once on the first complaint but called for evidence in one of the complaints which Mr. Clark made at the January term of Superior Court when he secured a court order delaying the final sale of assets of the Bank of Weldon. The complaint was that a note of J. A. Dickens, with a face value of \$2,000 was sold by the liquidating authorities for \$200 some time in October, 1935, to Louis Suter of Scotland Neck and in a short time Mr. Rives, a merchant of Enfield, paid John Davis, a farmer who lives near Enfield, over \$2,600 for the note.

Mr. Dickens was called to the stand and testified that he did not receive a notice from the liquidating agent that his note was going to be sold. However, on cross-examination he admitted that he was financially unable to pay any thing at all on the note and that when it was advertised and offered for sale in April 1934, he had not bid a dollar on it.

No bids were received for the note at that sale. It was advertised for four weeks prior to the sale. Mr. Dickens admitted he knew it was advertised then.

Mr. Rives of Enfield testified that he paid John Davis over \$2,600 for the note in late fall, 1935.

In defense of the sale of the note Mr. Myrick testified that he had sold the note for \$200 on the advice of the largest stockholder in the bank, J. A. Harvell, of Weldon; J. G. Branch, well known farmer of Halifax county and the attorney for the bank Geo. C. Green.

It is the usual procedure to secure this advice and then a court order from a Superior Court Judge must be secured. The order for the sale of this note was signed by a judge other than Judge Parker. (His name could not be secured when this was written.)

At this time Judge Parker ordered Mr. Myrick to show Mr. Clark any records available and the hearing was continued. The NEWS received the report today that the hearing would be next Saturday, February 22.

OUT ON BOND

Dick Tudor one of the defendants in the kidnapping case which was tried at the January Term of Superior Court and sentenced to State's Prison from 3 to 5 years, appealed to Supreme Court. He gave bond in the amount of \$2,500.00 Wednesday and was released.

ABC Board Plans to War On Bootleggers; Offers \$10 Reward

Halifax Liquor
Store is Robbed

Burglars Get Away With
\$600 Worth of
Liquors

Some time during the early morning hours Tuesday the ABC store at Halifax was broken into and about 600 worth of whiskey was stolen.

The burglars gained an entrance by forcing open the heavily locked front door of the store, after which they proceeded to help themselves to sixteen cases and four bottles. And most of the stolen goods were high priced to the buying public.

Ten dollars in change which is customarily left in each liquor store after checking up at night was also taken. The money, which is usually left in the cash register, had been placed in a box on a shelf under the register. But this precaution availed nothing as it was found by the thieves anyway.

Necessity for a Balanced Farm Program in N. C.

"Balance" may well be said to have become a major objective of the American people in these hectic years when so many balances have been upset by the worst depression in our history.

Cries for balancing the budget, for balancing the farmers' income on a parity with the income of the other producers, for a balance between the capitalist and the worker are heard on every side.

Farmers, especially, are learning the need for balance in their farming program. They realize that they no longer can mine the soil of its fertility without restoring the balance through fertilizers or soil-building crops—that a single cash crop, such as cotton or tobacco, must be balanced with livestock or other crops.

Cottonseed meal and hulls are North Carolina products that should prove a fundamental "balancer" for the agriculture of this State. As feed they are essential in a balanced ration for horses and mules, beef animals and dairy cattle; and cottonseed meal is a good protein supplement in the source of organic nitrogen for restoring the balance of plant food in the soil. The fertilizer value retained in the manure after cottonseed meal is fed to livestock is, also, high and the feeder can get this DOUBLE value by feeding the cottonseed meal and putting back on the land the liquid and solid manure.

Wider use of cottonseed products is one of the important ways North Carolina can achieve a balanced farm program, increasing the income of farmers, improving the fertility of soils and expanding the market for cotton seed, a leading product of this State. And, for the individual farmer, it is safe to say that "Balance on the farm means a balance in the bank."

Our congregations at both services last Lord's Day were very good. The people seemed to be interested in the study of the Beatitudes and of the Ten Commandments. It is hoped that the house will be filled with people at both hours next Sunday.

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By the Pastor.

AMONG THE SICK

Among those on the sick list this week are Mrs. J. O. Long and son, Duncan, Miss Frances King, Mrs. Alice Hudson and Bill Harris for all of whom their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

MONEY TO BE PAID FOR INFORMATION

The Halifax County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at a recent meeting decided to make war on bootleggers.

The board plans to exercise its rights under the law and attempt to curb the illegal sale of liquor. At this meeting the following resolution was passed:

"North Carolina.

"At a regular meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of Halifax County, North Carolina, held in Halifax, North Carolina on the 24th day of January, 1936, among other things, the following preambles and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for Halifax County was created by the 1935 General Assembly, subject to a vote of the people of Halifax, for the purpose, among other things, of curbing the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages; and

"Whereas, such illegal sale of alcoholic beverages has not been completely abolished in Halifax County; and

"Whereas, it is the desire of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of Halifax County to comply with the true intent and purpose of the Act of the 1935 General Assembly in abolishing, insofar as possible, the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages;

"Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved: That out of the fund of 5% of the profits set aside for the enforcement of Chapter 493, Public Laws, 1935, as provided for in Section 17 of said Act, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for Halifax County, offer and pay a reward of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars to any person who directly causes or procures the arrest and conviction of any person, firm or corporation for engaging in the sale, or unlawful manufacture, of illegal alcoholic beverages, or for engaging in the illegal or unlawful sale of alcoholic beverages, in Halifax County, North Carolina."

At the Baptist Church Sunday

The pastor's subject at the morning hour will be the Fourth Beatitude which is: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." His subject for the evening hour will be the Fourth One of the Ten Commandments which is: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it."

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