

## KEEN INTEREST SHOWN IN "CASH OFFER" CAMPAIGN

### LOCAL NEGRESS SLAYS SAW MILL WORKER LATE SATURDAY NIGHT

#### Witnesses Give No Reasons For Shooting

Very little reason has been found for the fatal shooting of Gus Blount, 24 year old Creswell Negro, by Cora Evans, middle-aged, respected Negress, here late Saturday night, although a thorough investigation has been made by local police and the coroner. Blount died instantly of a pistol shot which several bystanders said Cora fired into his head when he tried to leave her home against her wishes, although he had just arrived and had not spoken to her or molested her during that time.

According to the testimony at a hearing before a coroner's jury here Sunday morning, four negro men, Curley Brown, Albert Allen Mays, Leroy Hill, Gus Blount and a 13 year old negro boy, Nathan Underdew were visiting at Cora's house Saturday night. Around ten o'clock they suggested leaving and Cora is alleged to have taken a pistol from a clothes basket and put it under her pillow on the bed and told the men that none of them could leave until she said so. They got up to leave anyway and she grabbed the pistol and stood in the doorway and after saying "you don't believe I'll shoot you, do you?" suddenly shot. The bullet struck Blount in the left cheek and he died instantly.

Hi! according to the evidence attempted to raise Blount up as he fell but seeing that he was dead rushed to the police station and reported the shooting. When police came upon the scene the Evans woman had pulled the body to the front porch and had thrown the pistol out of the back door.

It was brought out at the hearing that there had been no misunderstanding or argument and although Cora had been drinking she was not drunk and no cause was given for her act of violence. She was bound over to Superior Court and failing bond is remaining in jail at Halifax until her trial next week.

Blount came here about eighteen months ago to work at a saw mill and was unmarried. He had never been in trouble and was considered a good negro. He is survived by his aged mother who lives in Creswell, N. C.

Cora Evans has always lived here and has served one white family for more than twenty-five years. She was considered of good character and had never been in trouble before.

Mrs. Anna Lea Harris, home agent of Richmond County, is the new president of the North Carolina Home Agents Association.

### Car Thief Captured After A Brief Chase

Carl H. Baker, 23 year old white man of Nashville, N. C. is in the Halifax jail awaiting trial for the larceny of a car belonging to W. T. Whitehead, which he allegedly took from its parking place in front of the Pierce-Whitehead Hardware Company Store Tuesday afternoon.

A man who happened to be standing in front of the store knew Mr. Whitehead's car and as it was driven away by a stranger he reported it to the owner, who immediately got in touch with the police.

P. R. Kitchen, Chief of Police, State Patrolman J. Long, State Patrolman L. B. Howell of Murfreesboro and Deputy Sheriff C. H. Jordan of Northampton County got on the man's trail a few minutes after the crime.

#### P.T.A. Meets In High School Library

The Parent-Teacher Association met in the Library of the high school Monday afternoon, January 17. This being the first meeting in the new year, the president Mrs. Philip Moore opened the meeting by requesting the secretary to read the State Presidents Ntw Years Message.

After the usual business had been dispensed, Mrs. Foster Jennings, Child Welfare chairman gave an interesting financial report asking for some plan to be made whereby funds for this cause could be raised. She had previously asked for a pouncing for the pantry. A generous response was received and Mrs. Jennings thanked every one for their donations both in money and canned goods. Mrs. T. H. Holmes reported that the project for completing the tennis courts had been approved and the work would begin on them immediately after the Community Center project has been completed.

The program for the afternoon was a paper prepared by Mrs. W. G. Suiter on "How Physical Changes in the Adolescent Child Affect Mental and Social Development" read by Mrs. Pierce Johnson.

Mrs. Davis announced the attendance flag awards, Miss Wiggins and Miss Bridgers rooms receiving them.

#### Health Dept. Nurse To Study In N. Y.

Miss Davis Dickens, nurse of Halifax County Health Department who lives here, has been honored by being one of three nurses chosen from this state to be sent to Columbia University in New York for further study in Public Health nursing.

Dr. Fox of the North Carolina State Health Department selected Miss Dickens and she is being sent by the Children's Bureau of the Social Security department. She is leaving Monday, January 31 and will remain there two months.

#### New Type Lights Are Taken Down

The two sample lights erected in one of the business blocks on Washington Avenue last spring were taken down this week.

These lights were put up to show the improvement over the old style lights which have been in use here for many years. According to a plan proposed more than a year ago by the Merchants Association seven of these brilliant, new lights were to be put up in the two blocks.

The Virginia Electric & Power Company agreed to co-operate in the plan to improve these two blocks by furnishing the new lights and fixtures, and only charge for the small amount of additional current which the new lights use.

The power company further agreed to modernize the wiring system along the street by eliminating all lines crossing the street and making all the poles the same size and heights. The Carolina Telephone Company has also agreed to cooperate in this project.

However the who's project is at a standstill until the Town Board of Commissioners gives its consent and agrees to pay the additional small yearly current cost. The project was brought before the Board at its November meeting but has not been acted upon yet.

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#### Breaks Leg While Playing At School

William Gay, 13 year old white boy, was playing on the school ground at the Halifax school Wednesday when he fell and several other children fell on top of him. Upon examination it was found that the large bone in the Gay boys leg was broken and he was rushed to Roanoke Rapids hospital.

The boys parents had recently moved on the Resettlement Farm near Halifax and he had entered the sixth grade.

#### June Carlisle

June Carlisle, 51, died at his home here this morning following an illness of several days. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon from the residence and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Sanders of Roanoke Rapids. Interment will follow in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters Misses Ruby and Thea Carlisle both of Weldon, two step-daughters, Mrs. Lewis Little of Seaboard and Mrs. Sam Harris of Gumberry, one step-son James Bland of Weldon and a brother Lonnie Carlisle of Henderson.

### The President Asks Aid Chinese War Sufferers

#### RECORDERS COURT NEWS

Cecil C. Dickinson, white of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of driving with improper lights and prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Roland Scott, white of Weldon 30 days on the roads for assault on Green Nowell.

Emma Austin, colored charged with illegal possession of liquor prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs and on condition she does not violate any criminal laws for two years.

Clifton Augburn, colored, plead guilty to larceny and was given four months on the roads.

Mary Dixon, colored, plead guilty to possession of non-tax paid liquor and was given four months in jail.

Ernest Brooks colored, charged with reckless driving was found not guilty.

James Dixon, colored, charged with larceny was found not guilty. Charlie Lynch, colored plead guilty of driving car while drunk and was fined \$50.00 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

The beer license of Bessie Williams colored, of Enfield Township was revoked by virtue of section 514 - chapter 127 Public Laws of 1937.

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### Large Group Farmers Expected Here Monday

#### 4th. Member Howard Family Dies In 15 Months' Times

Three brothers and one sister of F. L. Howard, local Fire Chief and Deputy Sheriff have succumbed during the past fifteen months.

The latest to die was a sister, Mrs. Ella Howard Taylor of Norfolk, Va., who passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital last Friday at 2:00 a. m. after being ill with pneumonia for two weeks.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Hertford County 67 years ago. However, she has resided in Norfolk the past 25 years. The deceased is survived by her husband, one daughter, two brothers: J. W. Howard, Ahoskie; F. L. Howard, Weldon and one sister: Mrs. Mary Howard Edwards of Ahoskie.

Funeral services were held in Norfolk Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

A large attendance is expected at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of the Weldon Production Credit Association, which will be held on January 31, at Weldon, in the Opera House at 10:00 o'clock, according to Lynwood J. Judkins, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, who said that arrangements for the meeting are complete.

The Weldon Production Credit Association serves Halifax and Northampton Counties and furnishes short-term credit for general agricultural purposes to its members. The Association now has a membership of 800, and Mr. Judkins said that it is hoped that every member will be present at the Annual Meeting.

The Officers and Directors of the Association are: W. E. Smith, President; W. J. Long, Vice-President; H. S. Ellis, and J. M. Per son, Directors; and Lynwood J. Judkins, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### Superior Court Starting Monday

Halifax County Superior Court will convene Monday, January 31 with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland on the bench.

Among the outstanding cases on the docket are two murder cases: that of Arron "Scrap" Battle, charged with the murder of Hugh Gilbert, "Tuck" Parker, 25 year old employe of an Enfield funeral home.

Battle is alleged to have fatally stabbed Parker as the latter was serving as watchman at a Lion's Club Carnival in Enfield November 6. After a Magistrate's hearing he was bound over to Superior Court and lodged in Halifax jail where he has been awaiting trial since he was arrested shortly after the crime.

Cora Evans, 44, highly respected Weldon Negress, will be tried for the murder of Gus Blount, 24, Creswell negro employe of a saw mill here last Saturday night.

#### Board Prohibits Sunday Hunting

At a meeting last week of the Game and Inland Fisheries Division of the State Conservation and Development Department, the board passed a regulation prohibiting Sunday hunting. This act will become effective immediately after being published as required in the game laws, which will be done this week, so that it will be effective Sunday, February 6.

Violation of this board regulation will be a misdemeanor as provided in the game laws.

One of the state newspapers, through error, stated that Sunday fishing had also been ruled out, but this is incorrect, as neither the board regulations nor the law makes any reference to Sunday fishing.

#### Young People Meet

The young people of the Epworth League opened their meeting Sunday night by singing the hymn "I Would Be Like Jesus". Mr. A. W. Oakes, Jr., then lead in prayer. The business was attended to by the president, after which Isabell Garlick took charge of the program. She read the next Bible story from the book which we are studying. This was followed by singing the hymn "God Will Take Care of You." Buster Ogburn made a very interesting talk on "Death" and then led the group in prayer. "Have Thine Own Way" was sung after which the League was dismissed with the benediction.

By Nan Anthony.

Oscar Phillips, county agent of Mecklenburg County, was elected president of the North Carolina County Agents Association at the recent extension conference at State College.

### \$500 and \$300 In Cash Are Part of "Wonder Prize List" Offered

#### Dotty And Daffy"

At 8:00 o'clock Friday night, February 4 the Weldon Senior Class will give its play, "Dotty and Daffy". This play is a farce in three acts which tells of the adventures of two grown girls who dress up as little girls to help their mother out of her financial difficulties. Many comical situations result that make the play a whirlwind of laughter.

The characters in order of their appearance are:

Hilda Johnson—a Swedish maid—Blanche Mitchell.

Alfred Hopkins—an English butler—Sewell Moore.

Molly O'Mulligan—the Irish cook—Susie S. Mohorn.

Dorothy Travers—Phyllis' older daughter—Isobel Briggs.

Dophe Travers—Phyllis' younger daughter—Katherine Hardison. Jimmie Rand—in love with Dotty—Bickett Hawkins.

Freddie Rand—in love with Daffy—Douglas Chapel.

Mrs. Phyllis Travers—a widow—Frances Johnson.

Paxton Belmont—a widower—F. I. Robinson.

Jack Belmont—His son—Lee Bond.

Aunt Hester Harley—Who hates men—Sarah Davis.

Hugh Rand—Uncle of Jimmie and Freddie—Jack Willis.

Tickets will be on sale next week—Adults tickets will set for 35c and childrens for 15c.

You really can't afford to miss this play. Come and spend the most enjoyable evening you've had in a long time laughing at these able young actors and actresses in their comic parts.

Remember the date, February 4th at 8:00 o'clock. Remember the place, Weldon High School Auditorium.

#### Robbed In D. C. Railroad Station

While awaiting between trains in Washington, D. C., on his way to Detroit last Sunday, J. D. Wheeler, of this place, was held up by two armed men and robbed of a hundred dollars. He reported the robbery to Washington police, who are making an investigation but the guilty ones as yet have not been apprehended.

Mr. Wheeler wired here for more money and continued on to Detroit, where he has gone of business.

#### Services At The Baptist Church

The pastor's subject for the morning hour will be: "GRASPING HIS MIGHTY HAND" His subject for the evening hour will be: "GIRDING THE MIND." Also the ordinance of baptism will be administered at the evening hour of worship.

A jewelry salesman, noticing his hands to be somewhat soiled, said, "This is very trying to me, of all persons I should have soft and clean hands. It is awful to offer a diamond or pearls, or jewels of any sort, to a possible customer when my hands are not perfectly white and tidy. It makes a repulsive background for the piece of jewelry."

The Christian should have clean hands and a clean life. Whoever he may be, minister or not, he recommends Jesus Christ and His salvation to the world. His life should not be a sorry and repelling background. They who bear the vessels of the Lord should have pure hands. The salesman was very sensitive, and rightly so. He had cultivated a taste. Each professing Christian should be scrupulously careful to maintain a consistent life.—The Presbyterian.

#### ANNOUNCE 300,000 EXTRA VOTE OFFER FOR REAL WORKERS

#### Big Opportunity For Those Who Desire Major Awards

The entrants in The Roanoke News "Cash Offer" Campaign are gradually swinging into line. The public is daily becoming more and more interested in this great profit sharing event and in the progress of the "five wires" entered in the race for the big awards. New entrants are coming in every day—people who realize the generosity of the "Cash Offer" as an easy way to make some real money during the next few weeks. Those who have entered so far have no particular experience in soliciting subscriptions. None is needed. They are people who for the most part, are occupied with their regular work during the day but who appreciate the possibilities of making their spare time pay big dividends.

Big Extra Vote Offer For each and every \$30 club of both old and new subscriptions sent in during the first period 300,000 extra votes will be given in the "Cash Offer" Campaign. These votes are in addition to the regular votes allowed for each subscription as shown on the front cover of the receipt book. Just think of it! Two ten-year subscriptions constitute a "club" and entitles the contestant to 300,000 extra votes. Of course smaller subscriptions count to make up the \$30.00 worth just the same.

Members are not limited to the number of subscriptions they may obtain. Any contestant may get as many of these big vote ballots as they choose—depending on their ability to sell The Roanoke News subscriptions.

This 300,000 extra vote offer can be the means of placing you safely on the winning list. Remember this offer closes at the end of the first period, and there will be a big drop in votes after that time. They go down—way down.

Note—Each member must make a subscription report on Saturdays and Wednesdays until this time. The Campaign office will be open each Wednesday from 3 p. m. until 7 p. m. for the convenience of candidates in making their reports.

#### More Candidates Needed

There is still ample room for more live wires. The campaign is just starting. The chance for new entrants to step in and win the biggest awards is good. All it takes to win is the initiative to enter and solicit your friends and acquaintances for new and renewal subscriptions to The Roanoke News. They will be glad to help you win one of the big awards that are to be given away. Everybody has an equal chance in this campaign.

The race is short, lasting only seven weeks. Think of winning one of these big awards in such short time. Many of the best towns and rural routes in the field covered by this newspaper are not represented by a live wire candidate. The Roanoke News extends a special invitation for nominations from these communities.

#### No Losers—Everybody Wins

There will be no losers in this campaign. Besides the wonderful list of awards there will a 20 percent cash commission paid to active members who fail to win an award. Everyone who enters and turns in subscriptions according to the rules, will be paid for their efforts. The commission itself is extremely liberal, yet you have a chance to win awards that will net you more than the income of many business or professional men in the territory for a like period of time.

A group of Beaufort County farmers recently ordered \$60 worth of pecan, peach and apple trees and grape and strawberry plants.