

### Negro Murderer Confesses to Crime and Implicates Others

Hopkins, Who Shot Lewis E. Ramey at Clinton, Now Says That Henry Metts and Ernest Duncan, Negroes, Were Implicated in the Killing—Metts, Previously Released by Judge Bond, Has Skipped—Judge Criticized

(Special to The Star) CLINTON, Feb. 19.—Convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to die in the electric chair, for the slaying of Lewis E. Ramey, a white man, in his store on the outskirts of Clinton, Will Hopkins, colored, has confessed his guilt and implicated Metts and Oliver, three other negroes, in the crime. The case, which has aroused great interest in the county, was called for trial before Judge Bond last Monday. More than an hour was called before a verdict was obtained. The state called 17 witnesses, chief of whom were Bertus Herring, white, and William Ashford, negro, eye-witnesses of the shooting. The murder occurred about 10 o'clock at night, when according to the testimony of Herring and Ashford, a negro came into Ramey's store while he was sitting at the stove talking to his customers, was buying himself some apples to eat, and called for change and change was being made, when Ramey started to get up, shot him dead. In his confession, Hopkins states that Metts was first chosen to do the killing, and that he went to the door of the store two or three times and turned each time, saying that Ashford knew him. Duncan was too chicken-hearted to do the job and he finally declared that he would do it and do it. Following this confession, Oliver and Duncan have been jailed, but Metts, who was ordered released by Judge Bond, has departed the town and efforts are being made to secure his apprehension. Dissatisfaction was very evident after the release of Metts yesterday, and this is more apparent today, as observers of the trial thought that the testimony of Oliver as to loaning the gun to Metts, who admits loaning it to Hopkins, was sufficient to justify the confession of Hopkins, at least, and justifies them in their criticism of the action of Judge Bond. Ramey had no relatives in this county and it has not yet been discovered where he was born and whether he has any near relatives to inherit his estate, which consists of several hundred dollars in cash and the small store in which he was slain. He is said to have been taken from the Oxford orphan asylum by Josiah Baggett, deceased, who reared him, but the Baggetts have not been able as yet to secure any information from the asylum as to Ramey's identity.

#### BUSINESS AS USUAL MARCH FOUR HARDING FOR MARCH FOUR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President-elect Harding wants business to "speed up" and not close up in the District of Columbia on inauguration day as has been the age-old custom. Replying today to a message from a local merchants' and manufacturers' association asking his pleasure as to having "business as usual" here on March 4, the President-elect said: "Certainly have business proceed as usual on inauguration day. I would rather it might speed up that day and give new impetus to the activities so essential to common good fortune." The association thereupon recommended that all business houses remain open and inceptually transmitted Mr. Harding's expressions to merchants' associations throughout the country.

### PENNIES IN BLOCKADE STILL FLAVOR LIQUOR

Robeson County Moonshiner Could Then Say His Stuff Was Copper Distilled

(Special to The Star) LUMBERTON, Feb. 19.—A 30-gallon capacity home-made whiskey still was captured near the home of Ben Freeman, five miles south of Lumberton. Thirty gallons of beer and three quarts of the finished product were found in Freeman's home and he was arrested and is in jail here. The still proper was made of a zinc tub and 25 pennies had been placed in the still, this being done so the whiskey could be sold as "copper stillled," it is thought. Abner H. Roe was recently arrested in Alabama and is now in jail here charged with embezzlement. Requisition papers made it possible for Roe to be brought here for trial. Roe is a young white man, whose home is near Albertville, Ala. He is charged with appropriating \$712 belonging to the Commercial Nurseries company of the state of Tennessee. He collected money for this company for fruit trees sold in this county and left here last October. The suit was brought by an uncle of Roe. At a meeting of the Lumberton post of the American legion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Commander, Dr. T. S. Beam; vice-commanders, C. Guy Townsend and Ed J. Glover; adjutant and finance officer, I. Leon McGill; chaplain, Rosalie B. Britt; insurance officer, A. Pink Page; historian and librarian, Raymond Musselwhite; reporter, Oliver F. Nance; executive committee, David H. Fuller, E. Knox Proctor and Rossie B. Britt. Members of the legion enjoyed a smoker in connection with the business meeting and indications are that the Lumberton post is taking on new life. The post has a well-furnished hall on the second floor of the municipal building, where members can pass away leisure time in reading, playing games, etc. The residence of Rev. W. R. Woodell, Indian, near Rayham, Robeson county, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Very little furniture was saved. The loss is estimated at around \$1,000, with \$1,000 insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated from a cook stove. The condition of Lacy Prevatt, the young white man who was shot from a ambush near Bule a week ago, is reported as favorable and it is now thought he will recover. John Henry Barton, alias "Be-fo'-Day," negro, is in jail charged with the shooting. The weather this week has been fine, and the farmers of Robeson are making good use of it. They are fast preparing the lands for planting another crop, which promises to be more of a food crop and less cotton and tobacco.

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