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John Horne Murders Wife In Cotton Mill

Victim's Head Almost Severed With Razor While at Work

LEAVES NOTE

Tries to Take His Own Life In Same Manner; In E. City Jail

Edenton experienced its second murder within three weeks Wednesday morning when, leaving a long penciled note in which he indicated careful premeditation, John Horne, 33, local cotton mill worker, nearly decapitated his wife, Nellie, 32, with a razor and then used the same blade on his own throat and left wrist. The woman was killed instantly, but the husband's wounds are not deep and he may live. The murder occurred at their place of employment soon after they had appeared there Wednesday morning for work. Three small children, which the murderer refers to feelingly in the note survive, and reference is made to Horne's mother, Mrs. Annie Horne, of Bennettsville, S. C., whom he says will look after things.

Investigation showed that Horne, who has been arrested for assaulting his wife, had been separated from the woman for several years and that he but recently returned to take up life with her again at their East King Street home, a somewhat pretentious dwelling for the neighborhood. Jimmie, one of the Horne children, said his father and mother had quarrelled most of Tuesday night, that his father had been drinking heavily ever the last week-end, and that just before daylight Wednesday morning he, Jimmie, got up and saw his father at the kitchen table writing.

About 7:30 the Hornes, still arguing over family matters, went off together for the 100-yard or so walk to the cotton mill. Arriving there Mrs. Horne went up to the spinning department on the second floor and had started to adjust the loom she operated when her husband appeared with a drawn razor in his hand. Other employes say he grabbed his wife about the shoulders with one hand and drew the sharp blade twice across her throat with the other. She fell to the floor her head hanging by but a shroud of flesh at the rear vertebrae.

Horne then ran to steps leading to the first floor and it was while descending these he slashed his own throat twice and gashed himself in the wrist. He was able to stumble on down the stairs and out doors where he fell at the feet of C. S. Cozart, one of the mill foremen. He pointed to his coat pocket and from it Cozart took the letter, a poorly written, unparagraphed epistle, minus all punctuation marks. Horne was hurried to Dr. L. P. Williams' office where his wounds were sewed up. His wife was removed to a local undertaking establishment, and the mill went on with the day's work.

The letter left by Horne and now in the possession of Chief Helms as material evidence, is as follows:

"Dear friends this is not my will to do this. This woman and her people and 3 or 4 of her friends has talked to her against me until they have got her just about crazy and caused her to just about run me crazy. I love this woman and my children so I want to live with them, but it seems like that I cant do it and so I am going to take both her life and mine to I hate to leave my little children we have 3 boys and neither one is large enough to work for them selfs they will have no home and if anybody will do anything for them I am sure they will thank you for it when they get grown I no that they will be kicked around a lot but I wont be here to see it so I believe if the public new both sides my side and her side they would look at the case from a different angle so I want to tell all my friends good bye and dont do like I did let no woman run you crazy dont trust no woman too far I would love the best in the world to see my 3 boys and kiss them good bye before I go but its impossible if I ever get on that street they will try to have me locked up OK a dissatisfied mind is something awful now if anybody will see that me and her is buried in the same grave rite by the side of our little girl I have some insurance with the Metropolitan Co. and my mother in Bennettsville South Carolina she will be glad to give her part to help to put us away Please notify Annie Horne, Bennettsville S. C."

Horne was taken to the Elizabeth City jail Wednesday morning to evade any possible feeling that might arise.

ROTARY GOVERNOR VISITS LOCAL CLUB

Cleveland Thayer Confers With Officers and Committee Chairmen Thursday Morning

John W. Graham, who was in charge of the weekly luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club Thursday afternoon, gave out the information that Cleveland Thayer, of Ashboro, district governor of the 57th District of Rotary International, will be in Edenton today (Thursday). This will be Mr. Thayer's annual visit to the local club and all members are urged to attend the weekly luncheon at the Parrish House at 1 o'clock.

In connection with his visit Mr. Thayer desires to meet all officers and chairmen of the various committees at 10:30 this morning to discuss various phases of Rotary work.

The attendance at the Rotary luncheon is particularly gratifying to the officers, nearly 100 per cent being present at each meeting during the past month in spite of the extremely hot weather. At last week's luncheon the major part of the time devoted to a program was consumed by John A. Holmes, who rehearsed what had been done and the progress made toward the securing of money with which to build new school buildings in the county.

Mr. Holmes stated that he anticipated favorable action to be taken by the PWA on the county's application for a loan on the 55-45 basis to erect a \$173,000 plant on the fair grounds. When the application is approved the matter will be presented to the county commissioners for final action.

Two visitors Palmer Jerman of Raleigh, and Herbert Peele of Elizabeth City, were present at the meeting.

County To Refinance Defaulted Bonds

Upon information received from Charles Johnson, State treasurer, the County Commissioners are at present working on a plan whereby the County's defaulted bonds amounting to \$47,500 may be refinanced. This move will put the County in position to apply for a loan from the PWA to erect what schools may be decided upon by the Commissioners.

W. J. Taylor, the County superintendent, is of the opinion that efforts are being made to erect only one school in Edenton and make no improvements to the up-county school. He feels that his school is entitled to some consideration and will set forth his claims when the time comes.

Talk on the street has it that a new building in Edenton would serve as a high school for the whole county, which idea may be strengthened by the fact that Senator Lloyd Griffin, the newly-named secretary of the State School Commission, asked John A. Holmes, while discussing the plans of a new building, whether the building as planned could accommodate all the children within a certain radius, taking in part of Bertie County.

In the meantime John A. Holmes is continuing with the work in connection with securing the acceptance of the application of a loan, and when this is done the burden of the school situation will rest upon the shoulders of the County Commissioners.

200 Delinquent City Tax-Payers For 1934

There are 200 delinquent taxpayers in Edenton for 1934 taxes, the amount of money due the town being \$6,176.95. These delinquents, unless they pay the taxes, will have their property sold on September 9 at 12 o'clock at the Court House door.

A complete list appears in this issue of The Herald.

Prudens On Cruise To Nova Scotia

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pruden and their eight-year-old son, Billy, will leave Saturday by boat from Norfolk, Va., for a cruise to Nova Scotia. Mr. Pruden will attend a meeting of the N. C. Bar Association which will be held on the boat en route to Nova Scotia.

About thirty-five years ago a similar trip was taken by Mr. Pruden, at the same age of his son now, with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pruden. Mr. Pruden was also attending a meeting of the N. C. Bar Association on that time.

CITIZENS BANK IS SOLD FOR \$20,000

Expect to Pay Depositors 98 Per Cent Within 60 Days

Liquidation of the closed Citizens Bank became a step nearer last Thursday afternoon when the bank building was sold for \$20,000. This offer was made by N. L. Ward, who it is understood acted for a small group of the bank's largest depositors. The bid however, is subject to the approval of the Commissioners of Banks and a judge of the Superior Court.

The method of disposal of the building was cause for much comment among depositors, and two previous meetings were held to arrive at a decision in the matter. At the last meeting, on Saturday, August 3, a committee was appointed with power to dispose of the building within 10 days to the best advantage of the depositors. This committee consisted of Z. W. Evans, chairman, D. B. Liles, E. L. Winslow, S. E. Morris and N. L. Ward.

The committee endeavored to secure a higher bid for the building, but were unsuccessful and subsequently met Saturday afternoon in the bank building to take final action. The matter was discussed pro and con and after a lengthy discussion it was moved by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Liles that the committee accept the bid of \$20,000 offered by Mr. Ward, who was required to deposit \$250 to show good faith.

On Saturday a number of notes and judgements, property of the bank, totaling \$14,091.44 were sold at the Court House door, the successful bidder being D. M. Warren with a bid of \$205. This sale likewise is subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Banks and the judge of the Superior Court of the First Judicial District.

Aside from these two sales W. O. Crump, the liquidating agent, expects to collect approximately \$4,000 on collectable proper on hand and it is the opinion that complete liquidation of the bank's affairs will be made within 30 or at least not more than 60 days with a payment of 98 per cent made to all depositors.

Byrum Bros. New Boat Line Agents

Announcement has been made this week of the change in agency of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line. The agency, which was handled by Wood Privott, has been transferred to Byrum Brothers, and will be under the supervision of T. C. Byrum.

Mr. Byrum in a letter sent out to potential customers promises everything possible in service and accommodation. Repairs and improvements to the warehouse and a change in the personnel have been made along with the establishment of new hours which will be from 7 A. M., to 5:30 P. M.

The boat carrying freight arrives in Edenton every Wednesday and Saturday morning.

Dr. J. M. Ormond To Conduct Revival

Rev. W. F. Walters, pastor of the Methodist Church, has announced that Dr. J. M. Ormond, a member of the faculty of Duke University, has been secured to conduct the revival in the local church, which will be held in October.

Rev. Mr. Ormond was formerly a pastor in Hertford and Elizabeth City.

Still Dickering For New Athletic Coach

John A. Holmes on Tuesday met with members of the Edenton school trustees to act upon the matter of securing a coach for the coming year. After discussing the situation Mr. Holmes was instructed to communicate with two of the available men and report back to the Board. The names of the two applicants were not made public.

Leary Bros. Adding Another Warehouse

The old planing mill of the Edenton Lumber Co., has been torn down by Leary Bros., who are now having a foundation laid for the erection of a new warehouse. The new structure will be slightly smaller than the present warehouse, being 128x64 feet.

In connection with the new building a section has been set apart as a packing shed which will be used to house produce next spring.

GRIFFIN ACCEPTS STATE POSITION

Replaces Leroy Martin As Secretary of State School Commission

Edenton came in for marked State honors again last week when, due to the resignation of LeRoy Martin as secretary of the State School Commission, Senator Lloyd E. Griffin was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus to the position. The Commission, with one openly dissenting vote, concurred in the selection and immediately there afterward Mr. Griffin said he felt flattered and would accept. His salary will be \$4,750, about \$500 more than the previous incumbent received, and which was fixed at the Senator's demand that the lower sum did not come up to what he had been making as an attorney here.

It has been known for several months that the Griffin appointment was in the wind. State papers had hinted that he and the governor had discussed the situation as far back as when Mr. Martin let it be known he had decided to accept a bank job in Winston-Salem. But with his customary reticence the Senator had kept mum about it and when the appointment broke the town really was surprised.

Senator Griffin is a well recognized authority on school matters and will take to his new position a general acquaintance with and knowledge of educational affairs. He was a part author during the last session of the legislature of the present State school law and was chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.

It is Mr. Griffin's intention to leave Edenton and take up residence in Raleigh on September 15th.

Lassiters To Manage Wake Forest Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lassiter, who since the first of the year have operated the Inn Eden, and previous to that time were in charge of the Hotel Hinton, will leave Edenton on September 2 for Wake Forest, where they will manage the Wake Forest Inn. The hotel is owned by the college and houses students, but Mr. Lassiter plans to also cater to the tourist trade.

AAA Solicitor Seeks Use Of Court House

Seth Thomas, solicitor for the AAA, this week wired Richard D. Dixon, clerk of Superior Court, regarding the possibility of securing the Court House to hold AAA hearings. Mr. Thomas desires to have the building on August 20 for three days, which Mr. Dixon assured him, but further details of the meetings are lacking at this time.

Growers Of Tobacco Expect Good Prices

Chowan tobacco farmers are optimistic over the opening prices of tobacco on the southern markets, it being calculated that at prevailing prices tobacco farmers in this County will receive in the neighborhood of \$60,000 as against \$45,000 last year.

Approximately 400 acres are planted in tobacco this year compared to about 265 acres last year.

Storm Sewer Caves In Back Of Church

Employees of the city are now preparing to lay a section of 36-inch terra cotta pipe back of the Methodist Church as a storm sewer. The former sewer, of brick and cement construction, caved in during the recent heavy rains and will be replaced by a more substantial pipe.

Enough pipe was ordered to replace the caved in sewer, but upon investigation by workers it was discovered that the sewer has also caved in under the post office property, hence more had to be ordered before the repairs can be made.

Drug Store Explosion Causes Commotion

Right much excitement occurred in Sutton's Drug Store Tuesday morning when the hose connected to a carbonator tank exploded causing the customers to scramble to the street. When the hose busted the noise was so terrific it was heard some distance and in a little time quite a crowd had gathered. The noise continued until Kermit Layton, clerk, ran to the tank, having to wade in water, and shut off the valves. No serious damage was done.

Prospects Bright For Erection New Armory

LONG SESSION OF COURT TUESDAY

Two Cases Consume Entire Morning; Joseph Costen Held For Superior Court

Only two cases were arraigned before Judge J. N. Pruden in Recorder's Court Tuesday, but these two consumed the entire morning, court adjourning at 1 o'clock.

The first case, in which Hannibal Blount was charged with giving a worthless check, was tried by a jury and consumed the major portion of the time. Blount was charged with paying Tom Goodman for a set of tires, giving a check in the amount of \$20.40, and for which Blount had had no money in the bank nor had credit with the bank to pay the bill.

John F. White, counsel for the defendant, endeavored to show that Blount had paid part of the bill and in the course of his argument produced a number of checks which Goodman had also given the Winslow Oil Company which were not paid.

Blount pleaded not guilty but the jury returned a verdict of guilty and he was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of the amount of the check in question and cost of court. An appeal was noted and Blount placed on a \$100 bond.

The other case was a preliminary hearing of Joseph Costen, 18-year-old colored youth who was charged with assaulting Robert Brown, 45, with a baseball bat.

The case grew out of a Fourth of July celebration in the Yeopim section when, according to Brown, who was the only witness to take the stand, he was struck on the back of the head, as a result of which the right side of his face is paralyzed, affecting his sight, hearing and speech.

Probable cause having been found against Costen, he was bound over for the September term of Superior Court. His bond was set at \$500. W. D. Pruden represents the defendant, while L. E. Griffin is counsel for the plaintiff.

TOM RAWLS HELD FOR HIGH COURT

Probable Cause Found In Connection With Murder of Hester Satterfield Last Week

Judge J. N. Pruden disposed of three cases in Recorder's Court Friday morning.

John Martin colored, who was charged with non-support by his wife from whom he was separated about two years, was found not guilty.

Murray Baker, young county resident, was found guilty of operating a car under the influence of liquor. He was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days on the roads, to be suspended upon condition that he pay a fine of \$75 and costs and show good behavior for a period of 12 months and not to operate a motor vehicle in the state for 12 months. Baker noted an appeal, bond being set at \$100.

Judge Pruden confessed that he was puzzled as to what to do with Baker, this being his fifth time in court on a similar charge. Prosecutor W. S. Privott stated to the court that Baker is a well-behaved young man when not drinking, and that all of his trouble has been caused while under the influence of liquor.

Tom Rawls, who was arrested Thursday in Camden County in connection with the murder of Hester Satterfield, plead guilty and also according held over for Superior Court. He was committed to jail without bond to await the action of the grand jury.

A. E. Hull Is New Manager Of Hotel

A. E. Hull of Nashville, Tenn., arrived in Edenton Monday to take charge as manager of the King Arms Tavern, replacing R. M. Broome, who resigned. Mr. Hull is a young, likeable sort of a fellow and is very anxious to become acquainted with the townspeople.

Mr. Broome, who has accepted a position with the Fishermen's Self-Help Corporation, left this week for Clarksville, Tenn., where he will visit relatives before starting in his new job.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Jr., a son on Friday afternoon, August 9th.

Town Council Offers Free Site on Hicks Field

NO CANNING PLANT

Council Adopts School Tax Levy of 17 Cents On \$100

Town Council at its monthly meeting Tuesday night was confronted with a number of important matters, the session lasting until 10 o'clock. Those present were: Mayor E. W. Spires, T. W. Jones, X. E. Copeland, O. B. Perry, Graham Byrum and Dr. L. P. Williams.

Mayor Spires explained to the members of the Board that due to the lack of man-hours, the application for a loan from the PWA for a new water tank was refused.

Dr. M. P. Whichard appeared before the councilmen with a letter from adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, of Raleigh, in connection with the erection of an armory on the fair grounds property. The letter explained that the National Guard Association of the United States had worked up the idea of building 47 armories in localities where the organizations have inadequate armories.

The plan calls for the city to provide the ground by donation approximately 110x110 on which the building is to be placed and about 22,000 square feet to be used for outdoor training. The armory building would cost not exceeding \$25,000 and which amount must go largely for labor in accordance with the requirements of the WPA, and which cost it is expected will be made a full grant to the State by the Federal government. The type of building would be an ornament to the community and afford ample facilities for military training and storage of government property. It will also have a stage and large assembly hall.

The title to the ground must be passed to the State before the erection of an armory is started and accordingly the Councilmen passed a resolution offering a site on the fair grounds property facing Broad Street between Park Avenue and the Boy Scout cabin of approximately three-quarters of an acre for the erection of the building. Dr. Whichard has notified the adjutant general of the action taken by the city and is very optimistic that the armory will be built.

John A. Holmes also appeared before the Board, saying that it was necessary for him to send the school tax levy to Raleigh in connection with the application for a loan to build a school building. He presented his budget, which was adopted by the Council.

The school tax levy will be 17 cents on the \$100 this year compared with 26 cents last year. For the debt service \$3,000 will be needed for bonds and \$3,115 for interest, making a total of \$6,115. The County per capita is estimated at \$1,556.64, leaving a 17-cent levy to raise \$4,930, which totals \$6,486.64, bringing the income just slightly above the outlay. The Councilmen were well-pleased with the lower rate and were hopeful that it would enable the city tax rate to be at least not any higher than last year. A special meeting of the Council will be held in a week or ten days at which time the tax rate will be adopted. Mr. Holmes' rate was arrived at by a levy on a \$2,900,000 valuation.

Wood Privott, Lloyd Griffin and Caleb Goodwin appeared before the Board, asking a donation of \$50 toward maintenance of the tennis courts. This request was refused but the Councilmen agreed to lease the grounds at a nominal figure to a tennis club with authority to charge any who play tennis in order to finance the upkeep of the grounds.

The idea of erecting a canning factory was quickly disposed of when the matter was presented. This proposition called for the town advancing \$5000 and a site to build a plant which would in turn be leased to the Self-Help Fishermen's Corporation.

The Councilmen consented to continue its contribution to the support of the local re-employment office, feeling that the city was greatly benefited by having this office here.

TO VISIT WESTERN CAROLINA

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Byrum and little daughter, Ruth, Mrs. W. J. Daniels, Miss Estelle Privott and Miss Inez Felton expect to leave the first of next week for a week's motor trip to Western North Carolina.