

DR. WESTCOTT SOLVES THE CASE OF

Shootout At Sunrise

By WILBORNE HARRELL

A CHOWAN HERALD FICTION STORY

(Continued)
The road led off the main highway onto a dirt road about five miles out of town, and from then on we began to enter more open country. And although this was the East, the countryside began to take on many of the aspects of the West. There were wide rolling fields and meadows that reminded me of prairies and rangeland and on many of them we saw herds of cattle and horses. Quite the ideal country for a guest ranch such as the Willoughby's Circle H for which we were headed.
Occasionally the road wound through bits of shadowy cool timber, the tall trees further creating the illusion we had stepped back into the Old West.
Dr. Westcott was driving. He turned to me.
"A penny for your thoughts, Jimmy."
I glanced at the trees on the roadside. An ideal place for an

ambush, I thought. And putting my thoughts into words, replied, "I was thinking what a perfect place for a stagecoach holdup or a bushwhack." I grinned at the incongruous implication of my words.
"Yes, it is," said Westcott, but he didn't smile. His face bore a somber, thoughtful expression. I knew that there were angles to the case that his keen insight and perception had intercepted and which had also escaped me. But I also knew that he would in time reveal them. For instance, he had read the blackmail note silently and passed it back to Jane Smith, but he had not yet divulged its contents. He had reasons of his own so I bided my time.
Far ahead I saw that the trees would again give way to more open country. I lit a cigarette.
One of the things that never ceased to amaze me was Dr.

Westcott's uncanny ability to read my mind.
Without preamble, he said, "Jimmy, the blackmail note was handwritten, though obviously disguised, and it read 'twenty thousand or the papers get the story.'" He paused, his thoughtful gaze on the road ahead. "There's more to this than meets the eye, Jimmy. This could be just a simple case of blackmail—or anything. There's always a story behind blackmail, there's always 'anything'. Our job is to find out what this 'anything' is."
The road was now leading through an unusually thick bit of forest that led out into open countryside. I again thought about ambushes and holdups.
At that moment a lone horseman entered the forest strip, and riding hard, bore down on us.
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dolph as they farm together.
I'm sure there are many other fields in Chowan County which have one or more acres that will make two ton yields this season. The problem is the rush of harvesting under adverse weather conditions allowing us an opportunity to make an official check. We will gladly work with any growers who will notify us in time to check the yield according to the rules.

Character is the governing element of life, and is above genius.
—Frederick Saunders.

Richard A. Hollowell Member Kappa Alpha

Twenty-two students have pledged East Carolina College's Gamma Rho Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order, one of nine social fraternities for college men at ECC. Each pledge is undergoing a training program of 12 weeks, a prerequisite for full membership in the fraternity.
Among the pledges is Richard Augustus Hollowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Hollowell of Edenton. Hollowell is a sophomore history major at ECC. He holds a 1962 diploma from John A. Holmes High School.

Home Ec Teachers Hold Oct. Meeting

The Albemarle Area Home Economics Teachers met October 8 in the Central High School Home Economics Department with Mrs. Helen Larabee and Miss Carol Aldridge serving refreshments. Preceding the program, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jean Alexander, president, and the minutes were read by Mrs. Carol Lewis, secretary.
Mrs. Lewis and Miss Aldridge conducted the program on the topic "Concepts and Generalizations in Relation to New Trends

in Housing". They presented to the group mimeographed copies of new trends in housing and other areas of home economics, displayed teaching aids that are helpful in housing, and discussed some of these briefly. The group also discussed the District I Rally of the Future Homemakers of America held recently in Plymouth.
Those attending were Mrs. Jean Alexander, Creswell; Miss Grace Whiteman, Elizabeth City; Mrs. Carol Lewis, Knapp; Mrs. Evelyn Willey, Gates; Mrs. Lorraine Rogerson, Chowan; Miss Sondra Rountree, Manteo; Mrs.

Frances Warren, Camden; Mrs. Helen Larabee, Central; Miss Carol Aldridge, Central; Miss Frances Newby and Mrs. Doris Hawkins, Perquimans; Mrs. Doris Reaves and Miss Brenda Chitty, John A. Holmes; Miss Carolyn Brinkley and Miss Carolyn Joyner, Plymouth, and Mrs. Mary Ann Combs, Columbia.

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AROUND THE FARMS IN CHOWAN COUNTY

By C. W. OVERMAN, Chowan County Agent

Peanuts And Weather:

I do not profess to be a weather forecaster but merely had an intuition when I mailed peanut growers a letter on September 16. In this letter I suggested that it might be well for growers to be prepared to stack a part or all of their peanut crop if adverse weather conditions occurred. Adverse weather conditions have come and this is something we can't do anything about, but we can save as many peanuts as possible with as good quality as possible.
As fast as soil conditions permit, run the digger under peanuts and get them on top of the ground. Within the next day or two, if needed, run a shaker under them to remove as much excess dirt as possible. Peanut stems will hold better with the crop on top of the ground than left in the soil.
I realize that it is a rush on curing facilities but only a limited amount of rushing can take place. Remember that normally the curing air underneath the peanuts should never be more than 15 degrees higher than the outside air temperature except on very rainy, foggy nights when the humidity is practically 100 percent. With high humidity outside the curing air temperature may go as high as 18 to 20 degrees above the outside temperature, but never more than 20 degrees above the outside temperature. High temperatures cause a bitter taste in peanuts and also causes a skin slippage resulting in a poor quality crop.
When the humidity of the air is below 60 percent or even 65 percent there is no need of running heat. The air is already dry enough for maximum curing and heat may be detrimental as well as a waste. At any time

you need our assistance, please feel free to call on us.
The One Hundred Million Dollar School Bond Issue: On November 3, citizens of North Carolina will be voting on a \$100,000,000 School Bond Issue for school construction and equipment in the one hundred counties of the state. County Commissioner Chairman W. E. Bond informs me that if the Bond Issue is approved by vote it will mean approximately \$291,000 for use in Chowan County. Mr. Bond also informs me that if the Bond Issue vote does not carry, then it will be absolutely necessary for Chowan County to issue bonds to build and equip at least eight or more classrooms. Voters should be informed of this situation, consider its value to Chowan County and be sure

to vote as they see fit on November 3.
Completion of 1964 Community Development Year: The 1964 Community Development contest year in Chowan County will end as of October 31. Judging of the six white communities will take place on November 3. It is absolutely necessary that reports from the participating communities be completed and ready for the judges on Tuesday, November 3. Communities will be notified relative to the judging schedule. If we can be of any assistance to any communities, please feel free to call on us.
The Community Development judging of the top counties in the Albemarle Area will take place on November 11. Winning communities will be notified of this schedule.
Two-Ton Peanut Yield: H. Ivey Ward of Ryland Community has made an official yield of over two tons of peanuts per acre on a 1.8 acre field this season. We certainly congratulate Ivey and also his brother Ra-

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