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NOL PROS SEEN MURDER CASE

Evidence In Nash County Killing Is Pronounced Fragmentary

Rocky Mount, March 13.—The case against three men charged with the brutal slaying of an aged grocer here last summer collapsed in Nash criminal court today and Solicitor Don Gilliam intimated that he would ask for a nol pros.

Howard Cannon, of Louisburg was placed in the custody of lawyer Will Yarborough of Louisburg until some arrangement is made for bond or a nol pros is asked; James Cannon, Raleigh, remains in jail to face store breaking charges and Collis Reece is at liberty under \$1,000 bond pending decision as to what next steps will be taken.

The collapse of the "heart and soul" of the case, as Solicitor Gilliam put it, came with the announcement that H. B. Dorsey, State prison fingerprint expert was confined in a Raleigh hospital and that the alleged prints of James and Howard Cannon, said to have been photographed from the safe in the store of George Edward Sprall, aged grocer and former Baptist minister were of little value.

Photographs and negatives of the prints Dorsey said he made and which were sufficiently clear to convict defense counsel that a habeas corpus action started in December was futile were declared by federal men who examined them as "fragmentary". Solicitor Gilliam was informed last night. Immediately afterwards Judge N. A. Sinclair permitted Howard Cannon to leave the Nashville cell in which he has been confined since November. Dorsey was said to have gone to the Raleigh hospital for an operation shortly after the negatives were sent to Washington for study and after the case had been scheduled to start today.

Late last night Sheriff Charlie Johnston ordered out his deputies to inform special veniremen that their services would not be necessary; about 60 were prevented from making the trip to Raleigh today.

Detective E. L. Stephenson, who had charge of the case, and Norman Gold, special assistant prosecutor, were to confer with Dorsey in Raleigh before further decision was made about disposition of the case, which is now scheduled for trial in the June term of criminal court.

P. T. A. WILL OBSERVE FATHERS' NIGHT

The P. T. A. of Louisburg Graded School, will observe its annual Fathers' Night on next Thursday evening, March 21, at 7:30 o'clock in the Home Economics room of the school, with the Boy and Girl Scouts in charge of the program. Every member of the P. T. A., both father and mother, is urged to attend this meeting, which is held only once yearly in order to give all parents who cannot attend the afternoon meetings an opportunity to get together for the event.

FLAT ROCK B. Y. P. U.

The following program will be rendered by the members of group III, Sunday, March 17:

Topic: "Keeping Life's Windows Clean."

1. Keeping The Window Clean That Looks out on Life's Values—Helen Hill.

2. Keeping the Window Clean That Looks out on the Humorous things of Life—Lucille Perry.

3. Keep the Window Clean that Looks Toward Others—Claire Layton.

4. Windows that Look In—Mazelle Wiggins.

5. Keeping The Window Clean that Looks up toward God—Edna Roberts.

Don't be late. The hour is 7:00 o'clock.

What you don't find in the newspapers is adequately reported to your wife by her hairdresser.

Program At The Louisburg Theatre

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Friday, March 15th:

Friday and Saturday—Shirley Temple and Lionel Barrymore in "The Little Colonel."

Sunday—Charity Benefit—Ginger Rogers in "Romance in Manhattan."

Monday—Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy in "Broadway Bill."

Tuesday—All Star Cast in "Little Friend."

Wednesday—Jack La Rue in "The Fighting Rookie."

Thursday—Bing Crosby and Kitty Carlisle in "Here Is My Heart."

Friday—Victor Jory and Fay Wray in "White Lies."

Death Investigated



PINEHURST, N. C. . . . Above is a recent informal photo of Mrs. H. Bradley Davidson, Jr., heiress to the Stadler hotel fortune, whose death from monoxide gas in the garage of her home here is being closely investigated.

JAMBES POST ENTER- TAINS AT BARBECUE

The Jambes Post of the American Legion entertained a host of Legionnaires and friends of the American Legion at a delightful barbecue last Tuesday. The barbecue was held in the attractive Club House of the Green Hill Golf Club, and it was evident that all present had a hilarious time.

Prominent Legionnaires attending from neighboring towns were, Colonel H. A. Newell and Major I. W. Jenkins of the Henderson Post; Commander Richardson and Robert Brantley of the Spring Hope Post; Legionnaires A. H. Henderson, Eddie McGhee, Reuben Pearce, Allen and Colonel McJhee of the Franklin Post. Mr. Moss, well known Spanish American War veteran of Franklinton was one of the honored guests.

The barbecue was given in honor of Hubert E. Olive, Department Commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Commander Olive addressed the assembly and in no uncertain terms told the Legionnaires why from every standpoint, the Government of the United States should pay the World War Veterans their Adjusted Compensation Certificates in cash immediately.

He also emphasized the fact that after thirteen years of fighting by the Legion for the Universal Selective Service Act, we may expect to see Congress pass an Act that would draft labor, materials and capital in the event of another war as well as men for military and naval service. The idea of this Act is to take the profit out of war and thereby lessen the possibility of another horrible and disastrous conflict.

The Jambes Post of the American Legion has the second largest membership of its history. The present membership is sixty three, which successful growth is due to the splendid work of Legionnaire Claude Collins, who obtained fifty seven of the present sixty three members. For this outstanding work, Comrade Collins has been awarded the "Go Getters" distinguished service Legion emblem and the Jambes Post has been awarded the National Legion Citation for Distinguished Service.

The Jambes Post extends an invitation to every World War Veteran to join the Legion and hopes to enroll many additional members with in the near future.

VISIT GREENSBORO

On Saturday, March 9, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gill, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. B. G. Allen motored to Greensboro for a short visit with their daughters, Ruth Gill and Mary Allen. They attended the tea given by the faculty honoring the Honor Students.

Misses Gill and Allen both being on the Honor Roll.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The TIMES is requested to state that the American Legion Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt on Tuesday afternoon, March 19th, at 3:30 o'clock and be entertained by Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt, Mrs. W. H. Allen and Mrs. G. M. Geam. All members are urged to be present.

P. T. A. MINSTREL

Remember the date Friday evening, March 23rd, and don't miss the big "Bandanna Minstrel" presented at the Louisburg Opera House under the auspices of Louisburg Parent-Teachers Association—watch for further announcements concerning this big and glorious production.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



WASHINGTON . . . A favorite photograph of the venerable 93-year old Oliver Wendell Holmes, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. His critical illness created concern throughout the nation.

Recorder's Court

No cases of any special interest were before Franklin Recorders Court Monday. The docket was rather small and was disposed of as follows:

Maurice Sturdervan, larceny, nolle pros with leave.

Linnie Pearce, larceny, nolle pros with leave.

Hallie Griffin, larceny, nolle pros with leave.

Clyde Griffin, larceny, plead guilty to trespass, to be discharged upon saving the county harmless.

Limp Fuller, non-support, continued.

Earley Johnson, violating prohibition law, guilty, 3 months on roads, upon payment of \$15 fine and costs execution of road sentence to be staged upon pleasure of court.

Willie Morgan, reckless driving, guilty of operating car at unlawful rate of speed, to be discharged upon payment of costs.

F. E. Stallings having failed to comply with former order of court execution of road sentence to issue immediately.

FORMAL OPENING

Mrs. Marguerite Finch celebrated the formal opening of her beauty salon on last Thursday evening, with one hundred and fourteen guests registering.

Fruit punch and wafers were served by Miss Pete Hill, Mrs. E. C. Perry, Jr., and Miss Grace Pruitt. Misses Susie and Lonie Meadows recorded appointments for the guests, while Miss Athlea Boone presided over the Guest Register.

This was a most auspicious opening for Marguerite's Beauty Salon and all guests were pleased with the up-to-date equipment and splendid arrangement of the shop.

Cotton Meeting

For the thirteenth consecutive year Franklin County members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will hold their annual meeting in the court house here Friday, March 22, at 11:00 o'clock for the purpose of hearing from M. G. Mann, general manager, a report on the past year's operation.

Mr. Mann will discuss frankly the affairs of the association and will also point out the need for growing better cotton and will discuss production credit, the cotton market situation and also the program of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

Members are invited to bring their friends and neighbors with them to the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting members will elect delegates to the district convention, to be held later, and at which time candidates will be nominated for director of the district. The candidates will then be voted upon by the membership in the district and the one receiving the most votes will serve as director for the ensuing year.

The meeting here is one of a series of 33 that will be held during March and April. The association now has more than 18,000 members.

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Mrs. S. C. Foster R. N. formerly in charge of the Community Hospital has severed connections with the hospital and taken the position of County nurse and is now connected with the Franklin County Health Department.

The Community Hospital is now under the management of Mrs. Bernice Teachey, R. N., a graduate of Mary Elizabeth Hospital, Raleigh and a resident of Franklin County, who promises the Community the same high excellence of service which the former management offered the sick of Franklin County.

Digest Of Possible Effects

Proposed Amendments To The Agricultural Adjust- ment Act.

All the more important of the proposed amendments to the present Agricultural Adjustment Act apply to Section 8 of the present Act, which is concerned with the "General Powers" of the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with "commodity benefits."

First Amendment
The first amendment provides that in the place of the present cash payment, benefit payments may be made in agricultural commodities acquired by the Secretary in the course of such commodity loan operations as the cotton loans of last year, using processing taxes to redeem the cotton, wheat or other commodity and then, if he chose, paying signers of corn-hog contracts in balis of cotton.

Second Amendment
It is generally believed that the present Act restricts the issuance of licenses exclusively to processors and then only for the purpose of carrying out the terms of a marketing agreement which has been signed by more than fifty per cent of the manufacturers affected.

The second proposed amendment extends the licensing power of the Secretary of Agriculture to include not only processors but all those "engaged in the handling of any agricultural commodity or product thereof, or any competing commodity or product thereof" (farm buyers, transportation companies, warehouses and grain elevators, wholesalers and retailers), and makes it possible to issue licenses even against the will of the majority of those affected. Since the majority of the articles of commerce are either composed in part of some "agricultural commodity" or some commodity which may be regarded as in some sense competing with agriculture, the second of the proposed amendments make the Secretary the potential dictator of the greater part of American industry.

Specifically, the second amendment provides that subject only to the formality of a public hearing:

"Subsection 1. The Secretary of Agriculture may, regardless of their attitude, place under license 'processors, associations of producers, and others engaged in handling any agricultural commodity' for the purpose of eliminating unfair practices or charges that tend to prevent the effectiveness of the declared policy (of the Act) and the restoration of normal economic conditions in the marketing of such commodities or products and the financing thereof."

It should be noted that, subject to court review, it is left to the Secretary of Agriculture to interpret the meaning of the words "unfair practices and charges." It is well known that certain elements in the Department are unfavorable to the advertising of food products on the ground that advertising tends to increase what they regard as an excessive spread between farm selling price and cost to the consumer. While it is unlikely that the Department would attempt to eliminate food advertising entirely, it might under this wording hold that advertising in excess of a certain percentage of gross sales resulted in "unfair charges" for agricultural products.

Subsection 2. The Secretary may place under license any class of processors or handlers of agricultural commodities provided signatures to a marketing agreement are secured from persons processing or handling more than fifty per cent of the volume of business done in that classification.

While not so arbitrary as the previous subsection which permits the issuing of licenses against the will of all the persons affected, this subsection makes it possible for the will of a small numerical minority of large processors or handlers to be imposed on the majority if that should fall in with the Secretary's purposes.

Subsection 3. The Secretary, if he wishes to place under license all processors and handlers of an agricultural commodity, need, with the President's approval, merely propose a marketing agreement, hold a hearing, and then come to the conclusion that since persons handling fifty per cent or more of the volume of the commodity refuse to sign the agreement, the issuance of licenses is the only practical means of advancing the interests of producers.

In this instance the only restriction on the terms of the license (except with respect to production and sales quotas) is that it "make effective the marketing plan set forth in the proposed marketing agreement" and shall not be in conflict with existing Acts of Congress or regulations pursuant thereto. The Secretary may, if he sees fit, specify resale

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Acclaimed for Best 1934 Screen Performance



HOLLYWOOD . . . Above are Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable who co-starred in "I. Happened One Night" to win the award of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts, as the best screen performance of 1934. The awards were gold statuettes.

NOTICE Cotton Contract For 1935

Old Age Pension—Townsend Plan

Mr. W. B. Fisher, of Andrews, N. C., a State Manager for the Townsend Old Age Pension Plan will explain this Pension Bill to the people of Franklin County in the school building at Franklinton, N. C., on Thursday, March 21, 1935, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. This Bill has already been introduced in Congress and is being favored by a large number of congressmen.

About 35,000,000 voters have already signed and sent in petitions, but more of these are needed. No charge for signing petitions. The Bill provides that the Government pay to all citizens of the United States, man or woman over 60 years of age \$200. per month the rest of their lives upon two conditions, viz: Job if any given up to the younger unemployed; and to spend the entire amount of the pension every 30 days. Mr. Fisher says "This sounds too good to be true, but do not make up your mind until you have heard the Bill explained. I would like for all citizens, men and women, in the County to become familiar with this Pension and Business Recovery Plan."

"Should sickness or anything prevent me from being present at the time mentioned in this notice I will wire your Editor."

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The members and friends of the Church are asked to watch the newspaper for weekly announcements of Lenten Services.

Services for the Second Sunday in Lent, March 17th, will begin with Holy Communion, at 8 a. m. Church School, including Bible class and Kindergarten, 10:00.

Morning Prayer and Sermon 11:00.

Y. P. S. L. 7:00 p. m.

The week-day Lenten Service next week will be held on Friday afternoon at 5:30, Litany, Prayers, and Organ Meditations. (Fri., March 22). Unless otherwise announced, all services will be in the Church. Visitors always welcome.

THE TELEVISION BOOK

Mrs. Yarborough's piano pupils will present a musical sketch, entitled "The Television Book," at Mills High School, Friday evening, March 15th, at 8 o'clock. They will be assisted by the Junior and Senior High School Glee Clubs. Every one is cordially invited.

New Trust Buster

ATLANTA . . . Miss Patricia Collins (above), has been appointed special attorney in the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice by Attorney General Cummings.



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Tobacco Contracts

Farmers who could not sign a Tobacco Reduction Contract last year and wish to sell their tobacco tax free this year should meet with their Township Committeemen, next Monday and Tuesday, March 18th and 19th, to make a formal application for a new Special Base Contract.

The following townships will begin work Monday morning at 9 o'clock:

Youngsville—Mayor's Office, Franklinton—Mayor's Office, Harris—Harris School.

Bunn—Wiggs' Store—Bunn, Louisburg—Union Warehouse.

The following will begin work at 1:30 o'clock Monday p. m.: Sandy Creek—Gold Sand School.

Hayesville—Dickie's Store, Gold Mine—Centerville, Cedar Rock—Stallings' Store near Edward Best School.

Cypress Creek—Seven Paths.

Your application should be filed with the Community Committeemen on the above dates so the County Committeemen will have time to review, finish with the investigation of each, and send the applications to the State Board of Review by March 25th. It will be your duty to tell your friends of this notice, because Saturday, March 23rd is the last day an application will be taken by a committeeman.

It will be impossible to tell, at this time, how much tobacco acreage and production you will be entitled to receive. The applications will then be sent to the State Board of Review who will give the base figures from which your Special Base Contract will be worked. The Special Base Contract will carry the same regulations as the 1934 and 1935 Tobacco Production Adjustment Contract.

A payment of six dollars (\$6.00) per acre will be paid for each acre between the base, as found by the State Board of Review, and the acres that you will be allowed to plant.

There are several regulations that will guide the Committeemen in recommending applications for the year 1935. These regulations made in Washington will permit the County Committeemen to recommend an application for approval provided that:

(1) The farm in question is equipped for the production of tobacco, and tobacco was grown on that farm in one of the years 1929 to 1934 inclusive.

(2) The producer or tenants who live on the farm in 1935 must have grown tobacco or were engaged in the production of tobacco in some of the years 1929 to 1934.

The Committee can not recommend for approval any application for a farm that is covered by a 1934 and 1935 tobacco Production Contract. If the owner of a farm has signed a tobacco contract on one or more of his farms and for some reason has not signed a tobacco contract on some other farm that he owns, operates, or controls, he or his tenants can not sign a Special Base Contract on that farm. No farmer can sign a Special Base Contract on a farm that is eligible for a 1934-1935 Tobacco Production Adjustment Contract.

Special Base Contracts are intended for only those farmers who have not, and can not sign tobacco adjustment contracts and who, because of conditions beyond their control, can not get a fair allotment under a 1934 and 1935 tobacco contract. The Special Base Contract provides for those people who have moved from farms that were under 1934 contracts, but not for those people who moved from these farms under contract with the intention of using their personal history to obtain allotments on some other farm that is not under contract.

There will be only one application filled out for a farm which is considered as one unit. If there are several cash tenants or managing share tenants on the same tract of land, owned by the same person, then each of these parts farmed by separate tenants will be considered as a farming unit and each tenant will be allowed to sign a separate application with the operator. All sharetenants, and share-croppers who have an interest in the tobacco crop will be required to sign the application. Applications for Special Base Contracts will be filed by only those who are actively engaged in the production of tobacco on the farm, not by absentee landowners who do not participate in production or direction of production of the crops on the farm.

E. J. Morgan, County Agent.

Contract signers for 1935 will be given the choice of three options from which they may choose the number of acres that they might plant:

(1) Rent 25% of the base acreage to the Government.

(2) Rent 30% of the base acreage.

(3) Rent 35% of the base acreage.

Cotton growers should consider these options carefully before they make their decisions. No matter which option they might choose, they will be issued certificates to cover only 65% of their base

For example:
A farm with a base of 9 acres, and an adjusted base average of 200 pounds per acre:
Rents 25% of base equal 7 acres to plant equal 1170 pounds to sell tax-free.
Rents 30% of base equal 6 acres to plant equal 1170 pounds to sell tax-free.
Rents 35% of base equal 5 acres to plant equal 1170 pounds to sell tax-free.

From this example, 1170 pounds is the limit that this farmer may sell free no matter which option is his choice.