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Stewart Slayers Will Die Friday

Johnny Branch May Be Reinstated

ALUMNI BRING PRESSURE ON COACH COLLINS

Salisbury Boy, Outstanding Quarterback In South, May Again Don Carolina Uniform.

DISMISSED LAST WEEK FOR BREACH OF TRAINING RULES

Alumni From All Over State Petition Coach Collins To Give Johnny Another Chance.

Johnny Branch, wonder pigskin artist at Carolina for the past two years but who was dismissed from the squad last week for a breach of the training rules, may be reinstated, according to reports emanating from Chapel Hill Wednesday.

Alumni from all over the state are petitioning Coach Collins to give the Salisbury boy another chance.

The decisive defeat suffered by Carolina last Saturday at the hands of the powerful Georgia eleven has resulted in a definite move for Branch's reinstatement.

Carolina plays Tennessee Saturday. It is expected that Branch will be placed back on the squad until after the Tennessee game.

Meantime, Branch has been working out with the freshmen each day; apparently, in the hope of being given another opportunity.

Branch was dismissed from the squad following the game with the Florida Gators several weeks ago.

During the past two scholastic years, Branch has played quarterback for Carolina. Without question he is considered one of the outstanding quarterbacks in the south. In practically every game in which he has participated, the midge giant has starred.

Salisbury is Johnny's home and thousands of local admirers, together with legion friends over the state, are supporting the movement to have him reinstated.

This is Johnny's last year at Carolina. He played on the freshman team. He also handled the quarterback position for Carolina during his sophomore and junior years.

DEATH CLAIMS GEORGE EAGLE

George C. Eagle, for 36 years a member of the Salisbury police force, died Wednesday morning in the Salisbury hospital following an illness of several weeks.

Death resulted from heart trouble which followed an attack of influenza.

Funeral services had not been arranged late Wednesday, pending the arrival of an only son from New Orleans.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Annie Eagle, one son, Earl Eagle, who is with a railroad company in New Orleans, and one daughter, Mrs. J. Adam Hall, who with her husband, reside at the Eagle home. Two nieces, Misses Lottie and Jennie Eagle, of Norfolk, Va., formerly of this city, also survive.

NEGRO BOY KILLED

Wilmingon.—The mule he was riding becoming stubborn while standing in the middle of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad tracks at Willard, James Owen Jacobs, 10, negro, was instantly killed when the animal and boy were struck by an Atlantic Coast Line freight train. Witnesses said that the mule refused to be guided by the youth who worked frantically to ride him off the tracks in the face of the approaching train.

GOOD MORNING

It's fine to say "good-morning"
It's great to say "Hello";
To shake the hand of my fellow man,
Is the grandest thing I know.

A DIME A DAY		
End of		Interest at 5 per cent
1st year.....	\$ 36.50	\$ 1.82
2nd year.....	74.82	3.74
3rd year.....	115.06	5.75
4th year.....	157.31	7.86
5th year.....	201.67	10.08
6th year.....	248.25	12.41
7th year.....	297.16	14.85
8th year.....	348.51	17.42
9th year.....	402.43	20.12
10th year.....	459.05	22.95
11th year.....	518.50	25.92
12th year.....	580.96	29.04
13th year.....	646.42	32.32
14th year.....	715.28	35.76
15th year.....	787.54	39.38
16th year.....	863.42	43.17
17th year.....	943.09	47.15
18th year.....	1,026.74	51.34
19th year.....	1,114.58	55.73
20th year.....	1,206.81	60.34
21st year.....	1,305.65	

THAT'S DIFFERENT
"An armless dress I like,"
Confessed Miss Sadie Karms,
"But I ne'er would date with
A boy who had no arms!"

LITTLE SLIP OF MEMORY
Judge (sternly)—What alibi have you for crashing through the red lights that way?

Youth—Well, your Honor, you see red on a girl's lips never means stop and I forget now and then that it does at the street crossing.

LIARS ET AL
The Davie Record says: "There are ordinary liars, extraordinary liars and common everyday liars, and there are a few liars who can't be classified."

Well, brother, our guess is the one that can't be classified could easily be called a newspaper editor who wilfully misrepresents things.

LONGING
Today I saw a flock of birds
Flying, flying southward—
And I longed with all my being
To be free

To follow . . . on.
And yesterday I heard a gypsy song
I closed my eyes
And seemed to hear their laughter,
And see their dancing feet.

I longed so much
To follow gypsy ways;
But I dared not!
For I am held by bonds
Stronger than life;

By prejudice and fears—
And doubts and lov'd ones' tears.
I am imprisoned here!
. . . So I seem calm to all,
And hide this wild desire
To be free . . . to follow on.

HO, HUM!
Blinks—A woman never knows her own mind.
Jinks—No, that's why department stores have to have exchange desks and the country divorce courts.

SHE WILL
You can interest a modern young woman in new ways to fix her half grown hair, but she'd yawn in your face if you tried to tell her about new ways to fix potatoes.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Amusing juxtaposition of film titles seen in front of a local movie theatre:
Love Come Back
The Devil to Pay.

Accidentally cynical arrangement of two more observed by a correspondent:
I take This Woman
Hell Bound.

—News-Topic.

The development of certain passions demands the elimination of others.

PLANS LAUNCHED TO RELIEVE NEEDY IN CITY THIS WINTER; MAYOR HEDRICK CALLS MEETING

Plans to relieve the unemployment situation in Salisbury and to provide the necessities of life for the destitute this winter, were mapped out at a meeting held in the courthouse Monday night with several hundred citizens and civic leaders in attendance. The meeting was called by and presided over by Mayor B. V. Hedrick. Mayor Hedrick outlined a tentative plan suggested by the city council, which, in brief, follows:

1. Registration of all needy persons.
2. Obtain full history of all applicants for assistance.
3. Widening of a number of streets in Salisbury to provide work for the unemployed, payment to be made in script, purchases to be made at designated headquarters.
4. Organization by women of sewing circles to make and distribute clothes among needy.
5. Request local firms and industries to add others to payroll.
6. Provide work for those seeking employment.
7. Group church women and assign circles to attend to children needing food and clothes.
8. The movement to be financed by contributions of those regularly employed ranging from 4 to 8 per cent of salaries drawn.

The meeting was presided over by the following:
E. J. Coltrane, superintendent of the Salisbury schools; R. J. Everest, president of the chamber of commerce; Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Dutera, Chief W. A. Brown of the fire department, P. S. Carlton, City Councilman Max L. Barker, Secretary R. E. L. Niel of the chamber of commerce, former Mayor J. L. Fisher, Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, Mrs. B. V. Hedrick, and S. T. Cornelison, secretary of the Central Labor Union.

The following committees were appointed to draft plans to aid the unemployed and needy:

- General chairman—Marvin Snider.
- Registration committee—Max L. Barker, chairman; Charles L. Burkett, A. P. Hartline.
- Purchasing agent—R. Lee Mahaley.
- Finance committee—Frank Link, chairman; Sam Carter, Donald Clem-

Who's Who In Rowan

- OFFICERS OF VARIOUS LOCAL UNIONS
- PIEDMONT LODGE No. 136 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS
President, H. J. Kester.
Vice President, J. H. Benton.
Recording Secretary, J. W. Rideoutte.
Financial Secretary, G. G. Myers.
Conductor, H. W. Peterson.
Sentinel, C. T. Tichenor.
- TRUSTEES
- I. J. McAdams.
J. C. Lipe.
H. C. Lentz.
- SHOP COMMITTEE
- F. T. Cornelius, Chairman.
H. G. Fisher.
J. S. Pipkin.
J. K. Loflin.
J. L. Fisher.
D. B. Miller.
- SPENCER LODGE No. 205 BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY CARMEN OF AMERICA
- D. C. Carter, President.
H. F. Grubb, Vice President.
J. W. Marshall, Recording Secretary.
- G. E. Carter, Financial Secretary.
D. M. Phillips, Treasurer.
J. L. Bogle, Inside Sentinel.
J. C. Lemly, Warden.
R. G. Stewart, Chaplain.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
J. W. Lawson.
R. E. Edmundson.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS IN BRIEF

PACKHOUSE BURNED

Henderson.—Another packhouse fire with heavy damage occurred here when flames destroyed a quantity of tobacco belonging to Henry Steed, several miles east of the city. It was estimated that from 15 to 20 barns of tobacco was stored in the packhouse, valued at around \$1,500 to \$2,000. Mr. Steed carried insurance, and is believed to have been covered.

CANNON ON BOARD

Concord.—Charles A. Cannon, of Concord, N. C., president of the Cannon Mills, Inc., was elected a director of the New York Life Insurance company at the monthly meeting of the board of directors. Mr. Cannon's election fills the vacancy created by the death of Richard L. Manning, former governor of South Carolina.

NEGRO SUES FOR DAMAGES

High Point.—Lee Flake, negro, who was accused by officers of threatening to defend his little home on East Washington street with a gun against foreclosure, started a suit in High Point municipal court against the High Point Perpetual Building and Loan association and others to set aside the foreclosure proceedings and says that he will sleep on the doorsteps of his "own house," the door being locked against him, pending the settlement of the suit.

BANKERS FREED

New Bern.—By directed verdict of the court, William W. Griffin, E. H. Meadows and E. C. Rea, officials or directors of the former National Bank of New Bern, were in federal court acquitted of a charge of violating national banking laws. Two other cases involving former national bank officials here were continued until the next term of court.

MAN FOUND DEAD

North Wilkesboro.—Ernest Reece, 27, of Boomer, was found dead beside a road some distance from his home and Claud Russell, Ward Hester and Charles Gross were arrested as material witnesses pending completion of an investigation.

The trio said they had found Reece in a drunken stupor, and had left him beside the road, returning to find him dead.

Dr. H. B. Smith examined Reece's body and expressed the belief he had died from natural causes superinduced by liquor.

HOTEL MANAGER SENTENCED

Charlotte.—A. W. Hartley, manager of the Mecklenburg hotel here, was convicted on two counts charging violation of the prohibition laws and District Attorney Charles A. Jonas took under consideration a move to have the hotel padlocked. Judge E. Yates Webb sentenced Hartley to 10 months in prison after a federal jury had convicted him of maintaining a nuisance and possessing materials for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. A fine of \$500 was suspended. Hartley appealed and gave bond of \$5,000.

POLICE APPREHEND YOUTHS

Fayetteville.—Scaling the wall of an adjoining building, two white youths, one of them a one-legged boy, entered a skylight in the McFayden Music house and were caught by police as they sought to escape with a portable typewriter case filled with jewelry belonging to P. O. Hoffner, who has a jewelry shop in the music company's building. Both are in jail awaiting trial. The boys gave their names as Edwin Waddell and Zach Smith.

TAKES OWN LIFE

Asheville.—W. T. Clayton, 53, hotel manager and father-in-law of Sheriff Lawrence E. Brown, shot himself in the kitchen of his hotel in the heart of the city. He died immediately.

TWO NEGROES TO PAY FOR CRIME WITH OWN LIVES

J. W. Ballard And Bernice Mathews, Confessed Murderers, On Death Row In State Prison.

NO EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY WILL BE REQUESTED

Appeal Withdrawn When Negroes Confess Guilt To Officers While Enroute To Raleigh.

The lives of J. W. Ballard and Bernice Mathews, youthful negro slayers of Frank Stewart, filling station operator, near Franklin, Rowan county, will be snuffed out by the state, Friday, October 23.

Nothing but a reprieve or commutation by Governor Gardner will delay the execution.

While en route to Raleigh, following the trial at the September term of Rowan county Superior court, the two negroes confessed their guilt. The appeals, which were taken when verdicts of conviction were rendered, were withdrawn by counsel for the defendants, appointed by the court.

According to the state's evidence, Ballard and Mathews, on the afternoon of September 7, entered the filling station of Frank Stewart on the Franklin road and ordered certain merchandise. While Stewart was in the act of taking the merchandise from the shelves of the filling station, one of the negroes drew a gun and killed Mr. Stewart. After fatally wounding him, the negroes robbed him of \$18 in cash and fled.

They were later apprehended and convicted. Both Ballard and Mathews confessed their guilt the night after their conviction while being taken to Raleigh by local officers. Executive clemency has not been asked for either slayer.

Several citizens of the county have requested permits to witness the execution. They expect to go to Raleigh today.

Reports from Raleigh indicate the two slayers are resigned to their fates. Both of the slayers are around 20 years of age. Ballard is from Salisbury while Mathews says he is from Thomas, Ga.

It has been several years since anyone from Rowan county has been executed for a similar capital crime.

Ortho Poole Fined \$300 In Fed. Court

Ortho Poole, former substitute mail carrier, indicted in federal court on a charge of rifling the mails, was fined \$300.00 and required to pay to the clerk of court the sum of \$483.24, the amount alleged to have been stolen, late Wednesday afternoon by Judge Johnson J. Hayes. Poole was also placed on probation for a period of three years.

The money to be paid to the clerk of court will be distributed to persons whose funds were taken from the mails by Poole.

CHILD KILLED BY PEANUT

Albemarle.—A peanut particle lodged in the lung of Kenneth Morgan, 18-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cranford Morgan, of Big Lick, and caused the child's death a few hours later. Physicians in a local hospital were unable to remove the particle.

BURNS PROVE FATAL

Goldsboro.—Leslie Hood, 32, died in a hospital in Goldsboro from burns received when a can of blazing gasoline was spilled over his head and body at the Neuse Grist mill in Goldsboro.