

WIFE OF DEAD MAN GETS OUT WARRANT

Coroner's Inquest Interrupted by Arrest of Officer Crutchfield

SOLICITOR TAKES CHARGE

Inquiry Discontinued From Friday to Tuesday—Crutchfield Held Under \$1000 Bond for Death of Homer Sillmon, Fatally Shot Last Tuesday While Allegedly Resisting Arrest.

At ten o'clock Monday night, the third day of the coroner's inquest, later converted into a preliminary hearing, of the killing of Homer Sillmon by Deputy Sheriff Charlie Crutchfield, the court sitting at Siler City adjourned. Crutchfield was bound over to court.

There has probably never before been a case of the kind that lasted so long in Chatham county. The first session of the coroner's inquest was held at Greensboro a week ago today. It adjourned to Siler City and spent Friday of last week in session there. Mrs. Sillmon having taken out a warrant against the officer, the inquest was converted during that day into a preliminary trial of Crutchfield, and when evening came and Mrs. Sillmon wished to have other witnesses heard and the burial was set for Saturday, the court adjourned till Tuesday of this week. The coroner and the jury members from Pittsboro left here early Tuesday morning, and all day long and into the night were engaged in the inquiry, though it seemed a very simple matter.

Mrs. Sillmon had employed Attorney Koonce of Greensboro and Solicitor Williams was on hand representing the state. Only those there Tuesday could tell what held them so long, even if they can. Mrs. Sillmon numerous witnesses present to rebut the testimony of Greensboro officers as to her husband's dangerous character, and the question of his possession of a gun was an issue. There were plenty of people who did not believe that the officers found a gun in the Sillmon car, though one was shown as taken from it after the shooting. The jury took two hours to come to an agreement. Bond was fixed at \$1000.

Court is in session next week, and the case will probably go then before the grand jury. Possibly, also, if a bill of indictment shall be secured against Crutchfield, the jury may also inquire into the behavior of Deputy Desern, who also is alleged to have shot at Sillmon, and with no more justification.

It has been a difficult task to get the straight of the matter of the shooting of Homer Sillmon Tuesday last week by Officer Charlie Crutchfield. Even the Siler City paper, published almost in sight of the shooting, failed to get the name of the man wounded and now dead, publishing his name as Sullivan in its last week's issue. The wounded man was quickly conveyed to a Greensboro hospital and the officers who knew the story were disinclined to talk much when approached by any newspaper man.

Sillmon, an account of whose shooting appeared in last week's Record, died of his wounds Wednesday. The sheriff consulted Solicitor Williams, who took charge of the case for the state, working in conjunction with Coroner George H. Brooks. Mr. Brooks selected a jury composed of Messrs. R. M. Eubanks, William Farrar, E. E. Williams, of Pittsboro, and Wade Paschal, J. A. Dark, and J. C. Fishmore of Siler City, or environs, and went, on Thursday afternoon, to view the body in Greensboro. An inquiry was held there in chambers, but while the testimony before the coroner was not made public, the Daily News gathered from Crutchfield and others who testified some matters of interest and importance. Said the News on Friday morning:

"Homer Sillmon's companion just prior to the shooting, who since Tuesday has been held in the Chatham jail, has been identified as Hubert Sillmon, a cousin of Homer and who escaped from the Guilford county chargin' gang. He was returned here yesterday afternoon to compete his sentence on the Guilford roads, imposed on a forgery charge.

"Although Crutchfield's testimony before the coroner's jury has not yet been made public, in an interview with a Daily News reporter yesterday afternoon, he asserted that with his .28 revolver he fired twice at Homer Sillmon when he saw Homer with a gun in his hand and in the act of raising it to shoot.

"C. T. Desern and I met Sillmon on the Siler City-Staley road just after we had failed to get him at the garage in Siler City where he had stopped to get the Cadillac autom-

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A. & Y. Road Goes Back to Southern

Decision of Federal Judge E. Yates Webb ordering an end to the receivership of the Atlantic and Yadkin railroad and turning the road back to its original owners, means in effect that the road goes under control of the Southern railway. This ends a legal fight of more than five years involving the railroad from Sanford to Greensboro in which the State of North Carolina owns stock.

MacDonald Pleads for More Patience

In an eloquent address in New York City last Friday night, Premier Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain pleaded with the American people to be patient with Britain as his people changed the "furniture of their minds on the sea aramant." The premier pointed out that centuries of thinking in terms of the world's biggest navy had developed a spirit that could not be changed in a few months. As the American people show patience with the British they will contribute to international peace, he said.

Hugh Chatham, Mill Magnate, is Dead

Hugh Chatham, aged 66, head of the Chatham Mills of Winston-Salem and Elkin, and one of the leaders in Textile development of the South, died at Baltimore last Thursday. He began work as a boy in his father's woolen mill at Elkin and learned the whole process of wool manufacture from the bottom. Later he enlarged the plant, organized a big corporation and had made the name of Chatham synonymous with the best product in wool blankets. He was a public spirited citizen and had rendered great service to his county and at Winston-Salem and his body was brought there for burial.

Davidson May Quit All Military Training

One of the liveliest discussions at the North Carolina synod in session last week at Rockv Mount was precipitated when Rev. A. J. McElwain of Laurel Hill offered a motion instructing the trustees of Davidson college to abolish all military training. After some discussion a substitute motion naming a committee to confer with the board was adopted. Another matter of general interest was action of the synod in authorizing its several agencies to purchase \$3,600 worth of display advertising from the Presbyterian Standard during the year. The Standard, published at Charlotte is official organ of the Presbyterian church in this state and it has had a hard time during the past years. The \$300 a month additional business will help the paper to continue its program of service to the church.

Deputies Bound Over at Marion

Eight deputies were bound over for trial at superior court on charges of murder as result of the investigation conducted last week into the killing of six mill workers during recent rioting at a Marion mill. Sheriff Adkins and seven other deputies were released. Those bound over were placed under \$3,000 bond each. The hearing was conducted by Judge W. F. Harding of Charlotte sitting as a committing magistrate. The death toll was increased to six Friday when T. L. Carver, 54, died of wounds received in the melee October 2.

Judge Harding, in announcing his findings, said that Sheriff Adkins was within his legal right in using force to dispel the picketing strikers, and that the strikers acted illegally in attempting to keep other people from lawful work. However, all of the evidence adduced at the hearing tended to show that the shooting was done by the deputies, and seven of them were bound over for trial at McDowell superior court.

SATURDAY GOOD DAY FOR SOUTHERN TEAMS

Saturday was a good day for Southern football teams. All the sport writers' dope was upset when Georgia University defeated Yale 15 to 0, and Davidson scored on the south by Yale and the southern victory has greatly boosted interest in football. The name of this section this week will be between Georgia and Carolina at Chapel Hill Saturday.

Pittsboro's Great New Theatre Opens Saturday

Fields Building Nearing Completion—Work Being Rushed to Have Theatre Ready for Opening Saturday at 2:30.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT COST \$42,000

A Real Ornament to the Old Town—L. J. Phipps of Chapel Hill to Be Manager of Theatre—Factory Man Who Installs Equipment to Be Temporary Operator

The great Fields building, the first real step in modernizing the business district of Pittsboro, is rapidly approaching completion. The Record planned withholding an account of it till it is completed, when a photograph and a full description would be run. But the rather unexpected purpose to open the theatre Saturday in a measure disrupts the proposed plan. Part of the story must be told this week.

Elsewhere in the Record is a full-page announcement of the opening of the theatre, with the program for the following five days. The fact that next week is court week, when many people will be in Pittsboro from all parts of the county, doubtless had its influence in determining upon the Saturday's opening. It will give a county-wide opportunity to see just what kind of theatre the old town has, both in the way of building and in the character of the plays.

A Truly Modern Building
Mr. W. G. Fields, to whom the town is under many obligations for the erection of its first truly modern business building, has spared no expense in its erection and equipment. Mr. Fields is known as a builder who gets full value for every dollar expended; yet he is spending here a total of \$42,000 in the erection and equipment of the handsome structure that bears his name. But you can find plenty of buildings that cost far more which do not contain the material and the workmanship comprised in Pittsboro's handsome new structure. It is more nearly the ordinary \$60,000 structure.

Good material has gone into its construction throughout, and rather than risk having tenants mar the effect by the installation of half-handled equipment, he himself has equipped the theatre and the barbershop, and will have the two institutions run with competent managers in charge for him. One of the most effective talking and picture equipments has been installed. It will be on a par with the city theatres. Chatham county folk no longer will have to go out of the county to hear and see the most up-to-date pictures. Excellence has been the key note of the enterprise from beginning to the installation, and will continue during operation.

The theatre is of surprising length and depth. It will seat on the first floor hundreds of whites; while the convenient balcony affords abundant room and high-class opportunities for our colored population to enjoy the pictures. The heating plant, which will furnish heat for the whole building, assures comfortable quarters during winter weather, while the ventilating system is such, with the heavy walls and lofty ceiling, to assure a cool retreat in dog days. Mr.

CAROLINA WON FROM GEORGIA TECH TEAM

The University of North Carolina football squad upset the dope bucket last Friday by winning from Georgia Tech at Atlanta, 17 to 7. Carolina is said to have one of the strongest teams in its history, and the Tech squad is not so good as last year. State lost to Clemson at Florence on the same day, the score being 26-0.

INFANT DIED

The three-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Boone of Dunn died Monday and his body was brought to Hanks Chapel for burial Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Boone accompanied by quite a number of their Dunn friends, accompanied the remains. The funeral services were conducted at Dunn before the cortege left. Mrs. Boone, before marriage, was Miss Lura Womble of Lockville. Mr. Boone was reared in the Hanks neighborhood.

A. F. L. TO PUSH WORK IN SOUTH

The American Federation of Labor in session last week at Toronto adopted a committee report urging that organization work among all unions be pushed in the south. Secretary of Labor Davis and Premier MacDonald addressed the convention.

We begin by fooling others and end by fooling ourselves.

CAROLINA PEACH GROWERS TO UNITE

Aberdeen and Hamlet Kiwanis Clubs Sponsor Organization; Peach Institute Next Month

The disastrous results attending the growing and marketing of this year's peach crop, together with past years' crop or market failures has placed the peach grower in a position from which he must secure immediate relief either by improved cultural or marketing methods, or else suffer the losses so far sustained and wind up his business of peach growing, thus closing the door on Carolina's most promising agricultural industry, into which business great sums of money have been invested during the past 15 years.

Just at the peak of the peach movement of this season, there was brought to the attention of the Aberdeen Kiwanis Club, the pending disaster which Carolina peach growers were facing. The agricultural committee of this club fully realized the obvious necessity of action looking towards relief of a situation that in the past years, had gradually become more and more acute, until it had assumed such momentous proportions as to ensnare practically every grower of peaches, some of whom it threatened with utter ruin.

During the last days of July, the Kiwanis Club turned one of its meeting days over to its agricultural committee who prepared and presented before this body, a program supported by able speakers, most of whom were from the various agricultural departments of State College. These men being well versed in their subjects, presented to the club and its guests who were invited from nearby peach growing sections, a picture, which was indeed realistic and convincing and proved beyond a peradventure of a doubt the absolute necessity of coordinate action on the part of all peach growers and business interests if this so-valued industry was to be snatched from the grasp of failure and desolation.

Following this meeting, the agricultural committee with the able assistance of the extension and research men of State College and department of agriculture made an exhaustive study of this situation and its probable solution. Realizing the wide scope of the work which was being attempted, they solicited and secured the assistance and support of the Hamlet Kiwanis Club who were equally involved in the success or failure of the peach industry.

A meeting of representatives of these two clubs, peach growers of both Carolinas, agricultural extension workers and business men was called at Aberdeen, at which time this whole situation was gone over carefully and a plan of action mapped out with the successful culmination of which it is hoped a long stride will have been accomplished to return this business to a substantial basis.

Plans are now being formulated for the holding of a two-day institute at Hamlet on November 14th and 15th, at which it is hoped every peach grower of the two Carolinas will be in attendance. Interesting and instructive subjects will be discussed by able and well versed speakers. Some of the subjects thus far outlined are: Orchard sanitation; statistical information; analysis of orchard sites and soil; relation between growth and fruiting of peach trees; and soil improvement. It is hoped that this institute will develop into a permanent organization which will hold annual or semi-annual meetings in the interest of better and more economical production.

The thought has also been advanced for the formation of a growers protective association which would look towards the non-neglect of orchards; systematic and uniform control of insects and diseases; and ways and means of prohibiting the shipment or movement into the trade channels of non-marketable fruit.

At the joint meeting in Aberdeen, a committee consisting of the following were appointed a further perfect plans in connection with the institute: Geo. R. Ross, Raleigh, N. C., chairman; Dr. W. W. Long, Clemson College; Jesse W. Page, Eagle Springs, N. C.; W. N. Hutt, West End; A. G. Smith, Edmund, S. C.; J. J. Cudd, Spartanburg, S. C.; Ashley Haywood, Candor, N. C.; W. R. Land, Hamlet; and Fred P. Abbott, Hamlet, who will also act as secretary to this committee.

BRING HER WITH YOU

Many readers of the Record in remote sections of the county will have to come to court next week, and the Record suggests that every one of them bring his wife or daughter along with him for the fall shopping. Pittsboro now has stores that can compete with those of the larger towns in quality and price of goods, and it behooves every good citizen of the county to help the old town at this time of a new start in growth and prestige. Some are doing so to their own profit and the town's and county's profit.

WARD ESTIMATES DAMAGE AT \$8000

County Road Superintendent Reports 14 Bridges and Nearly Two Miles of Fills Damaged by Flood Waters

Mr. A. T. Ward, county superintendent of roads, found fourteen bridges out of commission and many fills washed out after the flood waters subsided. Last week and this have been busy ones with him and his forces. He got thirteen of the fourteen impassable bridges open last week. The worst loss was at the creek just side of Coal Glen Mine. That bridge is being replaced with a steel bridge, made from material brought from the state when the steel bridges across the Haw and the Deep near Moncure were replaced by concrete bridges.

Mr. Ward thought there were nearly two miles of fills washed out on the many roads of the county. He is doing his best to get these embankments replaced.

The loss to the county Mr. Ward estimates to be about \$8,000. As there is no way of securing additional funds for this extra expense, it probably means that less work can be done on the county roads during the year was contemplated when the levy was laid.

Seaboard Bonds Retired Under Finance Plan

Under a streamer headline announcing selection of Robert Lassiter of Charlotte as a director of the "re-adjusted Seaboard," the Charlotte Observer of last Saturday had the following story:

Information was received from New York last night of the further action taken by the directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company toward consummation of the Seaboard's readjustment plan, subject to the approval of the interstate commerce commission.

The plan involves the retirement through voluntary exchange of approximately \$22,300,000 of five per cent adjustment bonds, on which accumulated interest aggregates approximately \$4,500,000, and the issue in their stead of approximately \$11,150,000 of consolidated six per cent bonds and approximately 330,000 shares of new no par common stock.

Among the men who have consented to accept election as directors of the company is Robert Lassiter of Charlotte, it was announced.

New Stock to be Offered
The board also plans, it was learned, to offer stockholders approximately 1,900,000 shares of new no par stock at \$12 a share, which will produce in excess of \$20,000,000 new capital. Also approved was the execution of an underwriting agreement with Dillon, Reed & Co., and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., underwriting this issue.

Stockholders are expected to approve the plan, it was stated. Application of new securities involved has not yet been made for formal approval and the plan has not yet been filed with the interstate commerce commission.

Announcement was made, too, of the election of W. H. Coverdale of Coverdale & Colpitts as chairman of the board to succeed Robert L. Nutt, who announced his desire to retire as chairman after nearly 40 years of active service. He said that in view of the assured success of the refinancing plan and the strong financial position which the company will now be in, he believed the time opportune to take this step, which had been in his mind for some time. Mr. Nutt will continue as director and in an advisory capacity. Leigh R. Powell, Jr., president since 1927, will continue as president and operating executive.

It was announced by Mr. Nutt that a group had been formed to invest approximately \$10,000,000 in Seaboard securities, the stock to be purchased being the major part of that held by the estate of the late S. David Warfield, president of the Seaboard company. It was in this connection that the name of Mr. Lassiter was announced as one of those who had consented to accept election to directorship. Others are: Preston S. Arkwright of Atlanta, Walter W. Colpitts of New York City, Harvey C. Couch of Pine Bluff, Ark., William H. Coverdale of New York City, Norman H. Davis of New York City, George S. Franklin of Birmingham, Louis H. Windholz of Norfolk, and E. A. Yates of Birmingham.

TOBACCO SALES

Sales of tobacco in North Carolina during September reached 117,250,723 pounds, nearly 3,000,000 pounds more than for September last year, but the price was about a cent a pound less, making the actual return to the farmer about the same as last year.

Some women smoke whether they like it or not.