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Chatham Man Comes to Grief

Lane Neal Tries Hand at Robbery and is Shot—Is in Asheboro Jail

The following story from last week's Asheboro Courier shows how a young Chatham man came to grief by attempting to play bandit in Randolph county. Young Neal, presumably, lives in the southwest part of the county. The family, which has been a highly respectable one, came to Chatham from Rockingham county, we believe. Says the Courier:

Lane Neal, young Chatham county white man, is in Randolph county jail here with a bullet hole through his groin as the result of his attempts to rob Ed Sechrest of the latter's filling station on the Asheboro-High Point road Friday night. Neal was shot by Sechrest after the holdup man had fired a shot over Sechrest's head as a warning to hand over his cast without further argument or comment.

Neal entered Sechrest's filling station Friday night, telling a boy who was sitting just outside the door to go in and hand over his cash. The boy advised Neal that he was not owner of the station, whereupon Neal, with the boy in front, went inside the station and found Sechrest taking money from the cash drawer preparatory to closing for the night.

Fires Over Head

He demanded of Sechrest that he hand over his money, and when Sechrest delayed fired a shot over his head. Sechrest then pulled his own gun and shot Neal in the groin. The young man made a dash for his car which was parked just outside the filling station with the engine running. Sechrest then fired two shots at the gas tank, thinking the robber would attempt a get away. However, Neal ran down the road, leaving his car.

A few minutes later he returned to the filling station with hands up to surrender. He had thrown his gun away but Sechrest forced him to go back and retrieve his gun, which was handed to officers on their arrival.

The wounded man was taken to High Point where his wounds were dressed and then turned over to Randolph county officers and brought to jail in Asheboro.

News of Union Grove Colored Community

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely with Mr. Rufus Steadman as superintendent. He seems to be trying to do all he can for the upbuilding of the Sunday school.

The Easter program at Union Grove was conducted by Miss E. W. Nixon. Everybody played his part well. The choir, with Mr. A. R. Cotten as chorister, sang beautifully. Brother R. I. Headen, one of our local preachers, gave us a wonderful sermon from the subject "Who shall roll away the stone?"

Misses Mangie Pattishall, Daisy McVier, Pauline and Lucille Peoples raised the highest amounts on their Easter cards. The amount raised for the day was \$26.30.

I think the time will soon come when Union Grove will be at high water mark again.

F. V. N. P.

KUDZU AGAIN

Frequently last year The Record printed matter to encourage the introduction of kudzu into the county, but the introduction is yet to be made. Again we are clipping from the Monroe Enquirer. See what Editor Ashcraft has to say about kudzu and get ready to try it on your farm.

It indeed is gratifying that so many Union county farmers are starting "kudzu patches." Within a few years it is my prediction that practically every farm in the county will have acres and acres of this legume.

Those who have plats planted to kudzu are amazed at its growth. Farmers tell me that within the last ten days their kudzu vines have grown four to five feet.

When farmers and dairymen realize that kudzu belongs to the soy and velvet bean family, they will accept the plant wholeheartedly because it produces, wet weather or dry, four to six tons per acre of exceptionally fine hay, or will support four cows to every acre planted.

U. D. C. PRIZES

The Daughters of the Confederacy offer numerous prizes for essays and other U. D. C. work. Those interested can secure full information by applying to Mrs. J. M. Gregory, president of the Winnie Davis Chapter, U. D. C., Pittsboro, North Carolina.

Brown's Chapel News

Pastor Dailey preached a fine Easter sermon Sunday, which was followed by a communion service, in which about 100 are estimated to have joined. A good congregation of our own people was out and many visitors from other points, who had come to spend Easter with relatives.

Mr. C. J. Goodwin and family of Durham visited his brother, Mr. J. R. Goodwin, but returned to his home for the Easter service.

It is pleasing to report improvement in the health of Mrs. R. B. Lindley.

Mr. A. F. Whitaker had the misfortune to get his foot cut and Mr. C. C. Whitaker is confined with flu. This makes it pretty hard on Mrs. Whitaker.

Junius Durham purchased 300 chicks recently from Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mann, who have had their flock of layers blood-tested by the state specialists. The rapid growth of their own flock indicates that such a test pays. Junius has lost few, and the lucky catching of a chicken hawk with a steep trap assures greater safety for the rest.

Well, somebody has given us a new pencil and if somebody will give us a fountain pen or a typewriter we shall try to learn how to write. However, some other papers seem to be able to read and print our letters correctly.

We sympathize with Mr. Z. L. Dark and his high priced sick cow and Mr. O. W. Mann and his sick mule.

Mr. J. R. Goodwin, census-taker for Hadley's township, has just finished his job. He doesn't tell whether we have made a gain or not.

Mr. J. T. Mann has been appointed as registrar for the township and will have his books open for registration on Saturdays at the regular voting place (the old Henderson store).

A good old colored woman named Martha Alston spent Good Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henderson and by working, singing and fasting till after dinner showed that she was thinking more about the crucifixion of our Lord than the most of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Teer of Burlington spent Sunday afternoon with the latter's grandfather, Mr. A. F. Whitaker.

JURY LIST

For Session of Court for Trial of Criminal Cases, Beginning May 12.

The following names have been drawn for jurors in the term of court for the trial of criminal cases, to begin May 12, with Judge Small presiding, unless a change of courts shall be arranged:

J. R. Marley, W. F. Marshall, C. R. Yow, Geo. H. Brooks, Sr., W. E. Griffin, W. L. Welch, J. H. Watkins, H. E. McBane, J. E. Harmon, Wade Harper, J. J. Hatley, John C. Kidd, Tom Hearne, R. I. Bowers, W. R. Sturdivant, Frank Copeland, R. D. Phillips, A. H. Wilson, M. J. Phillips, R. S. Buchner, W. J. Durham, John Perry, M. W. Willett, Hubert Palmer, Sam M. White, B. T. Phillips, J. S. Stroud, W. B. Merritt, J. J. Hackney (H. R.), C. M. Covert, Lacy Beal, E. W. Avent, Hubert Fields, C. F. McCormack, T. C. Perry, John W. G. Horton, H. J. Cross, Edward Bennett, J. B. Ingie.

"Not a True Bill" in Sinclair Whiskey Case

A federal grand jury at Wilson Tuesday returned the indictment made by District Attorney Fisher against Judge Neil A. Sinclair as "not a true bill," and the pending case against the state jurist was dismissed by Judge Meekins. The indictment was based upon the fact that a federal prohibition enforcement officer a few weeks ago found a bottle of whiskey in Judge Sinclair's baggage when he was searching it on a tip from an unidentified source. The agent swore out a warrant for the judge, who waived preliminary hearings before a United States commissioner and let the matter go direct to the grand jury in federal court.

Judge Sinclair had previously stated to the press, and he reiterated the statement after the grand jury report, that the whiskey found had been placed in his bag without his knowledge and that it was not his whiskey.

SENATOR SIMMONS NOW FULL FLEDGED CANDIDATE

Senator F. M. Simmons is now a candidate for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself in the United States senate. He filed notice of his candidacy, together with the required fee, Monday. In doing so he subscribed to the same oath taken by all other candidates, viz., that he would support all the nominees of the Democratic party in the general election in November.

EASTER FISHING FROLIC RESULTS IN ONE DEATH

One of Party of Three Fishing in Deep River Monday Afternoon Drowned—Body Recovered Tuesday Noon

Joy was turned into grief late Monday afternoon when Mr. John E. Freeman, a member of a fishing party of three from Durham, was drowned in Deep River.

The party composed of Mr. Freeman, Messrs. Wesley Carpenter, and Vernon Smith, had secured a boat and had fished upstream from the Deep River bridge on Highway 75, setting hooks along as they rowed up stream. They had returned from up toward the coal mines, gathering up the hooks as they came. About a half-mile above the bridge they came to one that had been tied to a long over-hanging limb. Mr. Freeman stood up to untie the line from the limb, became unbalanced, and caused the boat to capsize, and the three to be thrown into the stream where the water was eight or ten feet deep.

Though Mr. Freeman is supposed to have been able to swim a little, he lost his head and when a companion swam to his aid, almost caused the latter to be drowned. The would-be rescuer broke away and reached the bank, along with the other companion. They threw off their shoes and coats in order the more effectually to cope with the struggling man, but when they looked he had sunk.

Officers at Pittsboro were notified and people began to arrive and join in the search for the body. The tragedy had occurred on a long lake where the water was deep and the current rather strong. Just opposite the scene of the tragedy the bank was high and steep and the companions had had to swim some little distance before making a landing. The bank also hindered easy approach to searchers for the body.

The night passed and midday came before the body was located. In fact, the task was about given up as a hopeless one when a young man learned that a reward of fifty dollars to the one finding the body had been offered, and he concluded to try once more. Accordingly, he let down his grapplers and happened to hook the body and drew it up.

It was found about forty feet from the spot where the drowning occurred.

Mr. Freeman is said to have been about thirty years of age, was married and leaves a wife and several small children.

Wants Special Session of 1931 Legislature

The North Carolina Tax Relief association meeting at Raleigh Monday with upwards of 500 delegates from 64 counties passed a resolution calling upon Governor Gardner to call a special session of the 1931 legislature just as soon as certificates of election can be made out for the members after the November election. The association at a recent meeting urged a special session of the 1929 body, but when that did not meet favorable reception by the governor the idea was originated to call the new legislature into session as early as possible for tax relief. There is little likelihood, however, that the governor will do this as only about a month could be saved. The regular session, will convene early in January.

The association proposes shortly to change its name to something more "catchy" and appropriate and hopes to raise a fund to carry on its publicity work until relief from burdensome real estate taxes is obtained.

According to statements made at the meeting Monday there were 100,000 tracts of land in the State sold for taxes in 1928 and 150,000 in 1929. There may be more this year. It was urged that the State should take over entire support of schools and roads, thus relieving counties of about \$24,000,000 in taxes. Of course, the people of the State will have the millions to pay just the same, but some folks think it can be levied in such way as to more nearly equalize the load.

Prison Fire in Ohio Claims 305

At least 305 men and perhaps others, met death late Monday when buildings at Ohio state prison at Columbus burst into flames. Fire originated in the prison woolen mills, and is thought to have been set by disgruntled inmates. Columbus city firemen who rushed to the scene were threatened by prisoners, and the fire was extinguished and reset several times. One troop of regular army men and a company of militia were helping to restore order early Tuesday morning. The soldiers and firemen were using gas masks for their own protection and tear bombs were used to control the rioting prisoners. This is one of the worst prison tragedies in the history of this country.

Moncure News

Miss Alma Walden, one of Moncure's most talented girls, will give her graduating music recital at Peace Institute, Raleigh, next Monday evening, April 28th. She will also graduate in a literary course at this institution this spring. Miss Walden is spending Easter at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walden.

Miss Annie Lambeth, another one of our popular girls will graduate at Greensboro College, Greensboro, this spring. Miss Lambeth is spending Easter at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lambeth.

Mr. J. V. Womble who is a member of the faculty of White Plains high school, is at home spending Easter holidays.

Miss Margaret Bullard of Raleigh spent last week-end with Miss Betty Harward.

Mr. Marvin Ray of Pee Dee, Mr. Coley Clark of Charlotte and Mr. Zeb Harrington of Merry Oaks spent Easter in town with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lambeth and daughters, Misses Annie, Dorothy and Ruth, Miss Emma Lee Mann and Miss Roberta Lambeth attended the commencement at Green Hope school this past week-end.

Miss Pauline Ray, a teacher in Mt. Airy schools and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ray and little daughters of Mt. Airy spent Easter holidays at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sammons and sons spent last week-end with friends at Hamlet.

Mr. R. A. Moore of Winston-Salem spent Easter Sunday in town with friends.

Mrs. Mary Barringer, the teacher of the primary class of the Methodist Sunday school, gave her class an Easter egg-hunt at her home this morning (Easter Monday) at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Barringer gives an egg-hunt each Easter and the little folks look forward to it with great joy.

Miss Dorothy Lambeth, the teacher of the junior class of the Methodist Sunday school gave her class a picnic, which they all enjoyed very much. All carried lunches and they enjoyed them together at some pretty place in the great outdoors. She also gave them an egg-hunt.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Durham and children of Burlington spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Womble.

Easter passed off very quietly in Moncure. Moncure Bank closed the day. Moncure school gave Easter Monday as a holiday. Some did one thing and some another. Some worked and some took the day as a holiday. Some enjoyed picnics and egg-hunts while others went fishing.

Easter bursts forth in all its beauty, springtime. The beauty and power of God can be seen everywhere. Easter is held in honor of Christ's resurrection, so joy and gladness is everywhere. Christ lives today. Our attendance at church and Sunday school each Sunday is an expression of our belief that Christ lives today.

The music recital will be given at Moncure school auditorium next Friday evening at 8 o'clock by the piano and voice students of Moncure school under the direction and supervision of Miss Lucy Boone who is an efficient piano and voice teacher. The public is cordially invited.

Robbers broke into Lambeth and Bro. store one night last week and piled goods out on the counter, getting ready to carry off the goods, if they could have gotten a car. They first tried Mr. H. B. Dellinger's, as it was locked, they had considerable effort in getting the door prized open and then they failed in starting the car. Next they went to Mr. H. T. Self's filling station and was in the act of taking a car, when Mr. Self fired a pistol so everything was dropped and they took to the woods. If they could have secured a car much goods would have been carried away, but as it was "hosiery" was the main thing taken, besides much cheese and crackers were wasted. The policeman, sheriff and deputy of Chatham county were all called, but no trace of the ones who did the deed has been found so far.

The seventh grade students of Moncure school will stand the seventh grade county examination next Wednesday. Miss Cecil Seawell is the teacher of the seventh grade in Moncure school.

The Epworth league met last Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Miss Camelia Stedman, the president called the meeting to order. The secretary, Mr. Lewis Burns, was present. After a short song service, the devotional was held by the leader, Mr. W. W. Stedman, who also gave a splendid talk on the story of Easter.

Miss Ruth Stedman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stedman, entertained some of her friends at a birthday party, Easter Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock, as Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, was her birthday. After an evening of games and a good time together, ice cream and cake were served. Ruth wishes to thank her friends for the nice presents she received and also for the nice letters she received with birthday wishes and Easter greetings. Tulips were used as decorations for the evening.

Siler City Heralded As a Real City

The Daily News of Greensboro heralded Siler City as a real city in its Tuesday morning issue, stating that the new census shows the Chatham county town to have 7,029 and as having gained 460 per cent in population during the last decade. But while the Record should be glad to know that Chatham has a town of such size and indicating so great a degree of prosperity, the figures must be discounted even before we see a correction. The good town has probably passed the two thousandth notch and not the seven thousandth. But, even then it has nearly doubled in population within ten years, and that is, by no means, bad. Few towns in the State will show such a proportionate increase. The error, granting it to be such, gives Chatham a city for one day at least. If the correct figure should be 3029 the showing would, indeed, be creditable.

Filing for State Office Ends Friday

When the clock strikes midnight Friday the last chance to file notice of candidacy for state or district office in North Carolina will have passed. The state board of elections will know Saturday morning just who is running and for what, in the June 7 primary.

Candidates for county offices will have four weeks in which to file, the expiration date being May 23. Candidates for state senate, although representing more than one county, may file as county candidates and so have until the last named date to make up their minds—and put up their cash with the county election board.

WALTER HINES PAGE BODY LATELY MOVED

The body of Walter Hines Page, one of North Carolina's most noted sons, was recently moved to a different part of the old Bethesda cemetery near Aberdeen. The Page family has purchased a lot on the highest knoll in the burying ground, skirting by the Page Memorial highway and the body was re-buried there last week.

ELECTION OFFICIALS

In view of the primary and the general election, the board of elections for Chatham county last Saturday chose the following named election officials for the various precincts of the county. The first named is registrar. The last of each group of three is a Republican.

- ALBRIGHT—M. W. Duncan, J. George Smith, B. W. Johnson.
- BALDWIN—K. H. Hackney, T. J. Hearne, J. D. Bowden.
- BUCKHORN—J. E. Cross, T. H. Buchanan, W. G. Ellis.
- EAST BEAR CREEK—J. L. McManus, Robert F. Phillips, U. G. Willett.
- WEST BEAR CREEK—E. R. Maness, B. F. Scott, Charlie Terry.
- CENTER—W. L. Johnson, J. W. Griffin, Herbert Farrell.
- GULF—Fred W. Knight, C. D. Martin, Walter Beall.
- HADLEY—J. T. Mann, Jackson W. Jones, J. R. Goodwin.
- HAW RIVER—Waverly H. Lassiter, Joe J. Hackney, C. D. Wilkie.
- MATTHEWS—V. B. Elkin, R. S. Lane, W. S. Durham.
- HICKORY MOUNTAIN—L. J. Womble, D. L. Alston, N. J. Dark.
- MERRY OAKS—J. M. Craven, E. E. Wilson, I. H. Hearne.
- MT. VERNON SPRINGS—E. H. Foust, N. H. Heritage, H. W. Johnson.
- NEW HOPE—D. J. Williams, J. R. Copeland, W. D. Beckwith.
- OAKLAND—P. M. Johnson, N. L. Badders, Not yet named.
- RICHMOND—D. Talmage Brooks, W. H. Gilmore, J. E. Rives.
- WILLIAMS—J. T. Mills, R. I. Dean, R. L. Williams.

Big Days Ahead For Campaign

Important Dates in Connection with June Primary Are Given Below

The following is a calendar of important dates connected with the June 7 primary:

April 19. Appointment of registrars and pollholders by the county board of elections.

April 25. Last day for candidates for state, district and congressional offices, except state senator, to file their candidacy with the state board of elections.

May 3. Date of opening of the registration books by the registrars at the polling places for registration of new voters. Registration books are to remain open for registration until sunset on every Saturday through Saturday, May 24, for registration.

May 23. Last day for candidates for state senator, members of house of representatives, county and township offices to file notice of their candidacy with the county board of elections.

May 28. Last day for statements of expenditures to be filed by candidates. All candidates for state and district offices shall file such statements with the secretary of state. All candidates for state senator in districts, composed of only one county, members of the house of representatives, and all county officers shall file such statements with the clerk of the superior court of their county.

May 31. Day for the registrars to attend the polling places with the registration books, from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. when and where the registration books shall be opened to the public for inspection for the purposes of challenges.

June 7. Date of Primary election.

June 9. Day for county board of election to receive returns from registrars and judges of elections.

June 27. Last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures with the secretary of state and the clerk of the superior court, same as shown for May 28th above.

July 5. Date for second primary election where same is necessary.

July 7. Day for county board of elections to receive returns from registrars and judges of elections, as to results of second primary.

Republicans Name Duncan Chairman

James S. Duncan of Greensboro was elected on the first ballot at the Republican state convention in Charlotte last week as head of the party in North Carolina for the following year. O. R. York of High Point and Jake F. Newell of Charlotte were the other candidates.

The convention was marked by harmony throughout. The two real bosses of the party in the State were not present. David H. Blair was detained in Washington by his fight on John Parker's appointment, as supreme court justice, and Congressman Chas. A. Jones was tied up with tariff and other matters.

Mr. Duncan is a son of the late Carl E. Duncan, under whose leadership the Republican party greatly prospered in North Carolina. Under his guidance there is hope among Republicans that they can stage a comeback as a real force in State politics.

Teacher—Rastus, what animal is most noted for its fur?
Rastus—De skunk. De more fur yo' gets away from his de better it am fur yo'.—The Pathfinder.

Minnie—Janet accepts kisses from strange men.
Tonka—Well, what other kind would she get them from?—The Pathfinder.

ning of games and a good time together, ice cream and cake were served. Ruth wishes to thank her friends for the nice presents she received and also for the nice letters she received with birthday wishes and Easter greetings. Tulips were used as decorations for the evening.

Mr. J. B. Wright of Columbia, S. C., is in town this week.

The following commencement program of Moncure high school will be given as follows:
Piano and voice recital, assisted by the boys' and girls' glee clubs this coming Friday evening, April 25th.

Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. H. E. Myers, professor of religious education, Duke University, 11:00 o'clock, Sunday, April 27th.
Class day exercises and baccalaureate address, Thursday evening, May 1st, 8:00 o'clock, followed by the delivering of diplomas, medals and prizes.
The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.