

NEGRO KILLED AT NIGHT SPOT

Floyd Gardner Surrenders To Police After Death Of Ellis Eugene Lowe

Ellis Eugene Lowe, 24-year-old negro, who lived on Shelby route 5, died almost instantly from a gunshot wound in the chest following an altercation with Floyd Gardner at Harlem Paradise, negro night spot on East Graham street, shortly before 6 o'clock last night, marking the second homicide occurring at this place within the past two months.

Lowe died on his way to the hospital, Gardner, who left the scene of the shooting immediately after it had occurred, surrendered to the Shelby police about an hour afterward and is now in the Cleveland jail awaiting hearing on a first degree murder charge. The case was called this morning in Cleveland Recorder's court but a continuance was granted until Friday on petition of the state to allow officers time to subpoena all the witnesses.

Very little is known about the argument which led up to shooting. One witness told police that Gardner, who is one of the proprietors of Harlem Paradise met Lowe at the front door and told him not to enter the place. Lowe did not obey the order and Gardner fired as Lowe attempted to enter.

Lowe was discharged from the armed services on November 18.

T. R. Beaver Going To Spartanburg As Redmond Returns

T. R. Beaver, for the past three years manager of Efrid's Department store, winds up his work here with today and management of that store will be resumed by C. Redmond who recently returned from the armed services.

Mr. Beaver will return to Spartanburg Efrid store but will retain residence here.

Mr. Redmond, manager of the store for several years prior to entering the army early in 1943, was discharged from service in November.

BIG ORDER FOR AMMUNITION

The war is over but a plea was made to Shelby industries today for the largest quantity of ammunition ever ordered here before. Army manufacturers has asked the local chamber of commerce to see if local suppliers cannot provide 5,000,000 wooden balls from 7-16 to one-half inch in diameter. It is understood these balls are to be used for ammunition for toy guns.

If local suppliers cannot provide the whole five million this toy manufacturer declared he would take any part that could be delivered. They must be delivered by the middle of February.

Says Billions Be Saved By Giving

More than 20 billion dollars are today in the pockets and bank accounts of American citizens wholly tax exempt if given for public welfare through private philanthropic channels of the donor's choice on or before Dec. 31, it is declared by Dr. Charles V. Vickrey, president, Golden Rule Foundation, in a report presented at the Sectional meeting of the National Stewardship Institute, held in New York and Chicago.

"Many of our citizens could give impressive sums to their favorite church, local or war relief charities at a cost from only ten to fifty cents of each dollar contributed," Dr. Vickrey continued. "Some, in the top brackets, could enrich their own lives and leave a larger estate to their families if they gave their full 15 per cent and availed themselves of the full tax exemptions generously offered by our government which encourages philanthropy as 'the highest form of patriotism.'"

Tax-Listing To Begin Tuesday

The annual tax listing for all real and personal property will begin in all Cleveland county townships on Tuesday and continue through January 31, C. G. Dilling, county auditor, announced today. List-takers by townships they represent are as follows: No. 1, J. A. McGraw; No. 2, G. M. Greene; No. 3, C. B. Putnam; No. 4, J. B. Ellis; No. 5, D. W. Carpenter; No. 6, Mrs. Inez B. Ellis; No. 7, G. T. Cabiness; No. 8, W. J. Bridges; No. 9, Stough Beam; No. 10, W. T. Warlick; No. 11, W. Emerson Pruett.

Used Car Ceilings Go Down Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. —(AP)—Used car ceiling prices take a four per cent drop tomorrow under OPA regulations designed to cover depreciation. As an example, the top legal price of a 1940 Ford V-8 DeLuxe sedan sold "as is" will drop from \$634 to \$609 in the east, from \$706 to \$678 in the Middle West, and from \$768 to \$737 in the Far West. OPA has ordered the four per cent cuts every six months.

POLICE GET BIG 'POSSUM

Local police have finally run down a vagrant which has been haunting the Beaumonde terrace section but did not take him without considerable resistance.

A 14-pound opossum which had been sighted several times and who on account of his size had been suspected of violation of the rationing rules was rounded up by Officers B. F. Hamrick, W. P. Shytle and T. H. Upton just after he had the audacity to cross the street in front of the police car, scouting in the east side section of the city last night.

The animal did not take kindly to police attention and had to be handled rather roughly, the officers said.

WLB GOES OUT AT MIDNIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. —(AP)—Formal creation of wage stabilization board to take over the remaining duties of the War Labor Board for the next six months is expected this week. The WLB, nearly four years old, goes out of existence with the whistles and horns which mark the start of 1946 at midnight tonight.

A termination report by WLB Chairman Lloyd K. Garrison is being submitted to President Truman, who presumably will issue an order setting up the new wage stabilization board.

WLB will carry on the job spelled out in the wage stabilization act of October, 1942, which does not expire until next June 30. This act prohibits wage cuts below the highest levels for a given job existing between January and September, 1942.

The board will comprise half the number of members of the WLB, and its 12 regional boards will have six instead of 12 members each.

Dr. Johnson Opens Eye, Ear, Nose And Throat Practice

Dr. J. D. Johnson, recently discharged after nearly five years of service in the Army, will open Tuesday offices here for practice of eye, ear, nose and throat treatment in the professional building quarters formerly used by the late Dr. Tom Gold.

Dr. Johnson, a native of South Carolina, saw overseas service but more lately until his discharge on points was chief medical officer of the Separation center at Camp McCoy, Wis. Mrs. Johnson and their son, Jules, age six, have joined him here and are living at the Cleveland hotel pending taking occupancy of a house they have leased at 921 North Washington street.

CARE IS URGED IN CELEBRATION

Commending local citizens on the order they maintained during the Christmas holidays, W. K. Hardin, Shelby chief of police, this morning urged people, who will watch the New Year in tonight, to use particular care in their celebration in order to avoid accident or tragedy.

As a usual thing, the courthouse square is crowded on New Year's eve just before midnight. Cars are driven around the courthouse and the sidewalks are crowded with celebrators.

CENTRAL

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spect the military and communications situation in areas of conflict and to look into other matters that have to do with restoration of peace to the country.

While the makeup of this group was not specified, it was regarded here as entailing the possibility that Americans would be the observers.

ON THE AIR
Shortly before the announcement that a plan had been submitted to the communists in writing, the Generalissimo went on the air.

In a New Year's message to the Chinese people, he announced that the government was ready to invite leaders of other political parties "to take part in the government, either in the policy-making councils or the executive branches."

They would be welcomed into the government, he said, before the national assembly meets next May 5 to consider a new constitution for China.
ARMY LIMITATION
The only condition set on this arrangement by the Generalissimo was that those other representatives "must not maintain autonomous armies to serve as instruments for forcible seizure of power."
The communists have been maintaining a separate army in North China and likewise have been holding out for a later meeting of the constitutional assembly claiming that otherwise it would be packed for the Kuomintang or National party.
The generalissimo asserted, however, that the government was prepared to increase the number of the assembly "so that leading personalities" of "other political parties" may also take part.

SYMPHONY SET HERE APRIL 3

Scope Of Musical Group Coming Depends On Extent Local Support

Shelby is scheduled April 3 for one of the more than 100 concerts the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will give throughout the state, it was learned today from Miss LaLene Grigg, local chairman who received the notification from officials of the State Symphony Society.

The scope and type of concert depends, Miss Grigg pointed out, upon the extent of local support accorded the expansion program. If the local subscriptions run to \$2,500 the full organization will come here for a public concert in the evening with a free concert for school children in the afternoon.

START MARCH 1
The present plan, it was explained, is to begin March 1 in the southeast portion of the State, move north to the central portion during the second week, proceed to Western North Carolina the third week, and cover the entire western portion during the fourth and fifth weeks. Thus 25 concerts, plus an equal number of children's free concerts, will be given by the Little Symphony, made up of personnel from the regular symphony.

By April 1, the full personnel of the Symphony is expected to come together for regular concerts, beginning in the western part of the State. The Orchestra will travel to Charlotte the first week, Winston-Salem the second, and the third week will include the Greensboro-Durham area. The fourth week will be devoted to the Raleigh area and the eastern portion of the State, ending up in Wilmington early in May.

About 25 major concerts and an equal number of free children's concerts will be given during April.

Troy Humphries, 26, Veteran Of World War II, Succumbs

Amos Troy Humphries, 26, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Humphries of Number One township, died Saturday afternoon at Shelby Hospital where he had been carried when his illness became critical last Wednesday. He had been ill since his army days, having received a medical discharge in August, 1944.

The funeral is being conducted this afternoon from Camp's Creek Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. Paul Dobbins, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Poindexter.

Surviving in addition to the parents are a sister, Margaret Humphries, and four brothers, Emmett, Boyd, Graham B. and Arvie.

New Zealand Has New Year Today

WELLINGTON, Tuesday Jan. 1, 1946.—(7 a. m., Dec. 31, E.S.T.)—(AP)—It is 1946 in New Zealand, and already the people of this predominantly Scottish dominion are starting New Year's day rounds among their friends.

Because of its proximity to the international dateline this is the first nation to usher in the new year. The summer day dawned with folks preparing to go "first footing"—first calling to the homes of friends to drink toasts.

Palerma Bandits Attack Police

PALERMA, SICILY, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Bandits using hand grenades, dynamite, rifles and machineguns attacked a police outpost today at Monreale, overpowered and bound three guards after a gun battle and looted the place of arms.

It was the second such incident in Sicily over the week-end. On Saturday night, a policeman was killed and four were wounded by attackers believed to be separatists who want to secede from Italy.

Firemen Called To Two Blazes

Shelby firemen answered two calls this afternoon, going shortly after 1:30 p. m. to the Shelby Mill where a motor and a small amount of cotton were on fire and next to the Shelby Motor Inn where a small blaze had started. Both were extinguished before serious damage was done.

China Air Service Command To End

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The China air service command, which played an important role in supplying and servicing American aircraft in China, will be deactivated at midnight. Personnel will be sent home or transferred to other air units. Its biggest job was flying air force supplies over the Hump to scattered bases in China.

WAKE ROADS MUDDY
RALEIGH.—(AP)—Muddy country roads gave Wake county school children an extra two days off when the school board decided to wait until Wednesday to reopen the county schools instead of doing so today. Superintendent Raleigh Benton said the roads in some sections of the county are impassable.

Woolmarkets

Furnished by J. Robert Lindsay and Company, Webb Building, Shelby, N. C.

Spot Cotton, Middling 1" ---24 1/2

N. Y. COTTON
Closed today.

CHICAGO GRAIN
WHEAT

July1.79% 1.79%

September1.76% 1.76%

CORN

May1.18% 1.18%

July1.18% 1.18%

September1.18% 1.18%

RYE

May1.77% 1.78%

July1.44% 1.44%

September1.43% 1.43%

STOCKS AT 2:00

Amn Rolling Mill 28 1-2

American Loco 39

American Tob B 90 3-4

American Tel and Tel 191

Anacostia Copper 44

Assoc Dry Goods 48

Beth Steel 95 1-2

Boeing Air 30 3-4

Chrysler 132 1-4

Curtiss-Wright 7 7-8

Elec Boat 22 1-4

Gen Motors 75 3-8

Pepsi Cola 35 7-8

Greyhound Corp 33

Nash Kev 23 1-2

Glenn L Martin 40

Newport Ind 26 1-2

N Y Central 33 1-2

Penn R R 42 1-4

Radio Corp 17 1-4

Reynolds Tob B 37 3-4

Southern Railroad 58 1-4

Steel Oil N J 66 3-8

Sperry Corp 35 1-2

U S Rubber 66 1-2

U S Steel 20 3-4

Western Union 51 1-2

Youngstown S and T 65 1-2

STOCKS SLUGGISH

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Li-

quors tried to rally today's New

Year's eve stock market but even

the portable eventually slipped and

scant stimulation was evident in

other departments.

Falling tendencies were displayed

by Chrysler, General Motors, U.

S. Steel, Youngstown Sheet, and

Y. Central, Southern Pacific, Kennecott, Schenley, National Distillers

and Montgomery Ward.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—(USDA)

—Salable hogs 10,000, total 21,000;

active, fully steady; good and choice

barrows and gilts 140 lbs. and up

at 14.85 ceiling; good and choice

sows at 14.10; complete clearance.

Salable cattle 18,000, total 18,000;

salable calves 1,500, total 1,500;

strictly good and choice fed

steers, yearlings and yearling heifers

steady; trade fairly active on

steers selling at 17.00 upwards;

sizable supply 17.25-18.00; strictly

choice heifers 18.00; but all other

grades both classes unevenly weak

to 50 cents, mostly 25 cents lower;

slow at decline; receipts largest

since November; steers and heifers

predominated in run; cows weak

to 50 cents lower; mostly 25 cents

off; bulls very scarce, steady to

weak; vealers about steady at 15.50

down; bulk medium to average

good steers and heifers unsold.

N. C. HOGS

RALEIGH, Dec. 31.—(AP)—(NCDA)

—Market active and steady with

top of 14.55 at Clinton and Rocky

Mount and 14.90 at Rich-

mond.

N. C. EGGS, POULTRY

RALEIGH, Dec. 31.—(AP)—(NCDA)

—Poultry and egg markets steady.

Raleigh — U. S. grade AA, ex-

tra large 56; fryers and broilers

29.3. Young hens and toms steady

at 35 to 36.

Five Oil Companies Lease N. C. Properties

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Register of Deeds Joe Spence

delivered into his records, did some

figuring and announced that five

oil companies have leased oil rights

on 256 tracts of land in Pasquotank county, totaling 64,019 acres.

The Rush to secure oil leases began in mid-1944 when Standard Oil leased underwater lands owned by the State of North Carolina.

200 KILLED OVER WEEK END

Traffic Accidents Lead Causes For Nation's Violent Deaths

By The Associated Press
The death toll from violent causes, with traffic fatalities in the front, was around the 200 mark over the week end as the nation today prepared for the New Year's celebrations.

Traffic deaths throughout the country totaled 107 from Friday night to early today, below the estimate of the national safety council for the period. The council's estimate for the four-day holiday period was from between 375 and 400 traffic deaths, with the heaviest toll predicted for last Saturday and tomorrow. Icy highways in many sections of the country curtailed motor travel.

Violent deaths from miscellaneous causes numbered 92 and included shootings, fires, explosions, drownings and falls.

New York state and Pennsylvania led the states in violent deaths, each reporting 20 over the weekend. The New York total included 8 traffic, one in a plane crash and 11 from miscellaneous causes. Pennsylvania's total included 14 traffic fatalities. Illinois followed with 17 violent deaths; Michigan with 16 and California with 15. Twelve states reported not violent deaths over the weekend.

Deaths in the two Carolinas, divided as to traffic and miscellaneous causes were: North Carolina 2-0, and South Carolina 5-0.

JAP PROPAGANDA, COURSES HALTED, BOOKS SEIZED

TOKYO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—General MacArthur today ordered the suspension of three Japanese school courses utilized most effectively for spreading militaristic ultra-nationalism and the confiscation of all textbooks and teachers' manuals used for them.

The order, which affects all schools in Japan, implemented recent abolition of state Shinto. It specified that Japanese history, geography and morals — roughly equivalent to American classes in civics — will be suspended until headquarters approves their resumption.

The order also suspended the still effective wartime Japanese laws and regulations on methods of teaching these subjects. Substitute courses will include current events, international history and other subjects relating to world social and political economic affairs.

Executive Board Of Gardner-Webb To Meet Thursday

Reports on the Gardner-Memorial Fund campaign and progress of the college which re-opens Thursday following the Christmas holidays will be received by the executive committee of trustees in a special meeting set for 1:30 p. m. Thursday.

The drive for \$400,000 for the memorial expansion fund seemed assured of success today as final efforts were made to gather in pledges and contributions before the year end. Confidence that the quota would be exceeded was voiced by officials of the school. President Phil Elliott, will report on the school's progress as it enters 1946 with every available bit of dormitory space occupied and need for additional buildings almost forcing some additional construction this year.

BYRNES

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the near-miss. He might have said they will have another opportunity to agree on an Iranian policy in London at the first meeting of the United Nations assembly next month.

The Iran government has said it will lay before the assembly its charges that the Azerbaijan revolt was assisted by Russian occupation forces.

TO LONDON AGAIN
Byrnes will fly to London for the opening assembly session January 10.

The radio address topped off a week-end in which Byrnes returned by plane from Moscow Saturday noon, took off again four hours later for Quantico, Va., for a talk and dinner with President Truman aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg and then returned to Washington to begin work on his 3500-word radio text.

The president, not due back in the White House until Wednesday, presumably listened aboard the Williamsburg to Byrnes' address.

Reuters Reports Bormann Arrested

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Reuters news agency said in a dispatch from Nuremberg today that Czechoslovak newspapers had reported the arrest of Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy party fuhrer. The report was not confirmed immediately.

The dispatch said the Czechoslovak newspapers reported that Bormann had been seized in the British zone of Germany.



BYRNES HOME FROM MOSCOW—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes (center) talks with Earl of Halifax (left), British ambassador to the U. S., and Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson (right) after alighting from the Big Three foreign ministers conference in Moscow. Four hours later he was again in the air en route to report to President Truman aboard the presidential yacht.—(AP Wirephoto)

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Three Sons Of Ropp Family At Home

Cpl. Russell Ropp, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ropp of Shelby, left Saturday night to return to Keesler Field, Miss., after spending a 10-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Grace Champion of Double Shoals, and his parents.

SM 3-c Paul Calvert Ropp, who has just returned from six months duty in the Pacific, left Sunday night for Norfolk after spending a holiday leave here.

Capt. George H. Ropp of Lake Charles, La. army air base, arrived in Shelby Saturday night to spend a leave with his parents of 335 Lee street.

Three Servicemen Receive Discharges

Carpenter's mate second class Houston Charles Hawkins, of Henrietta, Coxswain William Luther Dameron, sr. of Bessemer City, S. I.-c James Henry Perse, of Valdese, are among servicemen who received discharges from the navy at the Nashville, Tenn., separation center recently.

Horace H. Philbeck Discharged From Navy

Motor Mach. Mate 3-c Horace H. Philbeck, of Hillside Station, Shelby, has received a discharge from the U. S. navy at Charleston, S. C. He was in service 31 months. He holds the American theatre ribbon and World War II victory medal.

Paul Wilson Is Released From Navy

Paul Wilson, Pm. M. 3-c, whose home is at 1542 Kings road, Shelby, has been discharged from the navy at the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation center, Norman, Oklahoma. He was last stationed at the U.S.P.H.S. hospital at Ft. Worth, Texas.

John E. McCraw Promoted To Sergeant

John E. McCraw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. McCraw, of Latimore, has recently been promoted to the rank of sergeant at his station at the Army Air Force Proving Ground command, Eglin Field, Florida. Sgt. McCraw entered service in September 1942.

John Bolick Is On Way Home From Pacific

John Bolick, seaman first class, son of John Bolick, sr. of Shelby, is on his way home from service in the Pacific, according to word received here. Bolick is one of 1,000 high-point army and navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is returning aboard the USS Tryon.