

## ELEVEN YEAR OLD NEGRO BOY KILLS DAD AT MOORESBORO

**Bill Martin, Negro, Attacks Wife; Eleven Year Old Son Shoots in Defense of Mother**

Shelby, July 30.—Otis Martin, 11-year-old negro boy, couldn't stand to see his mother abused and choked by his father Sunday night at their humble Mooresboro home, so he grabbed a gun, leveled it at his father, Bill Martin, pulled the trigger four times; and his father rolled from the

bed to the floor, where he died without speaking.

Today the little black boy peers through the cell bars of the county jail here while he awaits legal action on the charge of murder because of the love in his heart for his mother. The negro man is dead and his youngest born faces a murder charge due to the fact that supper was some minutes late in the Martin home.

According to the story told Coroner T. C. Eskridge and Deputy Mike Austell Sunday night, Martin came home about 9 o'clock, or a little later, and jumped on his daughter, Dovie, because she had been slow about preparing supper. The young girl, it was said, "sassied him back," and a family row was on. The mother, Hattie, came to the defense of her daughter, and her husband turned on her. Threats and blows were passed, it is said, and the father secured his pistol and placed it on a trunk in the home. Then he threw his wife across the bed, she says, and began choking her. Over near the trunk stood the frightened youth looking on. The father kept choking her, so the mother says, and without a word the boy reached over to the trunk, picked up the gun and began firing.

His aim was good. The gun fired only four times—one bullet carried its death message through his father's throat, another ploughed through his chest, the third entered his side, and the fourth shot cut off a little finger, and the body of the father, the life ebbing out of it, tumbled to the floor.

All the evidence as related by the frightened negro family was placed before a coroner's jury assembled by Coroner Eskridge, but as yet no verdict has been rendered. All those present say that the boy shot his father, and the boy admits it himself, but some cannot understand how the mother escaped being hit by one of the shots if her husband had her down on the bed choking her when the little boy began shooting. This angle is said to have caused the jury to delay its verdict while further investigation is made. Presumably this angle is to be investigated more because some have the opinion that Martin could have been killed by some other member of the family and the story "framed" because of the hope that a 11-year-old boy might not be considered as a responsible as an older person. However, there is little to support this theory

other than that according to the story told the shots were fired while the negro and his wife were close together and she was not struck. Coroner Eskridge was informed that Martin was not drinking and was not known as a drinking man in the community, but was considered "bossy" with his family, ruling somewhat with an iron hand.—Cleveland Star.

## GOLDEN VALLEY

Bostic, R 4, July 29.—Mr. John Yelton, an ex-Confederate soldier is ill, we are sorry to note. Mrs. P. C. Hunt, who has been confined to her bed for some months is very ill. The many friends of these two hope that they will regain their normal health soon.

Miss Beadie Melton is spending some time with her sister at Forest City.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Eli Melton Sunday were the following;

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Rollins, Misses Mary Melton, Vonnice Houser, Nannie Melton, and Greg Houser and Mr. Grady Grayson.

Mr. John Blaine Melton and family, of Glen Alpine, spent Sunday with Mr. Melton's parents.

Mr. C. C. Rollins and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barnes Sunday.

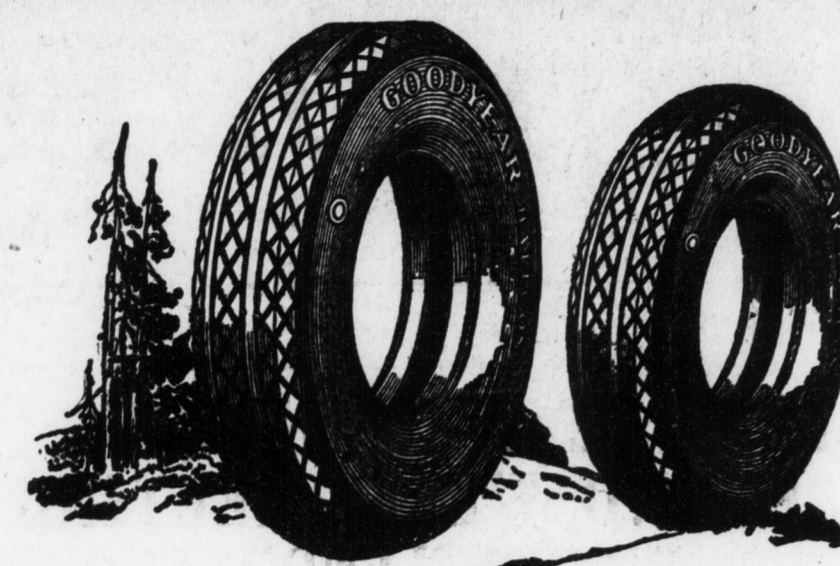
Mr. Guy Melton visited Messrs. Berry and Ralph Rollins Sunday.

Miss Nellie Hollifield, of Bostic, spent Sunday with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Melton.

Mr. Claud Melton has been attending the revival at Sunshine Methodist Church. The services are conducted by Rev. K. N. Snipes and Rev. J. J. Melton.

The revival meeting will begin at First Broad Baptist Church the first Sunday in August.

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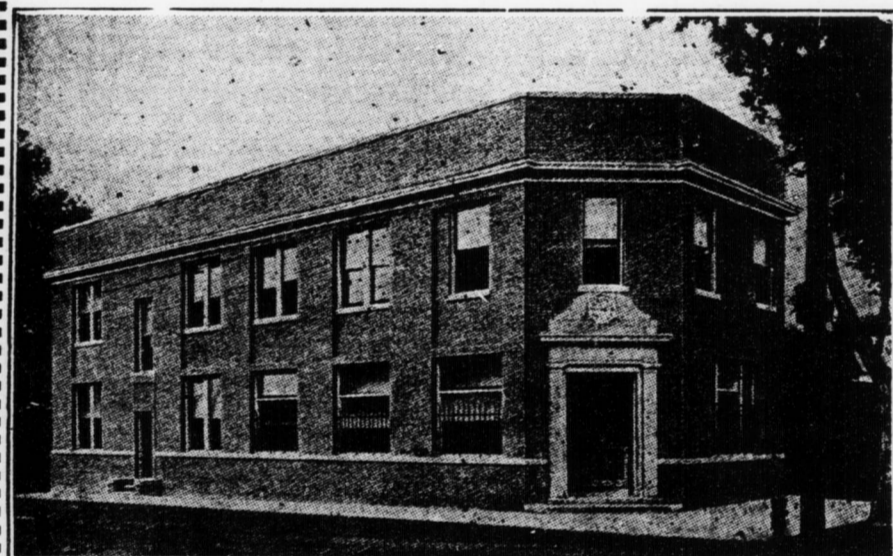


## STATEMENT of the Town of Forest City, N. C.,

June 1, 1927 to May 31, 1928

RECEIPTS	
TAXES	
1925 Taxes and prior	\$ 636.22
1926 Tax	17,144.98
1927 Tax	52,076.58
Special Taxes	2,356.65
STREET ASSESSMENTS	\$ 11,074.93
WATER DEPARTMENT	12,406.24
LIGHT DEPARTMENT	34,473.48
NOTES SOLD	100,000.00
SUPPLIES SOLD	1,072.79
BONDS SOLD	25,000.00
INTEREST	
Interest on certificates of Deposit	\$ 6,342.74
Interest on Savings Account	1,210.47
MISCELLANEOUS	
Premium on Bonds Sold	\$ 1,359.76
Court Fines	973.00
Court Costs	265.55
Bad Checks	785.90
Telephone	58.96
Building Permits	71.00
CASH ON HAND JUNE 1, 1927	
Certificates of Deposit	\$120,548.75
Checking Account	7,338.91
Savings Account	25,692.31
TOTAL	\$420,889.22

DISBURSEMENTS	
Salary, Mayor	\$ 120.00
Salary City Clerk and Treasurer	1,650.00
Office Rent	348.00
Extra Labor	244.40
Insurance	596.34
Advertising	391.35
Office Supplies and Expense	238.77
Legal Expense	451.00
Auditing	232.50
Vital Statistics	86.50
Telephone and Telegraph	103.34
License Plates	30.00
Water Tax	64.00
Miscellaneous	546.33
WATER DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Labor	\$ 4,510.41
Supplies	2,664.93
Power	1,175.10
Miscellaneous	349.48
LIGHT DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Labor	\$ 2,960.62
Supplies	4,994.24
Power	16,330.76
Miscellaneous	442.33
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries	\$ 3,554.40
Auto and Motorcycle Expense	401.88
Supplies and Expense	483.40
Telephone and Telegraph	113.75
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 75.68
STREET DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,214.65
Supplies	1,313.79
Bridge	1,453.18
Freight	109.13
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,700.70
Auto Expense	300.00
Supplies	128.88
INTEREST	
Interest on Bonds	\$ 44,083.46
Interest on Notes	6,269.99
NOTES PAID	\$150,000.00
BONDS RETIRED	16,000.00
CAPITAL ASSETS	
Sewer Extension	\$ 1,434.60
City Hall	3,529.28
Real Estate	725.00
Truck	563.00
SINKING FUND	
Farmers Bank & Trust Co.	\$ 665.00
Building and Loan Deposits	265.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Fines Remitted County Treasurer	\$ 1,033.00
Commission Tax Collector	1,163.10
Bad Checks	807.64
Widening Trade Street	250.00
Sewer Maintenance	30.35
Park Upkeep	108.31
Bond Commission	16.00
Refund Taxes	64.65
Refund Paving Assessments	139.24
Prisoners Meals	45.05
CASH ON HAND MAY 31, 1928	
Certificates of Deposit	\$105,259.70
Checking Account	7,087.21
Savings Account	29,969.71
TOTAL	\$420,889.22



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