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Three Northampton Men Charged With Killing Noah Vann In Whiskey Raid

Ahoskie, July 16.—S. H. Parke, constable of Kirby township, Northampton county; M. C. Brett, mayor of Severn, and M. T. Davis, of Conway, were placed under bonds of \$2,000 each this afternoon following an all day hearing before Magistrate J. R. Garrett on the charge of having killed Noah Vann, 20 year old son of Charlie Vann. All of the parties are from Northampton county.

The shooting took place some time Thursday morning between 3 and 5 o'clock in the woods leading to Jones' ferry on Potocasi creek, in Hertford county. An inquest held immediately after the shooting before Dr. W. B. Pollard, of Winton, and a jury composed of H. H. Jones, T. D. Northcott, W. L. Daniel, E. L. Banks, W. M. Eley and J. A. Shaw, decided that the man met his death at the hands of some person unknown, and that the three men bound over today had acted in self-defense.

A warrant was obtained here yesterday, however, and the three men, together with three others, T. R. Davis, of Conway, E. C. Deloatche, of Conway, and W. E. Joyner, of Severn, who accompanied the party to the woods, were tried here this afternoon. The latter named men, who were not present at the actual shooting and killing, were not held for further trial.

The six men from Northampton county testified to having secured information that the deceased, Noah Vann, a Northampton county man, was operating a still in Hertford county. They came down early Thursday morning to locate the still, according to their testimony. While hunting for its location, they said three men suddenly came upon them and began firing which was returned by the three men held for Superior court. As result of the general firing, Noah Vann was killed, two companions of his escaping.

On Friday Nodie Spence, 21 year old white man of Pendleton, gave himself up, and Guy Flythe, a negro, also surrendered to the authorities, the two admitting that they were the partners of the dead man. On the stand today both steadfastly claimed that they had no weapons and that the Northampton men who were in the searching party were the aggressors in the shooting melee. Both admitted having helped make the liquor.

The trial here today started at 10 o'clock and lasted until 5 with 200 or 300 persons in attendance, the majority being from Northampton county, the home of all the principals in the case. The three men gave bond immediately after the trial.—Greensboro Daily News.

Mrs. Moore Entertains

Seaboard, N. C., July 18.—Mrs. R. L. Moore very delightfully entertained the Embroidery Club at a porch party Friday morning, July 15. Three tables were placed for Rook. The prizes were presented Mrs. Parham Edwards, club member, and Miss Elizabeth Brewer, guest. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Wm. Vincent served a delicious luncheon of club sandwiches, tea and pie a la mode. The guests were Miss Elizabeth Brewer of Rockingham and Mrs. Wm Vincent of Vulture

PENDELTON NEWS

Mr Henry B. Long of Hamlet, arrived Sunday to spend the day with his parents. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mildred who will spend the remainder of the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harvey Vinson and family, of Menola, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grant, of Jackson, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stephenson.

Mrs. W. M. Stephenson and children, Randolph and Foy, motored to Wilmington to visit her sister Mrs. J. T. Bynum. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mabelle Ward, of Ryland, who is spending some weeks with her.

Miss Janet Jones, of Hamlet, is spending the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Long.

Miss Nita Britton spent last week in Raleigh attending the State Home Economics meeting, representing Pendleton's 4 H Club.

Mr. D. K. Edwards left Saturday to visit his niece, Miss Elsie Edwards, who is in Sarah Leigh Hospital, Norfolk.

Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, of Raleigh, is spending the summer with her uncles, Messrs W. M. and W. C. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Britt of Boykins, Va., spent Sunday afternoon in the home of her father, Mr. D. N. Stephenson.

Misses Morris Woodard and Thersa Davis are spending several days in Richmond with friends.

Mrs. W. J. Beale and son, William, of Jackson, are spending a few days with friends and relatives.

Mr. J. T. Woodard spent a few days in Norfolk last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stephenson and children, Carrie and Margaret, and Misses Janet Jones and Annie Laura Beale spent a few days in Norfolk and Ocean View last week.

Little Miss Ernestine Vinson, of Menola, spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stephenson.

Miss Jewell Weatherly, of Portsmouth, returned home Saturday after spending a few days with her friends, Misses Tom Long and Ethel Edwards.

Miss Rosalind Horne spent last week in Murfreesboro with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Boyette.

Mrs. Ida Joyner and daughter, of Severn, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilliam, of Milwaukee, were callers in town Sunday.

Mrs. Mary P. Stephenson and daughter, Lizzie, are spending a few months in Raleigh with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Charlie Johnson.

Miss Rousseau Parker, of near Conway, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards motored to Norfolk and Richmond Sunday to accompany Miss Elsie Edwards, who has been very sick in Sarah Leigh Hospital, Norfolk, but was removed to a hospital in Richmond yesterday. She is being cared for by all available specialists.

Rev. J. L. Price preached two excellent sermons Sunday. His subjects were, "He Must Reign" and "Seven Steps to Grace."

The Woman's Missionary Society of Robert's Chapel Church will serve an ice cream supper at the school building next Friday night, July 22, at 7 o'clock. At 8 o'clock a play entitled, "The

NEWS FROM KELFORD

Condition of Crops--Two Deaths--A Pleasant Visit to Rosemary--Roanoke Rapids

Crop conditions at the end of last week in Bertie County were very encouraging. While cotton and peanuts are at least ten days late they are in a very thrifty condition and corn and tobacco are looking fine. The corn crop is especially good and tobacco, while not so large as usual, has a very fine texture and will cure out splendidly.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hardy, deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their infant son, Edgar Leo, on Friday of last week.

Messrs Clarence Roberson and Lee Hoggard, who have been at Fort Bragg for the past month training in the Citizens Military Training Corps, returned home last Saturday.

Kelford Baptist church will take a religious census of the community on the fourth Sunday afternoon.

Friends of the family deeply regretted to learn of the death of Mr. George C. Parker, which occurred at his home in Norfolk last Saturday morning. Mr. Parker left Kelford nearly forty years ago and has made his home in Norfolk since.

Mrs. Paul Leicester took several friends to Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids last week and they spent the day going through the large textile mills in those progressive towns. Mrs. Leicester, who is president of the Parent-Teachers Association of Roxobel Kelford community and deeply interested in welfare and community work, was highly elated over the cordial reception given her party by the management of the mills they visited. She says it was a revelation to them to see what was being done at the twin cities of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary. The beautiful and intricate work of making textile articles of various kinds and colors was interesting and instructive in the extreme. Mrs. Leicester says a days visit among the good people of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids and a stroll through the mills is well worth the time and the trip and will leave a pleasant feeling that will not come off.

FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK

Hogs are now selling at 10½ to 11 cents a pound in Richmond which is about 1½ cents above the low price of a few weeks ago. A car will be shipped from Rich Square about the middle of August. If you will have any ready to go at that time let me know, as from present indications we will have a full car.

Bur Clover: I am offered bur clover, in the bur, at 5c a pound f. o. b. McCormick, S. C. Crimson clover is now selling at 16c a pound and some of our farmers are going to try bur clover this fall. Bur clover should be planted not later than the latter part of September as it is slow to germinate.

Forestry: R. W. Graeber, State Forester, and Mr. Matteen, of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, will be in the county August 18th. We will visit any farmers that are interested in improving their timber. Perhaps thinning as well as other forestry problems will be explained.

E. P. GULLEDGE,
County Agent.

Fashion Show of Hicksville," will be given by a large cast. All friends are cordially invited to spend an evening of fun and frolic. Admission will be 15 and 25c. Receipts will go towards the pews of the new church.

SEABOARD NEWS

Orphans Carried to Orphanage--S. S. and Church Workers Active--Personal Items

Dr. C. P. Parker and children, Marshall and Carl Jr., left Tuesday morning for the Oxford Orphanage and took four of the late Miesajor Little children, who were admitted into the institution.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Morgan and son Victor, Elizabeth City, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Harris a few days the past week.

Mr. Russell Edwards was given a surprise birthday dinner by his wife, mother and sisters at his home Monday at noon. There was a sumptuous spread and about fifty present.

Mr. C. Gordon Maddrey spent Tuesday at Chapel Hill.

Miss Constance and Mr. Marshall Parker were joint hostesses to forty of their little friends Thursday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock at their home, honoring their birthdays. Several games were played on the lawn after which ice cream, cake and mints were served. They received several lovely gifts.

Mrs. C. R. Kee and children, Alma and Irene, and their guests, Mrs. Oscar Cuthrell and her daughter, Birmingham, Ala., returned Monday after a ten days visit to relatives at Norfolk. Mrs. Kee was accompanied home by her sisters, Mesdames Corde and Bass.

Mrs. W. R. Vick returned home Monday after a month's stay at a summer resort in the mountains of Virginia.

Mr. Leonard Bullock, Wilson, was the week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bullock.

Mrs. S. J. Kee, Weldon, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Paul Pruden, Tuesday. She was accompanied home by her niece, Miss Ruby Pruden, for a brief visit.

Mr. Thurman Bullock, Roanoke Rapids, is spending his vacation here this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bullock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Barbee and three children, of Eastman, Ga., Mr. Hick Barbee and daughter were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kee and children spent Sunday at Portsmouth, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and Mr. Dallas Kee. Mr. James Jones and Miss Elmer Stephenson spent Sunday at Greenville, guests of Miss Maud Stephenson.

Mrs. Bedie McLendon and children, Rockingham, returned home Sunday after an extended visit to her sister, Miss Maud Stancell.

Mrs. J. L. Harris returned home Friday from Ahoskie after spending several days at the bedside of her father, who has been critically ill. She was glad to report his condition much improved.

Mrs. J. T. Long returned home the past week from Macclesfield where she spent several weeks. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Mrs. Roy Brown, and her daughter, Sarah Lois.

Messrs A. J. Crocker and W. D. Barbee spent Wednesday in Raleigh on business.

Miss Selma Bradley, a student of E. C. T. C. summer school, Greenville, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bradley.

Mr. Charlie Brewer and daughter
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CROP REPORT

Weather conditions the past week were favorable to the growth of all crops, but some crops were slow in recovering from the effects of cool weather and excessive rains in some sections.

The lack of good corn is still very noticeable. This crop in Northampton, Halifax and Hertford is very poor as a whole. Some good corn is reported in the Conway section and on a few farms in the Rich Square section. Over in Chowan county corn is very fine and there is a large acreage planted. As seen from the public roads farmers in that county appear to have planted about one third of their land in corn, cotton and peanuts in equal proportions, and all the crops seen in that county are very good, the best we have seen this season. They are not so good in Gates. Across the Chowan river from Chowan county the crops in Bertie are good.

Crops as a whole are not up to the average in Northampton. They are especially poor on a number of Roanoke farms. Crops are said to be fine on C. T. Harrell's Thompson plantation on the Roanoke, managed by W. O. Harrell of Rich Square. Over in Halifax between Rich Square and Scotland Neck and on the road to Palmyra all crops are disappointing. On the Everett and Baker farms around Palmyra they are said to be better, as well as on the large Halifax Roanoke plantations near the Martin county line.

It seems impossible for cotton, peanuts and corn in this part of the State to make an average crop except on a few farms.

Curing of tobacco is now engaging the attention of those who grow it. There is some fine tobacco in the vicinity of Rich Square but the crop as a whole is much below the crop of last year.

WOODLAND NEWS

Mrs. C. B. Pond and children, of Suffolk, Va., are spending this week with relatives here.

Messrs Edwin Brown and Raymond Benthall left last Thursday for Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss Fraulein Penman, of Norfolk, Va., visited friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Benthall, of Norfolk, were Sunday guests of Miss Annie Futrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Purvis and family and Miss Julia Blanchard spent Sunday at Morehead City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hoggard, of Portsmouth, were callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Britton, of Murfreesboro, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Britton, Sunday.

Mrs. R. I. Leake and mother, Mrs. Tucie Lassiter, of Rich Square, were dinner guests of Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn Sunday.

On Tuesday of last week Mrs. C. M. Billings died, after a long illness, and much suffering. The funeral services were conducted in the Baptist Church here, and the remains taken to her old home in Reidsville. Several accompanied the family there.

Virginia E. & P. Co. Turns on Current

The Virginia Electric & Power Company, having bought the local electric light plant and completed its own light and power line to this place, on Monday of this week turned on its current and the town is now lighted by the Virginia company.

COOPERATION ASKED

Between County Accountants and School Officers--All Must Live Within the Budget

Raleigh, July 18.—Misunderstandings have developed in several of the counties over the relations between the school officials in charge of the school funds and the county accountants, who are charged under the new law with countersigning all warrants, contracts, or purchase orders, according to Charles M. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the County Government Advisory Commission, who discussed this matter in his opening address at the County Institute at State College.

The Institute began Tuesday with a welcoming address by Dr. E. C. Brooks, who is president of State College, where the first county government school is being, and also Chairman of the County Government Advisory Commission. Dr. Brooks was followed by Mr. Johnson, who confined his remarks to relationships between officials in the counties.

"There was no intention when the new laws were passed to turn the running of the schools over to the county accountant," declared Mr. Johnson, "and on the other hand, there was no intention of allowing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to exceed his budget, or to spend all that he had in his budget and then come up at the end of the year with a lot of unpaid bills, which would be obligations of the county and would have to be paid eventually, so in order to eliminate this condition, and to comply with the law, it is absolutely necessary for each purchase order to come through the county accountant."

"This should not be carried to the point of making it a burden, of course. Take the case of gasoline for school trucks. When it is purchased from filling stations, it would not be practical to get a purchase order every time gas was needed. The thing to do in that case is to let it run for the month, the county accountant keeping in mind all the time that this obligation is outstanding. He can estimate about what it will be. Of course, he will have the co-operation of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. He should be just as interested as the county accountant.

"One suggestion that I want to make is this: That the county superintendent attach a copy of the purchase order to each voucher, and also furnish the county accountant with a list of all teachers by names with the amount of salary. This will prevent any congestion at the end of the month, because in the case of the teachers salaries, he knows as long as the warrants check with the list, that he is within the budget for teachers salaries. And in the case of supplies, he investigates the standing of the fund, before he signs the purchase orders, as they come through during the month. Then when the warrant comes, with the copy of the purchase order that he signed attached, he knows that it is all right because he investigated it when he signed it."

The opening addresses at the Institute were followed by practical demonstrations and discussions of the new budget accounting system as recommended by the County Government Advisory Commission. Nearly all the counties in the State are represented by county accountants or other officials.