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Bert Thomas Shot By Spurned Lover Is Dead And Nancy May Die Or Lose Limb; Kirby Held

George Kirby the Spurned Lover and Slayer is Incarcerated in Jail Here; Charge of Assault with Deadly Weapon With Intent to Kill Automatically Changes to Murder Result of Bert's Passing One Week After he Was Peppered With Buckshot From Gun in Hands of George.

Nancy Debrix the Other Point In This Triangle Whose Leg Was Drilled With Buckshot Is in Critical Condition

Bert Thomas, peppered with buckshot fired from a gun in the hands of George Kirby, died in the Morehead City hospital last Thursday night about 8:30 o'clock. Nancy Debrix who is suffering from a hole drilled through her leg by another load of buckshot from the same gun and in the hands of the same man may lose her limb and also her life. And Kirby is incarcerated in the county jail waiting for trial in the June term of superior court.

He will probably be charged with first degree murder and if Nancy loses her leg but retains her life, also the serious charge of maiming a human. The original charge against him a day or two after the shooting was assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Mayor Bayard Taylor tried the case, and after the defendant waived examination he was placed under bonds totaling \$2,000.

Meningitis of the spine as a result of being shot in the back was the cause of Thomas' death. But his back was not the only location where the buckshot had effect. One was removed from his heel. Some people think that perhaps the shot in the heel spelled the Negro's doom, or maybe they are thinking of Achilles, the Grecian God or something another whose only mortal spot was his heel. Bert was either well liked by other members of his race in the Negro section of Beaufort or there were a lot of persons with a morbid curiosity, because a great many were present at the railroad station when the body started on its last journey westward, to Mount Gilead.

The physician attending Nancy says her condition is critical and it seems almost a certainty that she will lose her leg.

The shooting occurred on Thursday, March 21. Bert and Nancy were together. George in a jealous rage attempted to eliminate both. He has, developments are showing, accomplished half what he was going after. Nancy while on the operating table the day of the shooting told a Beaufort News reporter that George knew she loved Bert and not him. So the spurned lover ran amuck and if convicted of first degree murder as the result of his rampage, he will in all probability get a bit of voltage later on this season.

LOCAL SKEETERS WIN

Beaufort-Morehead skeeters did some good shooting this afternoon winning over the New Bern team with a margin of 48 points. Beaufort's total was 361 while the visitors fired a score of 313.

SPENT BIG MONEY



MRS. MALCOLM LEWIS

From July 15, 1933 until April 1, 1934, Mrs. Malcolm Lewis was director of CWA operations in Carteret county. With the coming of the NCERA she retained the position of director until a few days ago when Carteret along with other counties was made into a District with headquarters in New Bern. Offered an opportunity to be transferred to another district, Mrs. Lewis has declined, temporarily at least, and at the present time she is taking a long needed rest at the Davis House. Soon she will go to her cottage on Roanoke Island for a while. Under her direction of CWA in Carteret \$165,000 was spent on projects. Since the birth of NCERA and until this county was made a part of the new district Mrs. Lewis disbursed on direct relief, and federal projects from \$10,000 to \$17,000 per month—all of which was spent in Carteret county.

SCHEDULE CHANGE TO BEGIN MONDAY

N-S to Give Hot Schedule Making it Possible to Make Round Trip to Raleigh From Beaufort Same Day

Effective Monday, April 7, the Norfolk Southern railroad will revise the schedules of its rail-motor bus operations under the following arrivals and departures: Leaving Beaufort at 8 o'clock in the morning, the rail bus will arrive in Goldsboro at 10:50 o'clock where service will be provided through Center street to the bus line terminal, thus making a direct connection with the motor bus line for Raleigh. Leaving Goldsboro at 3:15 in the afternoon the railbus will arrive at Beaufort at 6:05 o'clock, which makes it possible now for a person desiring a short visit in Raleigh to make the round trip in one day. If such round trip is desired, one would have the opportunity of spending an hour and fifteen minutes in Raleigh and thus make the desired connections for returning the same day, according to Seth Gibbs, local agent.

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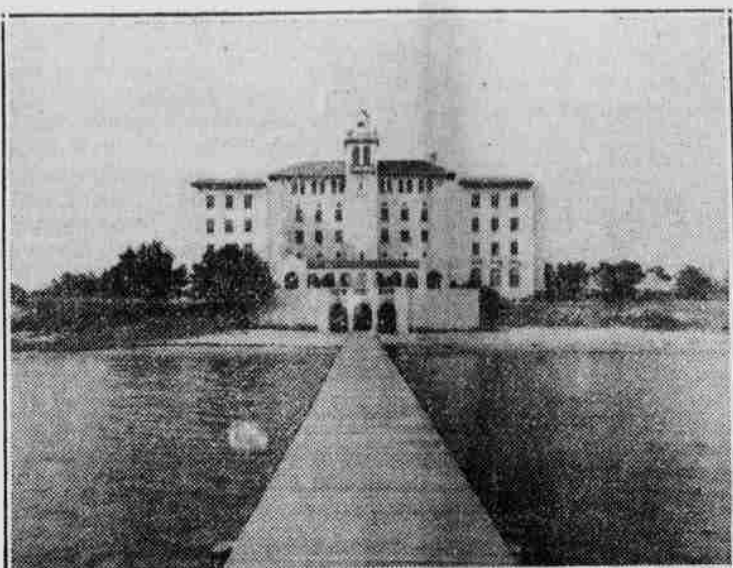
CRUISER "HOB0" STOPS OVER ENROUTE NORTH

The yacht "Hobo" cruiser yacht of Miami, Florida, stopped over in Beaufort last week end enroute to New York. This craft one of the trimmest crafts to visit Beaufort bound north this year is owned by Marie L. Favorite of Palm Beach Florida, according to information gleaned from the registry of U. S. Merchant vessels.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Rose of Sea Level, April 1, a daughter.

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Edgewater Club on Bogue Sound

A three day Skeet Shooting Tournament starting Friday will formerly open Edgewater Club to Guest members. The club building, formerly Morehead Villa, was constructed about 10 years ago at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars. Since acquiring the property, F. M. Simmons, managing director of the organization has given the structure a complete renovation and each of the 100 rooms are now ready for occupancy by club members and their guests. One of the most elaborate skeet fields ever established in Eastern Carolina is situated near Edgewater yacht basin and it is there the opening tourney is scheduled to start Friday. Championship shoots will be staged on Saturday and Sunday with several trophies to be awarded winners.

Name "Skeet" Is From An Old Scandinavian Form of Word "Shoot"

Edgewater's tournament beginning Friday, is only one of a great many that will be staged throughout the country under the auspices of the National Skeet Shooting Association, between now and August when the first annual national championship will be fired during the week of August 18 to 24. "Although the scene of the championship has not yet been announced a complete and interesting program of events has been worked out and it is expected that more than 500 of the country's leading skeet shooters will be in attendance. "Donald Stillman, Rod and Gun columnist for the N. Y. Herald Tribune, stated this week.

The national championship follows the inception of the sport by about twenty years. It was just this long ago that a handful of ardent upland gunners near Boston developed a shooting game for their own amusement, "something to keep their gun barrels warm and their aim in during the closed season."

Nine years ago the game was introduced to the public by "National Sportsman" and "Hunting and Fishing." The name "skeet," an old Scandinavian form of the word "shoot," was selected and by 1934 the sport had grown to such proportions that twenty-eight state shoots and twelve intercoastal shoots were held in the United States.

Today skeet is said to have from 20,000 to 30,000 active followers. There are more than 1,200 active skeet clubs, twenty-state skeet associations and two sectional associations. There are skeet clubs in twelve foreign countries.

Skeet has attracted gunners from all walks of life and numbers among its devotees many of the most prominent sportsmen and sportswomen. At a recent shoot at the Palm Springs (California) Skeet Club no less than 100 film stars from Hollywood were observed.

OTWAY YOUTH IS KILLED BY AUTO

Wesley Lawrence 4-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lawrence of Otway died in Potter's Emergency Hospital Monday afternoon about 24 hours after he was struck by an automobile driven by Capt. Richard Lewis of Harkers Island. Because it was a violent death a coroner's inquest was necessary, but the driver of the auto was absolved of all blame, evidence showing that the youngster ran in front of the approaching car which was not going at an excessive rate of speed.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Tuesday with Rev. Mr. Warren of Newport officiating. In addition to the parents the child is survived by several brothers and sisters. Augustus Lawrence is employed on the dredge Comstock now at Charleston. Capt. Lewis is skipper of the dredge Neverest now at Georgetown. He had returned to work but was summoned back home Monday to attend the inquest.

Nearly Three Hundred Species of Fish Have Been Collected Nearby

A total of 291 different species of fish have been collected in waters adjacent to and within the boundaries of Carteret county, according to Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch, director of the U. S. Fisheries Biological Laboratory located on Piver's Island at Beaufort. He gives this information to every one interested and especially to the visiting sportsmen down for the formal opening of Edgewater Club this week end.

The opportunities for sport fishing in the vicinity of Beaufort and Morehead City are exceptionally good, according to statistics gathered by members of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries in this section. Among the salt water species available and which are relatively abundant at various times from early Spring until late Fall are—gray trout, bluefish, channel bass; (red drum), striped bass, (rockfish) Spanish Mackerel, Cero, Bonita, Dolphin, Amberjack, Sheepshead, spot, sea bass, whiting, red snapper, croaker, flounder, pompano and many other species of lesser importance.

"Certain fact clearly indicate why excellent fishing is obtained in this particular region," says Dr. Prytherch. "For example, Carteret county produces approximately 10 millions pounds of food and game fishes annually and exceeds every other coastal country from Maryland to Texas. Many species remain here during the entire spring, summer and fall seasons, while others congregate for several weeks during their coastwise migrations."

"Greater numbers of larger and gamier fish can be secured from salt water than from fresh water and the angler does not have to worry about a closed season, when fishing for the many marine species, "Dr. Prytherch added "and the possibility that a good sized shark or stingray will give the angler a real battle for his money is but one of the many thrills of sport fishing on the coast, which pays for the extra trouble and expense in reaching the better fishing areas."

Dr. Prytherch extends a cordial invitation to members of Edgewater Club and visiting sportsmen to visit the Biological station at Beaufort and inspect the various exhibits and fishery investigations that are in progress there.

Two Auto Drivers Have Lucky Breaks

James Rumley, the seedsman, had a luck break this week. Sideswiped by another car whose driver failed to go through the formalities of stopping and saying "I'm sorry" or something like that, his auto was turned over twice. He suffered only minor injuries.

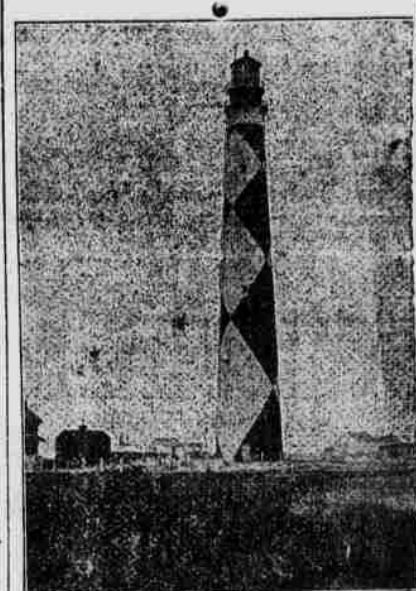
Robert Taylor also had a lucky break. One night during the past week on the causeway between Beaufort and Morehead City his car wrecked and was partly demolished. But Mr. Taylor came out without a scratch.

Support the Chamber of Commerce

Governor Believes Port Terminal Development Has Clear Sailing Now

Recent Passage of Act By Legislature Seems to Have Paved Way for Plain Sailing and the Last Obstacle Preventing the Securing of PWA Funds for Construction Has Been Eliminated and Loan Now Probably Will go Through Without Hindrance

NEAR FISHING WATERS



CAPE LOOKOUT LIGHT

If all the Spanish mackerel, cero, amberjack, dolphin along with many other species of game fish that have been taken within sight of the above lighthouse with rod and reel were placed end to end they would reach from Carteret county to Izaak Walton's tomb and probably back again. The late Izaak, we understand, is buried in England.

ERA EDUCATION PROVING HELPFUL

In Carteret County Over 600 Enrolled in Classes Taught by 28 ERA Teachers; Sea Level Commencement

The first commencement exercises of its kind ever held in Carteret county is scheduled to be held in the Sea Level community today. Those taking part are not members of the student body of the public school, but instead the 'student body' of the adult classes of the ERA educational program which has been carried on so very successfully in Carteret county during the past several months.

Miss Carrie B. Wilson heading the ERA educational program in 30 districts of which Carteret is one reached Beaufort Wednesday night and will be in attendance at the exercises. Her headquarters are in Nashville and she stated early today that this commencement is one of the first of a great many to be held in this district. A big District commencement is planned for late May or early June at which representatives from the 30 counties will be in attendance. This commencement will be held in Greenville.

In Carteret county 28 ERA teachers have taught classes totaling approximately 600 persons this year. In this county as well as others in the district hundreds of adults have been taught the art of reading and writing in addition to the advantages offered boys and girls who wanted to continue their education but were unable to do so in the public schools.

Eight Cases Were On Police Docket

Eight cases were on Mayor Taylor's docket in police court Monday night. Henry Norcom, white man, charged with drunkenness plead guilty and was fined \$5 or 10 days. Guy Springle, white, charged with fighting was fined \$2.50 or five days.

Ellis Baxter, Corney Chadwick and Cal Stanley, both colored charged with drunkenness were fined \$5 or 10 days. Ed Davis, colored, charged with disorderly conduct and cursing was fined \$2.50 or 5 days.

Lefty Davis, colored, charged with fighting was fined \$2.50 or five days. Mary Louise Fulford, colored, charged with assault with deadly weapon, to-wit: a knife, was bound over to Recorder's Court.

New Law Will Allow State to Pay From Sinking Funds Back Payments on Defaulted Bonds of Railroad, and Protect its Two Million Dollar Investment in A & N. C.

The one thing that today appears to be the last, obstacle preventing the securing of PWA funds for the construction of the Morehead City port terminal has been eliminated and the Federal loan probably will go through without hindrance unless something new develops, Governor Ehringhaus indicated last week.

The obstacle, the fact that the Atlantic North Carolina Railroad, in which the State owns 72 per cent of the stock, is in default to the extent of \$54,000 on its bonds, was eliminated by the passage by the General Assembly last week of an act permitting the State to invest sinking funds in the quasi-public corporations. This new law will enable the State to pay, from sinking funds, the back payments on the defaulted bonds and will enable the State to protect its investment of more than \$2,000,000 in the road.

The fact that the revenues of the road have been pledged to guarantee the PWA loan for the construction of the port terminals has made the defaulted bonds, held largely by the Duke Endowment and the Watts Hospital of Durham, as fiduciary agent, an important issue. Despite the fact that the bond holders have been willing to cooperate with the State, the PWA officials have insisted that these bonds be guaranteed. The new act simply enables the State to guarantee payment of the bonds.

A delegation from Morehead City was in Raleigh last week with Senator Josiah Bailey, who was there for a brief visit, but they did not confer with the Governor, who backed emergency passage of the act permitting the State to invest its sinking funds in the railroad, as a means of clearing up what he considered to be the last possible obstacle which PWA officials could cite to block the approval of the loan.

Covering The WATER FRONT

By AYCOCK BROWN

IT'S FUNNY HOW people discover things. Take for instance the case a few days ago in the hard crabbing industry here. It seems that no one had ever thought of catching these crustaceans with a net. Then Capt. Alex Lewis decided to substitute a shrimp net instead of the trot line method used for so many years. The first day his catch netted him \$65, or about \$50 more than one man's crew could possibly catch with a trotline in the same time.

WE HAVE BEEN informed that one of the school trucks, the one which bears a Craven County marker instead of Carteret County, but which brings pupils to the local institution, is driven faster and more reckless than any of the rest in the fleet. Of course one should take into consideration the distance this truck travels. But it should also be taken into consideration by the driver that he has a truck full of lives at stake. Carteret county has a good school bus operation record but a fast, reckless and thoughtless driver could change the situation.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Leamon Corbett and Beulah May Herring, Newport.

J. C. Crump and Meta Shine, New Bern.

Harry Willis and Evelyn Gillikin, Davis.

Alvie Fulcher and Vienna Rose, Harkers Island.

Alex S. Conway and Eva Mae Gillikin, Beaufort.

THROUGH STATE Capital Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

GETTING WARM — Congressman Frank Hancock, of the Fifth District, paid a brief visit to Raleigh and looked over the legislative situation. He would not answer questions pertaining to his chances of opposing Senator J. W. Bailey next spring but the general impression in some quarters here is that he will not run. Hancock said he is being swamped with mail from North Carolina urging him to oppose the Rayburn bill to give the federal government unprecedented control over the power producing industry. "I have never had such a fire built under me" Hancock said and added that in his opinion the Rayburn bill will be greatly modified before it passes Congress. LEAKED OUT—Friends of Thad Eure, principal clerk of the House, who have been urging him to run for Secretary of State against Stacy W. Wade were trying to keep their little matter a secret but it just can't be done. Making a speech on the floor of the House, Representative Spruill of Beale, let the cat out of the bag. He referred to Eure as "the man who will make the best Secretary of State we ever had if he runs." Everybody, including Mr. Wade, knew what that meant.

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EUZELIAN CLASS TO MEET

The Euzelian Sunday School class of the Baptist Sunday School will meet Friday night April 5th at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. Maude Willis.