

HENRIETTA MAN SHOOT HIS WIFE

Then Turns Gun Upon Himself; Will Die But Wife is Expected to Recover.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 15.—The Hammett of Henrietta shot his wife and himself at Henrietta Tuesday afternoon with a .38-caliber Colt pistol. His wife was shot twice in the hip. She was rushed to the Rutherford hospital and will recover. Hammett shot himself twice in the neck and breast. He is not expected to live at this writing. He called and threatened his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. A. Newman. Hammett and wife have been separated about six months. He threatened her life once before. It is reported that he was under the influence of whiskey. He is 41 years old, while his wife is about 30 years of age. They have no children. It is thought that he intended to kill his wife, her mother and

himself. He had not tried to live with or visit his wife for the last three months. An illicit still was captured one mile south of this town Monday. It was in the bank on the side of the road. The young white men were found over to court yesterday under a \$300 bond for dealing in whiskey. Officers Wayne Bridges, O. D. Barrs and Houser of Gaston county made a raid five miles out of Hollis Friday morning early and captured a still, five gallons of whiskey and destroyed about 900 gallons of beer. Three white men were at the still. Two made their escape by jumping into the river and hiding in canebrakes. Officers followed them as long as they could find trace of them. Romie Campbell was captured. He was at work at the still. He was given a hearing and bound over to Federal court in Asheville under a \$500 bond. The Fred Williams Post No. 75 of the American Legion met Monday night. They decided to push the membership campaign and to give a minstrel later. Efforts will be made to build a nice new club house soon. The engineers are surveying on the

new road to Polk county now. The road was well graded last year. It is being changed in places. It will mean much for both counties when completed. Business is getting better here all the time. The future outlook is bright for this county. Consolidation of schools continues to grow. **YOUNG NEGROAUTHOR WINS LITERARY PRIZE** Paris, Dec. 15.—Rene Moran, a young colored author, born on the island of Martinique, French West Indies, has won the annual prize of the Goncourt Academy for the best French novel of 1921. The novel, entitled "Batozila," deals with negro life in Central Africa, the race question and problems and aspirations of the negroes. The Goncourt prize is worth only 5,000 francs, but it has become one of the most cherished literary awards in France. Red and blue are the best colors for searing birds.

HIGHWAY BOARD MUST PAY STATE

County Commissioners Not Liable for Debt of \$42,000 on Matthews Road.

The Mecklenburg Highway Commission must pay the \$42,000 disputed Monroe road debt and not the board of county commissioners. So the Supreme Court of the State says, reversing the finding of Judge Ray here that the commissioners are properly liable for the debt. The money has been paid the State already, but paid by the county board of commissioners who went to the banks and borrowed it. The effect of the decision, therefore, will only make it necessary for the highway commission to take up these notes when they come due. Writing the decision Judge Stacy held that it was the intent of the Legislature and clearly the purpose of the Mecklenburg highway act to vest all road-building affairs in the highway commission and to require the county commissioners to place all available funds for road-building at the disposal of the commission; hence, he concludes, when the highway commission accepted to power in road-building affairs in Mecklenburg county, April 4, it logically assumed all road-building debts incurred after that date. The court held, as the agreed facts submitted by both bodies indicated, that, owing to the fact that the \$42,000 was contracted for with the State after April 4, it would be the duty of the highway board to meet such indebtedness. There was no quarrel between the two local boards except as to authority. The debt was admitted and either board would have paid it immediately provided the legal way had been opened. The commissioners contended that the highway act indicated that they had no authority to honor contracts for road work at the expiration of their control over roads April 4, while the highway board argued that the contract for building this particular road was assumed by the commissioners and that no provision had been made, under the act, giving it authority to utilize its funds to pay a debt carried over from the county commissioners. As to this point involving funds with which to liquidate the debt, the Supreme Court holds that, inasmuch as the highway commission has access to no funds except such as are provided by the \$2,000,000 bond issue, it should utilize so much of this bond money as may be necessary to liquidate this debt, that it is a road-building contract clearly belonging to the scope of its functions and, therefore, there will be no misappropriation of the bond money to pay this debt from such a fund. This is the finale of a long-disputed issue between the two boards and the State highway commission, the latter having taken the position some months ago that until this debt was paid, it would withhold all pending road work in this county. Chairman Page indicated that in his opinion, the debt belonged to the county commissioners, but attorneys for the commissioners were adamant in their stand that that body had no funds which it could legally utilize for the payment of this debt, inasmuch as it had relinquished all control of road matters when the highway commission came into power April 4, and that if the commissioners were forced to pay the debt, they would either have to tax the necessary amount from some other appropriation or levy an additional tax sufficient to meet the debt.

Y. W. C. A. BOARD HOLDS MEETING

Mrs. Walter Davidson Re-signs Presidency on Account of Ill Health.

The December meeting of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. was held at the association building Wednesday, Mrs. Charles C. Hook, vice-president, in the chair. It was with great regret that the resignation of Mrs. Walter Davidson, president of the association, was accepted. Appreciation of Mrs. Davidson's untiring efforts in the interest of the work of the association, and her good judgment in the management of its affairs was expressed. A nominating committee, composed of Mrs. J. J. Akers, chairman, Mrs. Pierce Wyche and Miss Fannie Harrell was elected, and will bring in its report at the January meeting, at which time a new president will be elected. Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, Jr., reported for the Travelers' Aid committee that this committee has finally made satisfactory arrangements for the Travelers' Aid work, the Newcomers' Club taking it over January 1. It was decided to make a monthly contribution to the new Travelers' Aid committee. Mrs. W. B. Lindsay reported for the negro work that property has been purchased on First street, between Brevard and Caldwell streets, with a view to putting a building there later. Mrs. J. J. Akers, chairman of the religious education department, outlined a course of study on the purpose of the association, to be used during the next five months as devotional exercises in all committee meetings and board meetings. It was decided by the board that the annual meeting of the association be held at the Chamber of Commerce building on Friday evening, January 27. The following committee was appointed to have charge of this meeting: Mrs. T. T. Groome, general chairman, Mrs. Julian Jeffries, chairman of arrangements, Mrs. C. W. Tillett, Jr., chairman of program, Miss Julia Hagood, chairman on attendance, with Miss Jeanne McMillan and Mrs. Pierce Wyche to assist her. The budget of the association for 1922 was presented, each chairman presenting and explaining the budget for her own department, this budget to be finally voted on at the January meeting.

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1:35a	30	Wash-New York	29	2:30a
7:25p	29	Wash-New York	31	7:10p
7:40p	15	Atlanta-Danville	23	11:20p
6:00p	23	Columbia	24	8:10a
2:00p	12	Taylorsville	11	8:00a
8:10p	33	Wash-New York	37	10:30a
9:10p	35	Wash-New York	37	9:20a
6:30p	12	Richmond-Norfolk	11	10:15a
9:05p	35	B'ham-N. Orleans	26	10:05a
10:45a	13	Columbia-Chas'tna	14	12:25a
5:20a	10	Winston-Salem	9	12:45p
4:30p	45	Gville-Winston	46	1:20p
2:00p	46	Choro-Danville	45	4:10p
7:20a	31	Columbia-Augusta	32	7:30p
8:20a	16	Taylorsville	15	9:00p
10:15a	17	New York-Wash.	35	8:55a
9:25a	137	Atlanta	138	9:35p
10:37a	37	Atlanta-N. Orleans	28	8:05p
4:25a	44	Choro-Danville	43	4:10p
11:30a	14	Salisbury, Winston-Barber, Mooresville, Norfolk-Richmond, Atlanta	13	4:58p
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				16 5:30p

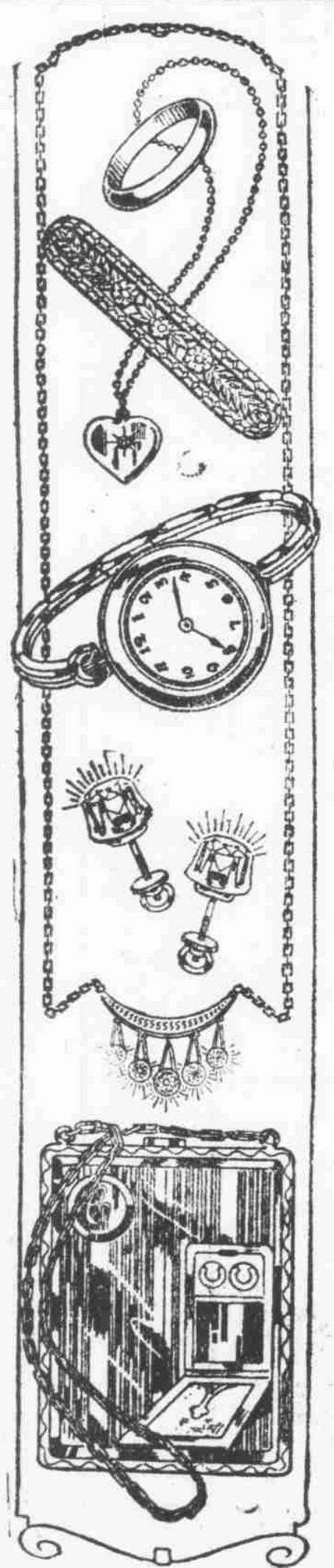
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9:06a	15	Monroe-Smithton	16	9:06a
9:55a	34	Rutherfordton, Wilmington and Raleigh connections.	34	9:40a
5:00p	20	Choro-Danville, and Hamlet connections.	19	11:35a
3:45p	31	Wilmington-Raleigh and Rutherfordton, Monroe connections.	31	3:35p
8:20p	16	Monroe-Rutherfordton, Norfolk, Richmond and points North.	16	8:12p

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