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CHAS. H. JESSUP KILLED, ROBBED

LEADING CITIZEN OF BIG CREEK TOWNSHIP, STOKES COUNTY, MEETS DEATH AT THE HANDS OF PATRICK COUNTY, VA., BANDIT, WHO ESCAPES WITH MONEY AND CAR — AVERITT QUESENBERY, SLAYER, IS ARRESTED IN WEST VIRGINIA — JESSUP WAS BURIED AT STATE LINE CHURCH CEMETERY MONDAY.

Charles H. Jessup, aged about 60, a prominent farmer and leading citizen of Big Creek township, Stokes County, was killed and robbed by Averitt Quesenberry, a Patrick County, Va., bad man, near Kibler, Va., about 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Quesenberry was arrested at Beckley, West Virginia, Saturday, and is now held for trial at Stuart, Va.

The killer used a 22-calibre rifle, shooting Jessup through the heart, then clubbed him with the butt of the gun fracturing his skull. Jessup died almost instantly.

Immediately after the crime Quesenberry robbed his victim of \$500.00, and taking his car, a practically new 1937 Chevrolet 2-door sedan, escaped.

Quesenberry has court records in North Carolina and Va., and is termed a bad man by Sheriff Mays of Patrick County. He is aged about 40 years and is reported married. He was raised in Surry County, near the "Rock" at Mount Airy.

The affair occurred on the mountain right close to the home of Mrs. Cecil Pack, who heard the report of the gun. Later some children found Mr. Jessup's body lying in the road.

This story is related by Mrs. Pack, the only eyewitness.

As early as possible the Virginia authorities were notified, and soon Sheriff F. D. Mays of Patrick county, assisted by State patrol officers, were on the scene and beginning the hunt for the murderer. Traffic on the adjacent roads was held up for more than two hours by the officers.

It was found that the bandit had bought gas and cigarettes at a filling station near Slate mountain.

STOKES OFFICIALS TAKE A HAND.

Late Saturday evening Frank Christian of Asbury, Stokes County, was here assisting Sheriff John Taylor in the effort to secure the license number of the Jessup car. Sheriff Taylor and deputy sheriffs Bert Smith visited the section in the northern part of Stokes adjacent to the Jessup home to offer their services to the Virginia authorities if needed.

Sheriff Mays stated that Quesenberry had a brother living in Winston-Salem and that he might have headed for that city. According to Mays a reward of \$250.00 would be paid for the

apprehension of the murderer, and it was given out by others that a brother of the dead man would pay an additional \$250.00.

Quesenberry was described as a member of a class known to the mountaineers as "scouts," tramps who make their way through the country, stopping for a day or week wherever they find food or lodging. Mays said the alleged murderer had been "on the road" in Patrick county for the past several days and had probably appeared at the Pack home in quest of food.

THE ARREST.

The murderer was caught Monday at Beckley, West Va., Monday at Beckley, West Virginia, by a highway patrolman, who noticed the looseness of his license plate. Quesenberry was then found to be drunk and was arrested for driving drunk. Inside the car the officer found C. H. Jessup's North Carolina license plate. Thinking Quesenberry had stolen the Jessup car, the officer wired to C. H. Jessup, of Stokes county, North Carolina, that he was holding the man for driving drunk and asking for information as to the car.

The North Carolina and Stuart, Va., authorities then wired back to hold Quesenberry for murder.

Sheriff Mays of Stuart immediately left for Beckley to bring the murderer back.

A representative of the Reporter visited the home of Mr. Jessup Sunday where a large crowd had gathered to pay their respects to the highly regarded family, and to view the remains of the excellent citizen who had been so brutally murdered.

The body was lying in a beautiful casket, which was embowered with flowers.

Out on the grounds cars kept coming in with friends from far and near. Men with sad but grim faces spoke feelingly of the tragedy which had stunned the countryside. If the murderer had been in reach the consequences may be easily guessed.

IS THERE A WOMAN IN THE CASE?

There were many flying reports, and various theories touching the affair were expressed.

It was explained by members of the family that Mr. Jessup had left his home early Saturday morning to find and employ Woodrow Dalton, a farm hand who had previously been engaged on the Jessup plantation. Dalton had left early in the spring, going to Patrick looking for work. He was a good hand, and now work being pressing to save the crops, Mr. Jessup decided to ride over into Virginia in quest of Dalton.

Stopping at the Pack place on the mountain he made inquiries for the whereabouts of Dalton. At this juncture Quesenberry appeared and got into an alterca-

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GREAT CROP SWEET, HEAVY

TOBACCO IS MAGNIFICENT IN STOKES EXCEPT HAIL AND STORM DAMAGE — BUT THE BIG RAINS THIS WEEK WILL HURT IF CONTINUOUS — CORN WAS NEVER BETTER, TOO.

There's fine tobacco in Stokes now—I'm telling you.

It is great and beautiful on the hills, and ripening in the sun with that natural maturity which means heavy and sweet quality, fine texture, flavor and body.

But heavy rains have fallen this week, and this may injure the crop if continuous throughout the rest of August and the first two weeks of September. Ripening tobacco does not need much wet. It tends to start a second growth, a greening-up, resulting in a coarse and rough condition.

Farmers are reporting excellent crops in every part of the county.

In some few sections hail and wind have seriously damaged many crops.

Corn was never better. The season has suited it fine.

Only a month till the tobacco markets open.

New Fair Faces At Relief Headquarters

Miss Ruth Patterson of Durham, caseworker. She boards with the Scotts.

Miss Nannie Jones of Walnut Cove, case aide. She commutes daily from her home at Walnut Cove.

These ladies are new additions to the staff of Miss Page, superintendent of welfare, and their work is chiefly in the social security department.

Found Danbury

R. H. McElveen, of Columbia, S. C., regional manager of the Emergency Crop and Seed Loan office, was here Tuesday paying a visit to G. H. Alford, local manager of the crop and seed loans of the Stokes territory.

Mr. McElveen was much pleased with crop prospects in Stokes, and favorably impressed with Danbury, though he drove thru as far as the Baptist church before he realized he was in town.

Which goes to indicate that the local manager has been loyal to his civic duty here by exaggerating the size of the city in which he lives.

Snow Creek Hunters.

I have a full line of hunting licenses and invite all who wish to hunt to come and buy. We do not want to put anybody to any trouble, but the law must be enforced. Don't hunt any until the season opens.

W. R. STOVALL,
Deputy Game Protector For Snow Creek Township.

SUPERIOR COURT IN FULL SWING

JUDGE PHILLIPS PRESIDES AND SOLICITOR G W Y N PROSECUTES — DOCKET IS LARGE BUT MOSTLY MINOR INFRACTIONS—TERM WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE UNTIL FRIDAY NIGHT.

Superior court is in session this week with Judge F. Donald Phillips presiding, and Solicitor Alan Gwyn prosecuting.

His Honor comes from Rockingham, Richmond county, being the judge who defeated Stack in the 1934 election. He is considered a very able jurist, but is not severe in his sentences, usually. Solicitor Gwyn is of Reidsville, Rockingham county.

There was no court on Tuesday, Judge Phillips having received a message of the death of a relative, whose funeral he attended.

Court was resumed on Wednesday, and will doubtless continue until Friday night.

Disposition of cases up to and including Thursday afternoon has been as follows:

APPEARANCE DOCKET.

State vs. Dan Belcher, driving drunk. Capias.

State vs. N. P. Boles, forcible trespass. Having failed to comply with former judgment, ordered taken into custody.

State vs. Roy Davis, assault, called and failed. Capias.

State vs. W. A. Whitt, disposing of mortgaged property. Called failed. Capias.

State vs. Bud Golden, manufacturing liquor, called and failed. Capias.

State vs. Roland Mabe, manufacturing liquor. At fall term, 1936, defendant sentenced to 4 months on roads, suspended on expressed conditions. Defendant found not to have complied with judgment, was ordered into custody and road sentence enforced.

State vs. G. R. Stone, operating car while intoxicated. Capias to Buncombe county.

State vs. Adam Young, transporting liquor, called and failed. Capias.

TRIAL DOCKET.

State vs. Thos. C. Depries, operating car while intoxicated. Nol pros with leave.

State vs. Orville Snyder, larceny, called and failed. Capias.

State vs. Honey Mabe, operating car while intoxicated, 8 months on roads. Judgment suspended 2 years on condition he pay \$50.00 and cost at this term of court, and not drink intoxicating liquors of any kind for 2 years. Driving license revoked for 12 months.

State vs. I. W. Southern, operating car while intoxicated, called and failed. Capias.

State vs. Floyd Manis, operating car while intoxicated, called and failed. Capias.

State vs. Sam Neal, driving drunk, 8 months on roads. Judgment suspended 2 years on express conditions that he pay a

fine of \$50.00 and cost, and not drink any intoxicating liquors of any kind. Driving license revoked 12 months.

State vs. Willie Smith, possession of \$75.00 confiscated and ordered turned over to school fund.

State vs. John D. Bullin, reckless driving, 90 days on roads. Judgment suspended 12 months on condition he pay fine of \$25.00 and cost and remain of good behavior 12 months. Driving license revoked 12 months.

State vs. Guy Heath, operating car while intoxicated, 6 months on roads. Judgment suspended 2 years on condition he pay a fine of \$50.00 and cost. The defendant being a resident of Virginia, it is ordered by the court that a certified copy of judgment be transmitted to Motor Vehicle Bureau of that State.

State vs. Ross Meadows, possession of liquor. Continued.

State vs. Willie Shuff, a. d. w. continued for State.

State vs. Willie Shuff, possession of liquor, continued.

State vs. Bill Rhodes, operating car while intoxicated, 1 month on roads.

State vs. Zeb Smith, two cases of driving car while intoxicated, reckless driving, and resisting an officer. Called and failed. Bonds in the amount of \$1700.00 justified and approved by the Clerk of Court ordered. Defendant was in jail in the State of Virginia.

State vs. Frank Stevens, transporting liquor, called and failed. Capias.

State vs. Wade Merriman, possession and transporting liquor continued.

State vs. Pink Tolbert, resisting officer and disturbing public worship, 6 months on roads.

State vs. Frank Jacobs, non support, continued.

State vs. Howard Westmoreland, assault, 6 months on roads, suspended 2 years on expressed conditions that he be of good behavior for 2 years, especially towards Willie Loftis, and not violate any laws for 2 years, and pay a fine of \$50.00 and cost.

State vs. Troy Spainhour, Curtis Moser and Oliver Lawson, possession of liquor, each 90 days on road. Judgment suspended 12 months on condition they remain of good behavior, and each pay a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

State vs. Geo. Welch, operating car while intoxicated, continued.

State vs. W. E. Ogburn, operating car while intoxicated, continued.

State vs. Frank Shelton, a. d. w., continued.

State vs. Vernon Covington and Kerlie Robertson, possession of liquor, continued.

State vs. Robert Wilkins, operating car while intoxicated, 8 months on roads, suspended on condition he pay a fine of \$50.00 and cost, and remain of good behavior for 2 years. Driver license revoked for 12 months.

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AUGUSTUS SPEAS DIES AT KING

FARMERS HAVE BUMPER CORN CROP, TOBACCO NOT SO GOOD—THE BIRTH LIST, AND MANY TONSIL OPERATIONS — OTHER ITEMS.

King, Aug. 25.—Last rites for Augustus Spease, aged 85, were held at Jefferson church Thursday and interment was in the church graveyard. The deceased is survived by several sons and daughters.

Tisey Calloway, tobacco grower of the Schaub's Mill section, was here Saturday on business.

Farmers in this section have a bumper corn crop this year. The tobacco crop is not so good but there has been a wonderful improvement in the crop within the past few weeks.

Charlie N. Boles and son, Albert Boles of Monroe, Va., have returned to their home after paying a short visit to relatives here.

Mrs. H. Grady Harding has returned to her home in Lewisville after spending a few days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyles, Mrs. Sarah Lee Newton and Miss Bertie Perdue are spending their vacation at Carolina Beach. Sam White of Gibsonville is spending some time with his brother, Ringo C. White, on Forest Grove avenue.

Bera Pulliam and family of Charlotte are visiting relatives here.

The work of remodeling and building an addition to the home of Captain Joe Moore, retired railway man, on north Depot street, has been completed.

There is some improvement in the condition of Mrs. Roy Snider who has been quite sick at her home west of town for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennis Pulliam, of Knoxville, Tenn., are spending some time with relatives here and at Mount Airy.

S. Pete Wright and family spent the week-end with Mr. Wright's sister, Mrs. C. I. Kirby, in Walnut Hills. Mr. Wright holds a position as telegraph operator at Troutman.

D. D. Hall, merchant and planter, of Old Mt. Olive, was here Saturday looking after business matters.

The stork put in about an average week here last week: The following births being recorded: To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jessup, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Watts, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lawson, a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Venable, a son.

The following patients underwent tonsil operations at Stone-Helsbrak Clinic week: Paul Bennett of Cove; Miss Willie Zimmerman, v. Cove; Miss Pearl Gord; Pamacle; J. C. Hunter of Coville; Miss Marilyn F. son and Misses Bobby and Geneva Fulk of King.