

Grits and Gravel

(By T. MOSES JONES.)

The service at the Methodist Church was a little out of the usual Sunday night. The usual would have been a fine sermon by our pastor, Rev. O. W. Dowd, but instead, a number of the forty-odd members of the Epworth League who attended the Youth Rally at Durham Tuesday night, gave an Echo of that meeting in Durham. Our young folks are not afraid to get up in church and talk. Capt. H. A. Hart has been able to return to his home near Hester. Last Friday afternoon he was taken sick while attending the funeral services of W. J. Currin at Hester and was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Willie Frazier, in Oxford.

of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Watkins on Raleigh Road (Henderson), Oxford also has a Raleigh Road, upon which us Joneses live. Don't see Miss Eunice Watkins much these days. She spent the winter over here at Oxford a year ago. Have not seen Mr. Watkins since he fell last September and broke his leg. But hear that he is able to get around some now.

Some years ago when he was married to Miss Oveda Watkins, Lonnie Breedlove brought his bride to our home where they lived for awhile. Now, as the proprietor of the Ideal Fruit Store, he may rightly be called The Fruit King of Granville County. Accidentally (or incidentally) he voluntarily became one of our first subscribers to the Henderson Daily Dispatch, since your Old Mose acquired a job with said paper last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bullock and childre of Creedmoor visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gooch of Hester Sunday.

Frank Watts of Nirlgolina and Creighton Seat of Mountain Creek made music with the fiddle, bow, and guitar last Saturday night at the home of Fred Blackwell on Route 4. And as Fred lives at the home of his daddy, it was really at Mr. Bob's instead of Fred's. They enjoyed singing old-time songs.

I can imagine it was just about like it was one night last fall when I was there and we ate a cora-shucking supper, and then packed the parlor with folks, and played and sang.

Beat a ride over to Henderson early Monday morning with one of the Saunders men and a Mr. White. On the corner in Henderson, Jack Collins who used to barber over to Oxford hollered, "Hello, T. Moses! I saw your junk in the paper Saturday night." And it was not until then that I really knew my first column had appeared in black and white in your paper.

There I saw Miss Annie Louis Averett, of the Carolina Power and Light Company and she wanted to know what I was doing so far away from home.

Then I saw a face of which I could not recall the name. So he had to tell me it was Gentry Weaver who used to live out at Cousin Ed Hunt's near Salem.

Lloyd Dorsey passed with several hundred yards of plant bed cover under his arm, so I say, "I see you've got your sheets, but I don't see any pillow cases."

Robert Satterwhite, the Kandy King, passed, but stopped to speak. His salesman sold me Baby Ruths, and Mr. Goodbars, and chewing gum, and so forth about five years ago when I ran a 2x4 fruit emporium.

Richard Faucette also spoke to me. Said he lived out on Raleigh Road about three miles. Richard and Tommie, three brothers, lived down near Dexter when I was a boy.

In the window where it says, "Ray W. Goodrich, Photography," is a hand printed photograph of Miss Sallie Norwood, who now teaches at Farmville, N. C. It is truly a lovely picture.

Her brother, Leo, The Salesman, comes over our way real often on his job. Her little fat brother, John, works for the ice cream company. I don't blame him though, for if I were fleshy I would want a job close to the cooling effects of ice cream. But as skinny and boney as I am, I really should have a job with the Water Company, and hot water, at that, so I could keep warm.

A lovelier girl than their sister, Miss Lutie, I have never seen. Miss Lutie died while in our grade at high school here at Oxford some years ago. Mrs. J. Y. Paris will remember her.

Upon leaving town for home, I was overtaken by E. L. Raynor who works over here for the Owen Motor Company. Mr. Raynor married one of the Mangum Twins, I asked him why he didn't move to Oxford and Allie Hart move to Henderson, then each would live where they worked. We met Joe Hicks with his Amoco truck full of gas.

At the edge of town Mr. Maynor

stopped to pick up another "air" passenger, whom he knew. Soon I told Mr. Raynor I had just started to work for the Henderson paper. The young man said, "So you are T. Moses Jones." He was Fred Farris of the Tanner Roofing Company. On a job at A. D. Capehart's home in Oxford, Mr. Farris lacked a bit of material and went back after it. Their cars were all busy at the time, and it was not yet bus time, so he, like myself, bummed a ride. And as we all in safety reached the Granville zones, it was not the last of your T. MOSES JONES.

Alcohol Agent Slain By Two Men

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Mills, N. C., where they began the pursuit of an auto they suspected of hauling illegal liquor. They overtook the car just after crossing the Virginia line, Estes related, and the fugitive machine was brought to a stop.

Two men were in the car, the officer said, and as he and Jackson approached to investigate, five shots were fired.

The car was driven away as Jackson, shot through the head, fell mortally wounded.

BURY SLAIN TAX AGENT AT PLYMOUTH TODAY

Plymouth, March 9.—(AP)—W. J. Jackson, Jr., 45-year-old revenue officer slain near Norfolk late last night was a native of Plymouth and son of the former Sheriff W. J. Jackson, late of Washington county.

An undertaker planned to bring the body here today for burial. Mrs. Jackson was notified of her husband's death early this morning. Besides a widow, there are the following relatives, a daughter, Lorraine, 15, a sister, Mrs. N. B. Cox, two brothers, Elmer and Charlie, all of Plymouth.

63 Men Set Aside Before Completion Of Full Jury List

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liamshoro township. Both were from the regular jury list serving at this term of court.

The State then set aside the next two men by accepting two of its peremptory challenges, and the court excused the fifth man because he had formed an opinion. The sixth man, called was A. L. Vanduyke, Kittrell township farmer, who became the third man to be accepted.

A. C. Simms, Henderson furniture salesman, was next called and said he was opposed to capital punishment which automatically let him off, and J. D. Mustin, next called, was seated as acceptable to both sides. He resides on Rowland street in Henderson, and formerly was employed here by the State Highway prison department and before that was a farmer.

A. D. Adcock, automobile mechanic of Henderson, became the fifth juror, followed consecutively by the next two men called, who became the sixth and seventh jurors. They were C. H. Sneed, Williamsboro farmer, and M. T. Chandler, lifelong farmer of Dabney township. He was the last man taken from the regular term jury.

The seventh man called in the special venire was W. E. Neathery, Middleburg farmer, who was the eighth man to be accepted by both sides.

Twenty-two men were called before the ninth man was agreed upon, seated and sworn. He was H. E. Ellington, janitor at the Henderson post office. Six more men were called and G. W. Norwood, Dabney merchant was seated as the tenth juror, and the last one to be accepted before the lunch hour.

When the case was called two new attorneys appeared at the defense table. They were J. C. Kittrell, father of T. S. Kittrell, who with A. A. Bunn had been appointed by the court to defend Fairbanks, and J. M. Pearce, who has often appeared with M. Bunn in criminal trials. Mr. Pearce did all of the questioning for the defense of prospective jurors when they were called.

Solicitor E. R. Tyler is being assisted in the prosecution by J. I. and J. H. Zollicoffer as private prosecution. The solicitor did all of the questioning of prospective jurors during the forenoon session.

The Fairbanks case was the first to be called when court opened for the day at 9:30 a. m. Judge R. H. Evers, presiding, who is familiar with the doubtful strength of the courthouse building to support tremendous throngs in the court room, ordered that aisles be cleared and that spectators must find seats. It was difficult to enforce the order, however, as many stood at the rear of the court room, and others at various points within the bar enclosure.

Everywhere in the court room was a generous sprinkling of women, who had jammed inside to get seats for the procedure. They took a deep interest in the proceedings.

During the procedure of the early morning, fingerprint experts of the State came into court, carrying the axe with which Good was killed, and various other exhibits that are to be used in prosecution testimony. It will be impossible to display any of the Goods had in their traveling Tom (Thum) circus because all of this has been sent back to Texas in the truck trailer in which they traveled about over the country giving their exhibition in schools and elsewhere. They had come to Henderson high school students on Monday morning after the tragedy the night before.

It is expected, however, that pictures of the birds may be exhibited and fingerprints will be produced, it is thought, by the State in its effort to build up a case against Fairbanks. A. A. Bunn, of defense counsel, said Fairbanks would be their only witness so far as he knew. He had told his client that he was the whole show in his own behalf, and it was up to him. The attorney intimated there might be a new angle to the case that has not as yet been mentioned in public prints, and if this turn should develop was considered likely to furnish one of the interesting, if not sensational aspects.

Fairbanks confessed to officers that day after the slaying that he killed

Mayor in Transit Tempest



Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, of New York, fought it out tooth and nail with members of the Transit Commission at Albany, N. Y., when he demanded that the body be abolished and control over New York City's transit problems be vested in the city's Board of Estimate. He is shown in a huddle with Senator Esquirol (left) and Assemblyman Robert Crews (center) during the hearing. (Central Press)

Good in an attack with the axe when Good had turned upon him after the two had an argument over Good's alleged treatment of a cockatoo, performing bird in his menagerie. Since that time Fairbanks has been in jail without bond, most of the time out of Henderson, and part of the time in Granville county jail at Oxford and later in the Nash county jail at Nashville. He waived examination at a preliminary hearing before Recorder R. E. Clements in county court on Fri-

day after the slaying. Mrs. Good, who was critically wounded in the attack, lay unconscious in Maria Parham hospital here for several weeks, and was only recently discharged. She has been here all the while, and is to be a prosecution witness, though her memory has not returned sufficiently for her to relate incidents at the time of the fatal altercation. Once testimony is begun, it is believed all evidence can be completed

within the space of a working day of the court. Seven attorneys appearing in the case are eligible to speak, however, and the court's charge must be given to the jury. It will likely be near the end of the week when the case is concluded.

Capital Gossip

BY HENRY AVERILL

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, March 9.—During the past three weeks, twenty skilled and specially trained blind people have been placed on a Works Progress Administration project operating statewide, to tune pianos in the public buildings of North Carolina, it is reported by the North Carolina State Employment Service.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott has appealed to North Carolina's congressmen to help him get "pork inspectors" appointed for the State, to help hog growers get fair prices for their products.

Looks like he went to the right place—those congressmen know more about "pork," particularly of the "barrel" kind, than anybody else. A Sampson county farmer, E. A. Hobbs, is quoted as saying of a distant relative, Sam H. Hobbs, who has been opposing crop control: "He wants to run for the Senate (State) and he's going to run on the Democratic ticket with Republicans back of him. That's why he's going all over the county and other counties talking on this bill."

Sounds fine, but the fact is that Sampson county doesn't even have a voice in nominating a Democratic candidate for the State Senate this year, having had Jeff Johnston here last session. Duplin and New Hanover get the seats this time, so Sampson and Fender do not even participate in the primary voting.

Speaking of the crop control struggle, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, has called attention to the fact that the cotton and tobacco referenda are entirely separate affairs, although they are to be held

on the same day, March 12. He wants cotton farmers not to depend on tobacco growers to put control "over."

Incidentally the Survey had expended \$124,975.68 of its \$225,000 budget through December 31, 1937. By far the greater portion of this expenditure covered personnel salaries; the only other sizeable item covered automotive transportation for field parties.

The North Carolina State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation reports that it has rehabilitated and secured employment on a continuing and self-supporting basis a total of 312 persons. Already employed, but still being followed up are 105 cases while 142 cases have been rehabilitated but are waiting placement in employment.

SANDHILL PEACHES WILL BLOOM SOON

Pinehurst, March 9.—Spring in the Sandhills... and fruit trees, dormant during the winter months, put on their colorful spring costumes, burst into beautiful, fragrant blossoms.

One of the loveliest of all flowering trees is the peach, with its soft pink blossoms, for which this section of the state is noted. Each year thousands of nature lovers travel from far and wide to view hundreds of orchards of pink blossoms, row after row of evenly spaced, blooming trees. This year, with an early spring, the peaches are budding a few weeks earlier than usual, and will be at their height this week and next week. They remain in bloom for a very short period, and after next week, many of the blossoms will be gone.

Another tree for which the Sandhills is famous is the dogwood, which will flower during the month of April.

The STATE

TODAY - TOMORROW Donald Woods-Nan Grey-in "BLACK DOLL" Buck Jones Serial-News Admission 10c-25c

Advertisement for Stevenson Theatre featuring "Romance in the Dark" and "Everybody Sing" with cast members Gladys Swarthout, John Boles, and John Barrymore.

Large advertisement for Hotpoint Electric Refrigerators by Woolard's, highlighting features like "Circulaire Cooling" and "Faster Freezing" at a low cost.

Large advertisement for Chesterfield cigarettes, featuring a large illustration of a hand holding a cigarette and the text "Wait... wait... that's the watchword for Chesterfield tobaccos".