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## ROY ALFORD SHOTS TWO NEGROES

### Law Breaker Was Accused of Killing Fletcher Here Last Year—A Gad Negro.

Ida Waxler, negro woman, and her husband, James Waxler, were seriously injured Monday night at 6 o'clock as the result of pistol shot wounds alleged to have been inflicted by Roy Alford, High Point negro. Today Alford had not been apprehended, but the police are still searching for him.

Jane Moore and her daughter, Ida Waxler, went to Greensboro Monday and returned to High Point that night on train No. 35. The police said James Waxler met his wife and mother-in-law at the passenger station, started for home and was near a sand pile at the Hamilton street crossing when Roy Alford stepped from behind the sand pile and is said to have fired his pistol, one shot taking effect in Ida Waxler's shoulder.

James Waxler came to his wife's rescue and was in the act of removing her when Alford again fired at Jim, a shot lodging in the negro's right arm. Jane Moore, mother of Ida Waxler and one of the trio attacked, remonstrated with Alford, but the negro pointed the pistol at the aged negro woman and pulled the trigger three times. The pistol snapped, according to the information Jane Moore gave the police.

## BIG FIRE HERE

### CHRISTMAS MORNING

Fire shortly after 1 o'clock Christmas morning completely destroyed the garage and store-room of the High Point Motor company, No. 129 Hamilton street, entailing a loss of thousands of dollars. Approximately 30 automobiles went up in the blaze, which is believed to have been incendiary origin. The amount of insurance carried and the total loss incurred had not been ascertained early this afternoon.

The fire is thought to have started on the third floor of the building. When the firemen arrived on the scene the flames were making remarkable headway. The firemen fought the blaze heroically for several hours, but it was impossible to save the structure. Most of the automobiles were stored on the upper floors of the building and could not be removed.

On the first floor there were several automobiles stored for repairs and they were removed immediately by the firemen and employees of the motor company. However, only a few of those were saved. It was reported that four of the machines taken from the first floor were stolen while the flames were being fought and that the thieves had been apprehended near Mechanicsville. The number of machines in the building and the number removed was about 85.

Guy S. Wells, manager of the motor company, received a cut on the hand by flying glass. His condition was not serious, but he was removed to his home for medical attention. Mr. Wells was able to be out next day.

In the storeroom on the second and third floors a number of automobiles was stored. Most of them were owned by local citizens, while a few are said to have been purchased for Christmas gifts and were to be delivered Christmas day. Upon the owners of the destroyed cars will fall the loss, according to a statement made by the management. Manager Wells stated that he had recently posted conspicuously in the garage, notices stating that all automobiles placed in the company's care were left there at the owners risk. The company is not responsible for private cars in case of fire, Mr. Wells said.

S. R. Bivens was a visitor in Charlotte Friday and attended the large banquet given there Friday night by the chamber of commerce of the Queen City.

The city schools resumed business Monday morning after a two weeks' close down.

If you want a bracelet watch see Stamey.

## A FIRE DESTROYS ONE HOME IN HIGH POINT

One house was destroyed and another badly damaged at 6 o'clock Monday morning by fire, which threatened to do serious damage to a number of buildings in Mootown, one of the most thickly populated negro residential sections of High Point.

The flames were first discovered in the home of Jim Broadway, well known negro, of this city. When the firemen arrived on the scene the fire was making remarkable headway and the structure was practically destroyed. An adjoining house, occupied by the family of Claude Hill, became ignited and was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. Other buildings were seriously threatened, but the quick work of the firemen prevented the blaze from spreading. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

## FUNERAL MRS. CRAVEN

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Craven, who died Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Irving Pickard, on Jones street, was held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Spring Hill church, conducted by Rev. Jams A. Clarke, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Mrs. Craven was 74 years of age and was known throughout the section. She was a woman of remarkable abilities and had a large number of friends here. She had been ill for several months, but Wednesday she was stricken with paralysis and resulted in death Thursday night.

Mrs. Craven is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Irving Pickard, of this city, and three sons, Sanford, Albert, and Chester Craven. She also leaves two brothers, Giddie and John Jones. Her husband, Salmon Craven, died two years ago.

## STAMEY PRESENTS GIFTS TO POLICE

Each member of the High Point police force was presented with a fountain pen as a Christmas gift by W. L. Stamey, a member of the city council, and head of Stamey's jewelry store. Mr. Stamey called one of the policemen into his store and gave him the pen, then requested that the others call and get one. Each man under Chief of Police Welch, including the chief, too, was given a pen, Mr. Stamey said.

The city councilman stated that he was presenting the officers with the gift to show his appreciation of what they had done and to encourage them as guardians of the law in High Point.

## OLDEST CITIZEN HAS A BIRTHDAY

E. C. Grissom, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this section, Saturday celebrating his 94th birthday at his home one mile northeast of High Point. Members of the family, including children and grandchildren were present for a big birthday dinner and to help make the occasion a memorable one.

Mr. Grissom was born on January 1, 1827. For more than 30 years he has lived near this city. He is quite active for his age.

The body of Robert Lee Gray, who died suddenly Thursday night at his home in Petersburg, Va., arrived in High Point Friday morning on train No. 11, and was taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. R. B. Strickland, No. 200 East Russell street. The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Ebenezer church by Rev. J. E. Woolsley. The interment was in the church graveyard.

Mr. Gray was 57 years of age. He had enjoyed splendid health, having worked all last Thursday and his death occurring at 10 o'clock that night. He was known by a number of friends having frequently visited here.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. R. B. Strickland, of this city; Mrs. C. P. Jerome, of Winfore, N. C.; Miss Emma Gray, of Oxford, and one half brother, George Gray, of Randolph county.

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICES LARGELY ATTENDED

Watch night services at Wesley Memorial church on Friday night were attended by a large audience, the Sunday school auditorium being filled almost to capacity. The service opened at 9 o'clock with the rendition of "Rock of Ages," by the Elks' band, under the direction of Dr. J. Fred Tesh. Following a prayer offered by Rev. A. L. Lucas, a delightful program of music and readings was given by some of the best talent in the city. Rev. W. A. Lambeth, as announcer and master of ceremonies, was very happy in his remarks and the participants appearing on the program were given novel introductions.

The musical numbered included a whistling solo by Mrs. Irene Kirkman Jones, whose marked talent in this direction made her appearance decidedly welcome; little Louise Kearns, a prodigy of the violin, who played "Silent Night," and "Christmas Song," and the Harmon trio, who sang Tennyson's "Ring Out Wild Bells," to excellent effect.

Another selection by the band preceded a reading by Mrs. Willis Slane, who chose an excerpt from George Elliott's "Mill on the Floss," as her contribution to the program. Mrs. Robert Amos sang two solos, her pleasing soprano voice being heard to excellent advantage. Miss Mary Muse gave a short reading and this was followed by a chorus of mixed voices composed of two Harmon sisters and five male voices, the blending of tones of this combination proving especially pleasing.

The rendition of negro spirituals by Miss Helen Reynolds was well received. Miss Genevieve Moore, singing to her own accompaniment on the auto-harp, gave one of the most unique numbers on the program. The reading of an "Uncle Remus" story, by Mrs. Ranson, was given in splendid dialect and contained much that was humorous. Dan Smith, always pleasing, sang a delightful little song, "Didn't It Rain?"

Miss Vera King delighted her hearers with the purity and sweetness of her voice. Miss Edith Moore, singing Kreisler's "Lullaby," was at her best and her charming soprano was indeed pleasing.

At the conclusion of the program Mr. Lambeth invited the congregation to partake of a luncheon, served in the basement, the affair consisting of coffee and buns, greetings and fellowship. The sounding of a trumpet summoned the assembly to the main auditorium.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the audience gathered in the main auditorium of the church. With Mrs. Robert Crews presiding at the pipe organ and the Elks' band, led by Dr. Fred Tesh, furnishing music, those present joined in the singing of religious hymns.

B. C. Harmon, superintendent of the Sunday school of Wesley Memorial church, delivered an inspiring address on the history of the school and the plans for the year.

Mrs. J. F. Hayden spoke of the history and present objectives of the Ladies' Aid Society. Her address was both interesting and instructive.

In a closing address J. J. Farris spoke of the significance of being churchmen. As Mr. Farris closed his address the bells in the tower began to play the old year out and the new year in. "Abide With Me" was rendered. The Elks' band accompanied the same hymn. The congregation bowed in prayer and remained so until one minute of 12 o'clock, when J. F. Hayden sounded the notes of the Westminster chimes. Promptly at 12 o'clock the chimes sounded 12 notes.

Mrs. Albert E. Horrax and son, Albert Jr., of Shenandoah, Penn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Horrox, East Green street.

Much live news was crowded out of this issue and the news from the routes, too, which will appear next. Stamey repairs your watch or jewelry to give service.

## DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN

Mrs. Fannie Johnson, wife of June A. Johnson, of No. 421 Centennial avenue, died on Friday morning at 11:30 o'clock at the High Point sanatorium, where she had been a patient for the past five weeks.

Mrs. Johnson had been a resident of High Point for more than 25 years. She was a woman of lovable disposition and the news of her death will be learned with regret by her friends throughout the city. Mrs. Johnson was a graduate of the Greensboro College for Women.

The deceased was 56 years of age, having been born in Randolph county on February 12, 1864. She was a daughter of Calcolm and Charity Shaw. Twenty-five years ago she married June A. Johnson and they moved immediately to High Point.

Surviving are the husband and three daughters and one son, Misses Mary, Rona and Margaret Johnson and Malcolm Johnson, all of this city.

The funeral was held at the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Charles P. Coble, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Johnson was a faithful and consistent member, officiated. Interment followed in Oakwood cemetery.

## MISS STRICKLAND BRIDE OF WILLIAM G. LOWE

Miss Elva Ann Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Strickland, of this city, and Rev. William Graham Lowe, of Battleboro, were married at noon Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents on East Russell street, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Wesley Memorial church, officiating.

The wedding music was played by Miss Florence Blair, who presided at the piano, while Miss Annie Belle Warren, of Durham, sweetly sang "I Love You Truly" and "Promise Me." The bride's only attendants were her two sisters, Mrs. John L. Gest, of Goldsboro, who acted as dame of honor, and Miss Elizabeth Strickland, maid. Mrs. Best was gowned in black satin with real lace and carried red carnations. Miss Strickland's dress was white satin and she carried white carnations.

Entering with her father, who gave her in marriage, the bride was met before the improvised altar of Christmas greenery by the bridegroom, with his best man, Rev. H. L. Glass, of Eden-ton. She was lovely in a going away suit of midnight blue tulle and wore brown boots with a blue hat and veil. She carried a bride's bouquet of white lilies of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe left immediately after the ceremony for Raleigh and other points in the eastern part of the state. They will be at home in Battleboro after January 1.

## KIRKMAN-McFARLAND

The keenest interest attaches itself to the following announcement, which comes as a distinct surprise to friends of the popular young couple in High Point: "Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Kirkman announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys, to L. Paul McFarland, on Christmas day, December 25, Greensboro, North Carolina."

The Kirkman-McFarland wedding was solemnized in Greensboro, at the West Market Street Methodist Episcopal church, and was witnessed by Miss Edna Sehest and Lester Teague, of chrest and Lester Teague, of High Point, who accompanied the principals to the scene of the marriage. The officiating minister was Rev. J. H. Garnhardt, of Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarland are now in High Point, at the home of the bride's parents, Chestnut street. They will be at home, after January 1, in Wilson.

Harry E. Miller, of Philadelphia, Pa., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Horrox during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chase Idol were the guests of relatives in Winston-Salem for the week-end.

## SCHOOL STARTS UP

After having enjoyed two weeks' vacation, High Point school children began their studies with the opening of the 1921 term of the city schools here on Monday morning.

It was announced by Mr. Marr that Park Street school building which is being erected will not be ready for occupancy this week and that it will probably be the first of February before the structure is completed. The new school building is expected to help care for the overflow pupils in the city.

## BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR THIS YEAR

Feeling that the new year is to bring with it promises and opportunities seldom offered, High Pointers bid farewell to the old year and welcomed the new.

The year just passed has been a great one in the history of High Point. People of the city do not deny the fact that during the past several months there have been numerous difficult problems to solve. Overproduction of several commodities and the small number of orders received by the manufacturers has made it necessary to suspend operation of plants or to operate the establishments only a few days in the week. As the result of the foregoing conditions many laborers have been thrown out of work and as a result have had hardships to endure. Such conditions, according to those in a position to know, cannot exist any great length of time.

High Point business men are optimistic. They believe the situation has reached the crisis. A change for the better during the next few weeks is what they predict. Orders have recently been received by a number of High Point manufacturers and it is taken to indicate an early return to normal buying.

J. Elwood Cox, president of the Commercial National bank, expressed the belief that the crucial moment had been reached. "In my opinion, the worst is over," Mr. Cox said. "After the first of the year things are going to grow a little better. I mean they are going to grow better gradually. The Piedmont section, around High Point and vicinity, is in a better condition than other sections of the country. Guilford county is one of the best counties of the state. It is enjoying marked prosperity and is in better condition than many other counties of the section."

R. B. Terry, president of the High Point Enterprise, and prominent furniture manufacturer, said: "There are many things in the general atmosphere which are still disquieting, but I cannot hope but feel that the turning point is near, and while I do not look for a very large volume of business before next fall, the improvement from now on should be gradual. It will, in my opinion, be done at little or no profit until this readjustment period is over. The capitalist has been using his wealth to get richer, the merchant has been charging the highest prices obtainable, the workman has been trying to secure larger wages for less service. This condition has been going on until it could go no further. The present condition is the state of mind of the American people. The sooner we get down to the 'square deal' the shorter will be the period of unsettlement."

J. W. Harriss, prominent High Point manufacturer of furniture and hosiery, is of the opinion that business will improve materially within the next three months. "I think business will be some better than it has been," Mr. Harriss said. "However, I do not look for normal conditions in the near future, but business will improve materially within the next ninety days."

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Field, who have been the Christmas guests of relatives in High Point, left Friday morning for Winston-Salem to spend several days. They will go from there to their home in Rocky Mount, Va.

## HIGH POINT MEN HELD FOR THEFT

Thomas Hagan and J. H. Gardner Arrested in Winston on Auto Larceny Charge

Thomas Hagan and J. H. Gardner, white men, who told the police they lived in this city, were arrested in Winston-Salem on a charge of the larceny of an automobile of H. J. Gentry, of Stokesdale, Friday. The automobile is alleged to have been stolen on December 22.

It was reported here that Mr. Gentry and his brother were in Winston-Salem Thursday and discovered an automobile that resembled the one they said was stolen from Gentry's garage near Stokesdale. An officer was called and Hagan and Gardner were taken into custody.

Over \$1,300 in money is said to have been found on the person of Gardner when he was arrested. The alleged thieves will be held for the Rockingham county authorities.

Both men are said to have told the police at Winston-Salem that they were brothers-in-law and that they were together on December 18. They are reported to have stated that they bought the car that day on the High Point road, six miles from Greensboro. The automobile was a Ford roadster and in the machine, at the time of the arrest of the two men, were several automobile tires, which Mr. Gentry said were stolen from him.

## RAILROAD MAN IS SERIOUSLY HURT

C. G. Williams, engineer, who was brought to a High Point hospital Tuesday as the result of injuries received when he fell through a trestle on the Greensboro yards of the Southern railway, is doing well.

Williams' mother lives near this city, and he is well known in High Point. He suffered injuries about the arm and shoulder and right side. It was stated at the hospital that Williams was also suffering from shock.

The accident occurred when the engineer stopped his engine on the trestle and stepped down to examine the locomotive. He fell to the ground about 15 feet below, it was said. His attending physician said Williams would recover.

## FUNERAL HERE MONDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Syneth Roxana Loffin, who died Sunday night at her home on Park street, was held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Pleasant Garden church, Rev. George R. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church, had charge of the funeral services.

The funeral party left the home here at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

## FUNERAL IS HELD FOR MRS. JESTER

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah E. Jester, who died early Saturday morning at a local hospital, was conducted at the home, near Mechanicsville Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. E. R. Suites, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church at Mechanicsville. The interment was in the graveyard at Hickory Grove. Members of Peace council No. 9, Daughters of America, of which the deceased was a member, were in charge of the services at the grave.

Mrs. Jester was the wife of C. A. Jester. She was 40 years of age, having been born in Randolph county on May 7, 1880. Mrs. Jester was a daughter of James and Victoria Noah.

She is survived by her husband and seven children, five boys and two girls. She also leaves one brother, E. F. Noah, of Greensboro.

## QUIET CHRISTMAS HERE, CHIEF SAYS

This Christmas was unusually quiet in High Point when compared with Christmas of previous years, Chief of Police W. H. Welch said yesterday.

The girls and boys returned to their various schools and colleges the past week after spending the holidays at home.