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## POLICEMAN SHOT DOWN IN HEART OF GREENSBORO

### A Thrilling Chase Follows To Apprehend The Murderer And His Accomplices

Greensboro, May 5.—Policeman W. Thomas McCuiston, a veteran member of the Greensboro force, was shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon about 5:15 o'clock as he attempted to board a Dodge automobile, which the police had been informed was a whisker runner. Immediately following the murder of Mr. McCuiston one of the most thrilling chases and running fights in which local officers have participated in many years took place on the road between this city and Reidsville, resulting in the death of Tom D. Robertson, of Spray, and the capture of Lewis Edwards, who claims to be a son of Policeman W. S. Edwards, of Danville, Eddie Paxton, a third occupant of the death car, has so far eluded the officers but the search for him continues.

Policeman McCuiston and Oakes were on East Washington street, between Davie and Forbis, when the car for which they had been searching as a liquor suspect showed up. It was going at a slow pace and McCuiston attempted to step on the running board, directing the driver to halt. One of the men in the car placed a pistol at the chest of the officer, fired upon him and he rolled to the street, death following instantly. It is reported that 96 quarts of whiskey were found in the automobile.

Within a few moments afterward Policeman Oakes joined behind the fleeing car. Around Forbis, thru Frisco and toward the Battle Ground he followed. The news quickly spread thru the city and within a short while other members of the police force, Sheriff Stafford and his deputies, together with private citizens who were incensed at the outrage, joined in the hunt, and the road was filled with automobiles or swift moving motorcycles. A few of the pursuers, suspecting that an attempt would be made to escape Reidsville via Summerfield,

headed for Reidsville along the Brown Summit route, expecting to beat the men to that point. Others followed along the Battle Ground road. As the fleeing Dodge reached the Guilford Battle Ground, the driver swerved into the road a short distance east of the station. Officer Oakes failed to take the turn but continued onward to Summerfield. Others following closely behind, however, were directed to the new road. The Dodge had suffered tire trouble and the men had just completed the job of making repairs when Officers Southard and Rankin came up. Robertson, the driver of the car, sped on thru the Battle Ground arch and headed for Summerfield, while the two other men remained behind to battle with the officers. They quickly separated in the surrounding woods, a few shots being exchanged at long range by each side. Sheriff Stafford and other possemen arrived on the scene about this time and a skirmish line was quickly formed. About 6:30 o'clock Sheriff Stafford and Deputy Brown spied the two men, widely separated along the creek bank near Jessup's farm. Edwards took a stand behind a tree, as if determined to fight it out, but Brown circumvented him by detouring and getting the drop on the object of his quest before Edwards realized it. He gave up when Brown called for "hands up." The other man, later said by Edwards to be Paxton, escaped but the officers have continued the search for him thruout last night and the early morning.

Officer Oakes realized at Summerfield that he had missed the trail, so he stopped to replenish his gasoline supply and await developments. Within a short time the Dodge sped thru Summerfield at a high speed. Other officers came up and the race led onward over the slippery roads of Rockingham county. At a point about three or four miles this side of Reidsville the driver cut into a farm yard, evidently intending to back across the road and cause a collision among the ears of possemen, but the officers were too close behind for this to have been accomplished. The officers swooped upon him and when he made as if to offer resistance, having refused to surrender, he was shot down and died within a few moments. The body was conveyed to Reidsville and turned over to officers of that city to await burial. Robertson was said to have been the son of Dave Robertson, of Spray. He was a young man of about 21 years of age.

Lewis Edwards refused to divulge any information when he was first lodged in jail at Greensboro. He claimed that his name was Dave Jones and

that the other man with him in the woods was his cousin, Frank Jones, and that both of them were from Norfolk. When informed of Robertson's death, he became more communicative and stated that his name was Lewis Edwards, that he was a son of Policeman W. S. Edwards, of Danville, and that he himself was a former member of the Danville fire department. He bore the appearance of a "bad man."

Greensboro was deeply aroused over the tragedy and groups of men congregated around police headquarters and the undertaking parlors of Pool & Blue, where the body of Mr. McCuiston lay, until a late hour last night. The veteran member of the force was one of the most popular members of the force and McCuiston was held in the highest esteem by thousands of friends in the city. It was feared that trouble might follow if the men were captured and returned to this city. Edwards was spirited into the county jail thru a side door by Sheriff Stafford and a close watch was kept during the night for any eventuality.

## Greensboro Policeman Held Under \$2,500 Bond

Reidsville, May 7.—The coroner's jury investigating the death of Tom Robertson, who was killed Wednesday in Rockingham county, following the shooting to death in Greensboro of Policeman McCuiston, by either Louis Edwards, Talley or Robertson, returned a verdict this morning shortly before 1 o'clock holding that the killing of Robertson was not justifiable and requiring Patrolman Oakes, of the Greensboro police force, to give bond in the sum of \$2,500 for his appearance at Rockingham superior court at Westworth May 16.

The coroner's jury found that Robertson came to his death from a shot fired from a Studebaker car occupied by Oakes, Clyde Cobb and another man unknown to the jurors and that Policeman Oakes fired at Robertson. Cobb was held under \$500 bond as a witness at the May term of court.

The bond of \$2,500 required of Policeman Oakes was furnished and the officer released.

## Awards Announced 23 Acts Of Heroism

Pittsburgh, May 2.—Twenty-three acts of heroism were recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission in awards announced here last night. In two cases silver medals were awarded; in twenty-one cases bronze medals. Five of the heroes lost their lives and to the dependents of three of them pensions aggregating \$1,920 a year were granted while to the dependents of one of these and of one other whose life was lost the sum of \$2,500 was granted to be applied as the commission may sanction.

In addition to these money grants in nine cases awards aggregating \$14,400 were appropriated for educational purposes, and in six cases awards aggregating \$5,500 were made for other worthy purposes.

The five who sacrificed their lives together with the awards follow:

Miss Elizabeth Ball, aged 17, Buckeystown, Md. Died attempting to save another girl from drowning in the Monocacy river, Buckeystown, July 18 1920. Silver medal to the father.

Mrs. Nannie B. Crocker, Ponca City, Okla. Drowned in a futile attempt to rescue a child from deep water in a grave pit at Dillon, Mont., July 2, 1920. Silver medal to the husband.

James W. Mullally, Cambridge, Mass., crossing watchman. Killed trying to save an aged woman from being struck by a train at Cambridge, Oct. 11, 1920. Bronze medal to the widow and death benefit to her at the rate of \$45 a month with a \$5 a month additional on account of each of five children.

Julius Hauck, Garden City, N. Y. Died attempting to save a man and woman from drowning at Southampton, N. Y., August 19, 1920. Bronze medal to widow and death benefits to Samuel Davis, negro, Afex, Kentucky. Died in an attempt to rescue a young girl from drowning in Tug Fork of the Bib Sandy river at Afex, Ky., July 12, 1920. Bronze medal to the widow and death benefits to her at the rate of \$50 a month with \$5 a month additional on account of her daughter.

## NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. R. Clark deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before March 9th, 1922 or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons owing said estate requested to make prompt payment. E. C. Bivens, Administrator of the estate of J. R. Clark.

## CHILDREN TO BE TRIED IN JUVENILE COURTS

### That Is Decision of N. C. Supreme Court

Raleigh, May 6.—Children under 16 years of age who commit crimes in North Carolina cannot be tried by other than the juvenile court, according to a decision handed down by the supreme court this week. Court found an error in the case of state against Coble, in which James Coble, a 15 year old boy of Anson county, was denied the right to have his trial removed from the jurisdiction of the superior court to the juvenile court by Judge J. Bis Ray. The boy was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The defense made a motion to have the case moved from the superior court to the juvenile court of Anson county, but Judge Ray did not allow the motion. The case was brought to the supreme court on this point, and the state's highest judicial authority unholds the juvenile court act. Judge W. P. Stacy writes the opinion, saying that the case should have been sent back to the juvenile court for investigation, and the judge should have dismissed the indictment of the grand jury.

"The jurisdiction of the juvenile court is not to be ousted or denied by reason of the fact that the defendant has now reached the age of eighteen," says the opinion. "for it is clear that his age at the time of the commission of offense, rather than at the time of the trial, is to determine his guilt or liability and the tribunal which shall take cognizance of his case. Furthermore, he is not to be tried as a criminal, but as a juvenile delinquent; under the express provisions of the statute the jurisdiction of the juvenile court having once attached continues for the purpose of reformation and correction of the defendant."

## TO LET CONTRACTS FOR FOURTEEN ROADS

### Chairman Page Ready to Begin Work on New State System of Highways

Raleigh, May 7.—More than eighty miles of the state road system approved at last week's session of the state highway commission were offered to contractors by chairman Frank Page yesterday with bids to be opened in the various district offices beginning next Tuesday.

Fourteen separate projects are included in the batch of advertisements for bids offered yesterday, and among them is every type of road from the gravel to the standard concrete. Wilkes and Alleghany get the longest single road, totaling 19.90 miles of water bound macadam road on the link between Elkin and Sparta. McDowell gets the shortest, 1.80 miles of concrete road on the Central highway between Marion and Marion Junction.

Among the roads advertised is the completion of the Durham-Chapel Hill highway, the section being 4.10 miles from the Orange county line toward the university. The Durham end of the road is now nearing completion, and the remaining section will be completed as soon as the contractors can get to work. It will be standard width, concrete construction. Mr. Page hopes to complete it before the beginning of the collegiate year in September.

## International Need Of Harmony Urged

Boston, Mass.—A picture of the nations of the world living harmoniously side by side as the states of the Union live, was painted by Charles W. Eliot, president-emeritus of Harvard University, in an address at a dinner given to about 500 alien young men students at the nearby colleges and universities by the Boston Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out that many races live together in the United States in such a way as to provide "a type for the world," preserving their national excellencies yet interchanging their national merits and gifts. The students who comprised representatives of 44 non-English-speaking nations, were welcomed by the Mayor of Boston, the president of the chamber and by other speakers who stressed the need of international cooperation and understanding.

## Evils of Constipation

Perhaps the most serious of the diseases caused by constipation is appendicitis. If you would avoid this dangerous disease, keep your bowels regular. For this purpose Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent, easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.

## GEN. CARR WANTS TO GO TO CONGRESS

### Grand Old Man Says He Has Always Been Regular; Never Had to Jump in Band-Wagon, As He Was Always There at Start.

Washington, May 7.—General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will be a candidate for congressman-at-large should North Carolina be given additional representation under the new census figures. The General, who is in Washington today, said last night that he had been urged to make the race and that he would probably do so.

General Carr said: "If the situation in the state is as I am warranted in believing it to be from the letters which I have received, I am honestly of the opinion that North Carolina has no second choice for congressman from the state-at-large, and I feel that perhaps I owe it to friends who are urging me to announce my candidacy, to say that my hat is in the ring to the finish. One thing and the chief thing, regarding my announcement is that the party will have no apologies to offer or excuses to make for my faith and practice. I have been so regular, that I have almost leaned backward. I have never waited for the band wagon to start. On the other hand, I was in at the beginning—in fact I have been one of the starters on the proposition of woman's suffrage, liberal appropriations for education and improved highways, sufficient enlargement and appropriations to properly care for all our eleemosynary institutions, including the increased pensioning of Confederate veterans, the enforcement of law and order. The party will have no reason to apologize or explain."

"Since the year I served under Mr. Hoover as a 'dollar a year man,' I have had a hankering to get back to Washington. I ramble considerably but I have yet to find a more delightful city to live in than Washington. I am too young to retire, in fact I have led such a strenuous life, I could not, nor do I want to, part company with good, honest, hard-work. And nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to associate with the most capable and distinguished gentlemen who so fitfully and faithfully represent North Carolina at the national capitol—all of whom I am proud to claim are my personal friends. What I don't know about public life and North Carolina needs, I feel warranted in saying these delightful and capable gentlemen would take pleasure in telling me. Yes, tell the boys that my hat is in the ring and to come across."

## Dempsey's Job From Now On To Get Speed

Jack Dempsey will train more scientifically for his coming match with Carpentier for his ever trained in his life. One writer says:

The reason is that he's going to fight a man who is credited with being the most scientific boxer in the world.

Preparations for the big mill will be entirely different than what he went thru before rocking Jess Willard. Willard was strong, slow, big—a mountain of flesh and bone. Carpentier is clever, fast, smaller—a high-gear muscular machine.

Dempsey has consulted the best authorities in America on how to train to meet the skilled Frenchman. He will do no boxing for the present. His training for the Brennan fight, which extended over five months, taught him a lesson. Dempsey was "boxing" stale when he met Brennan.

Speed is the thing which Dempsey will strive for in all his training.

He'll have to have it to match that of Carpentier.

Instead of big, heavy sparring partners Dempsey will surround himself with clever boxers who are fast-moving.

## Rowan Officers Find And Destroy A Kitchen Still

Salisbury, May 1.—Local officers headed by Sheriff Kridler found and destroyed a kitchen still in a negro's house in this city, the outfit being found in the home of Jim Graham, who admitted that he was making a little whiskey for his own use. The plant was in operation when the officers arrived. The still was made out of a five-gallon can that had contained oil, and to this was connected a small copper pipe which had been twisted into a coil at one end. The coil ran off into a large bucket and the end protruded from the bucket near the bottom and from this liquor was slowly oozing. The can was set on a hot stove and the bucket was on a chair nearby. Graham drew nine months in county court.

## SCHOOLS FOR ILLITERATES

### Notable Work For Native And Foreign Adults Done In Buncombe County, North Carolina

Asheville, N. C.—Buncombe county is given credit for its success in establishing and in maintaining community schools for the benefit not only of native adult illiterates but also of foreigners. The first community schools in Buncombe county were organized in October, 1919. Instruction is given both in Asheville and in districts outside the city, wherever, in fact, as many as 10 persons desiring to be taught can conveniently be grouped together. The classes are held in public school buildings, welfare cottages, churches and in the homes of the pupils.

In Asheville, the teachers of these community schools are paid by the city, or by some organization or individual, and by the state, each paying one-half of the expense. Outside of Asheville, the expense is borne equally by the county and the state.

Classes for foreigners were first organized in the county in the fall of 1920. Robert Hoffman, a Czecho-Slovak, has been one of the prime movers in making this department of the work a success.

There are several schools in the city of Asheville for Negro adult illiterates, but none in the rural districts, this being due to the fact that there are only a few Negroes in Buncombe county outside of Asheville. The average age of the native-born white men and white women attending the community schools is 28 years.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morris is the director of the Buncombe County Community Schools, and it is due largely to her unselfish devotion to this work and her intelligent guidance that the schools have attained so marked a success. In speaking recently of her work in Buncombe county, Mrs. Morris said: "Definiteness along four special lines has been worked for. In the first place, we endeavor to discover if there is real desire among the illiterates above 14 years of age to learn, or if this desire can be aroused. We then work out definite outlines in reading (including elementary history) writing, arithmetic, spelling and civics, and to find or make subject matter adapted to the pupils. Another aim is to train teachers in using this material by means of methods that have brought results. Lastly, we strive to arouse in the general public and in school officials a definite interest in community schools as a piece of civic betterment work—a matter of both altruistic and economic value."

## Parents Liable For Damage

The decision of the Supreme court in a case from Forsyth county may interest parents whose automobiles are operated by minor children. In this case a youth, running his father's automobile with the latter's consent, drove recklessly, the machine was wrecked and a young lady riding with the boy was killed. Her relatives brought suit for \$50,000 damages against the father of the boy. In the court below Judge Finley dismissed the action, holding that it could not be prosecuted against the father. The Supreme court over-ruled this decision, declaring that it is a question for a jury to determine. Parents will therefore take notice that they are liable for damages in such cases; and when a minor under 16 is allowed to operate the car in express violation of the law, as is common, the verdict would be more certain and the amount of damages probably larger.

## A Cat Is The Mother To A Litter Of Fox Cubs

Danville, Va., May 2.—J. J. Toller, a farmer living at Callands, has a cat which is raising a litter of fox cubs. Several days ago the barnyard cat was plentifully bestowed with progeny by the hand of fate. At about the same time one of Toller's dogs ran down and killed a fox which had a litter of cubs which were soon found. Toller took three of the young cubs to his farm. The mixed family is happy with growing devotion on the part of the cat to the newcomers.

## Mongolian Tom Thumb Is Suing For Divorce

Laporte, Ind., May 2.—This is about a divorce. The long and short of it is that Che Wah, smallest man in the world, has sued his wife, who is more than three times as tall, charging she abandoned him. Che Wah, 28 inches tall, traveled with a circus until ten years ago as the Mongolian Tom Thumb. He weighs 40 pounds, is eighty years old and wealthy.

## HIGH PRAISE FOR U. S. ARMY OF OCCUPATION

### Is Capable of Taking the Field Within Twenty-Four Hours' Notice

Coblentz, Germany, April 29.—A complete outfit, miniature army equipped with all necessary services, capable of taking the field in 24 hours' notice without the assistance of any outside elements and one of the best military units ever organized in the world's history of armies—such is the description that military men, allied neutral and former enemies apply to the American army of occupation as it is constituted today.

That is the efficiency of the training system of the American forces in Germany, the excellence of their equipment and their faultless military bearing are generally recognized thruout Europe is shown by the fact that missions from various countries have either visited Coblentz during the past few months or have applied for permission to come to this base and get first hand knowledge of how it is done.

A few weeks ago the chief of staff of the Swiss army, accompanied by several officers, spent a week in Coblentz as the guest of General Allen, the American commander, attended inspections, visited the barracks, reviewed the troops and returned to Berne to tell the officers of the Swiss army that the American army on the Rhine was "the most up-to-date, the best equipped and the best looking military outfit of all the armies of the world."

A commission from the Netherlands made a similar visit and was equally favorably impressed and now the Finnish government has asked permission to send a commission to Coblentz.

Should circumstances require the American army on the Rhine to move against an enemy or occupy further territory, 10,000 infantrymen composed of the first and second brigades furnish the bulk of the fighting force.

Their advance would be guarded against surprise and ambush by 300 cavalry and 18 airplanes, which would do the scouting before the moving infantry. Three trained pilots are available for each plane in case of airmen meeting with accidents.

One thousand artillerymen, serving eight batteries of field guns, would be ordinary force.

Three hundred men of the signal corps battalion would look after telephone and telegraph communications with the base at Coblentz. The railway engineers battalion, which is receiving constant practical training on a little branch line on the right bank of the Rhine which they are operating, would, with the assistance of the motor transport corps, attend to the service of supplies of the extramural team. Ask your neighbor!

The engineers first battalion would throw pontoon bridges over such streams as were traversed in the advance. Six ambulance companies, assisted by a medical corps of 600 establishing field hospitals, would give first help to the wounded before their evacuation of the base hospital.

Only one arm used in modern warfare is lacking—tanks. As one officer remarked facetiously: "We have no tanks of any sort in this army."

There is a machine gun section with every company instead of one to every battalion as formerly.

Thus while the army of occupation in Germany numbers just a little more than half the effectives of one American division on a war footing, it is nevertheless, a real army in the fullest sense of the term.

## Young Couple Wed

West Market street Methodist church last night was the scene of a quiet wedding, when Miss Una Seal and Karl Ljung, Jr., were married by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt. There were no attendants, only a few relatives and friends of the young couple witnessing the ceremony. Soon after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ljung left for Asheville and other points in western North Carolina where they will spend their honeymoon. They will return to the city May 15 and will reside at 410 Guilford avenue.

Mr. Ljung is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. J. A. Ljung, of this city, and is assistant cashier of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company. Mrs. Ljung, whose home formerly was in Mount Airy, has lived in Greensboro for about a year and has won numerous friends. She was educated at Guilford college and is a young woman of many accomplishments and a winning personality. —Greensboro Daily News May 9th.