

Wife of Slain Bandit Thinks That Her Husband Was "Up Against It"

Mrs. Levi Birdsong, Who Lives in Greensboro Identifies Husband's Body.

Greensboro, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Levi Birdsong, wife of one of the three men who were killed in the gun battle south of Sanford early Wednesday morning, arrived back in Greensboro yesterday following her identification of her husband's body in the Lee County undertaking parlor.

"It was him all right," she said last night. "He never tried to be a bandit during the year we lived together but you can't tell what will happen when a man gets broke and is up against it. I didn't think he was made out of that kind of stuff but you can't tell. The reason I left him was because we just couldn't get along. We parted in Louisville, Ky., in April, 1927. I never saw him any more until this spring when he came to see me while I was in the hospital here. At that time he was driving a Star automobile and not the Chevrolet which was at the filling station at the time the three were killed."

"I met him while he was serving in the army at Fort Bragg. I am his second wife. His first wife got a divorce from him. She is now Mrs. Jeanette Ingram, the aunt of Mrs. Beulah Montgomery, who was traveling with the party when Levi and Owen were killed."

Mrs. Birdsong says that besides talking to Mrs. Montgomery, whom she knew in front of the Lee County corner, she also had a private conversation with her and is convinced that she is telling a straight story.

"Sure, I believe she was asleep when they drove up to that filling station. She told me she was and I think that she is telling me the truth."

"There weren't but two men in that car either. Mrs. Montgomery said there wasn't but two and I don't see why she would tell me a lie."

Mrs. Birdsong says that she had never known Levi's brother, Owen Birdsong, who was also killed in the Lee County battle along with the pro-

prietor of the filling station, Gaither Edwards.

Money Will Be Sent For Return of Birdsong Bodies

Sanford, Aug. 18.—Charles Rogers, Sanford undertaker, received a message today from an undertaker in Kentucky indicating that money would be sent promptly for the return of the bodies of Levi and Owen Birdsong, slain in a triple-death gun battle here early Wednesday morning. The money had not reached here tonight but was expected at any time.

Mrs. Gaither Edwards, wounded in the fight which snuffed out the life of her husband, is showing some improvement. She is confined at Scott's hospital at Sanford.

Despite that this is the third day since the killing interest continued unabated and hundreds passed through the undertaking parlor to see the corpses of the slain bandits. J. H. Daugherty, of Louisville, Ky., arrived today to give assistance to Mrs. Montgomery, who is being detained by Lee County authorities for further investigation. He is a friend of the family.

Gaither Edwards was a Native of Surry County

Mount Airy, Aug. 16.—It was learned here today that Gaither Edwards, Lee County filling station operator, killed in a gun battle with touring bandits early Wednesday morning was a native of Surry County. He formerly lived near Copeland, 25 miles south of Mount Airy, but moved to Lee County with his family some years before the world war.

Edwards was the son of J. A. Edwards formerly one of Surry's most prosperous farmers, and several relatives still live near here. The slain man was a cousin of I. R. Edwards, of the Prather Clothing company, and was also related to Ben Edwards of the Snappy Lunch.

Severe Storm East of Ararat

Ararat, N. C., Aug. 19.—Mr. John Welch, of Ararat has recently moved from his residence on Mrs. J. R. Forkner's place to a residence owned by C. W. Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shropshire were week end visitors with their daughter Mrs. John Welch of Ararat.

Mr. McKinley Jones of Mount Airy was a visitor among friends and relatives in Ararat last Friday.

Rev. L. W. Burrus filled his regular monthly appointment at the Baptist Church at Mt. Zion near here last Sunday.

Misses Viola and Lillian Johnson, of Ararat, route 1 were visitors with Miss Grace Bryant of Ararat last Sunday.

Quite a destructive rain and hail storm passed over a section just east of Ararat extending as far as Pilot Mountain last Sunday evening and did quite a lot of damage to growing crops especially to the tobacco that remained on the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bullin, of Bear Creek, have been visiting for several days with Mrs. Bullin's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore of Ararat.

The Sunday school at the Methodist Church here is doing good effective work. The young people are being organized and are taking quite an interest in the work.

NOTICE

This is to notify the citizens of Surry County that a petition will be presented to the Department of Conservation and Development of the State of North Carolina requesting them to change the date of the open season for killing rabbits with gun in Surry County from beginning with Nov. 20th to the beginning with Oct. 15th. August 13, 1929.

Henry C. Hampton.

By V. C. Taylor, Surry County Farm Demonstration Agent.

At this season of the year when chickens are cheap the young roosters may be converted into a profitable crop by castrating them.

To make money from capons it is necessary that they be of some of the heavy breeds, as the Leghorn or Ancona roosters do not get large enough to bring the best price as capons. To bring the best price it is necessary to have them weigh from seven to ten pounds. The young roosters should be castrated when weighing from 1-1-2 to 2-1-2 lbs. Prices are better on capons after March 15, than before this time, however roosters castrated at this time, should be ready for market at that time next spring.

I will give the returns of some shipments I made last spring. On March 22nd I shipped a barrel of poultry and had some capons in the lot, below is given the returns:

72 lbs. capons at 50c \$36.00.
Express and commission 6.1c per lb. Net to the farmer 43.9c per lb. or \$31.90.

On May 17, another shipment was made, in this lot there were 14 capons weighing 92 lbs. below are the returns:

14 capons 92 lbs. at 55c \$50.00. Express and commission 6.2c per lb. Net to the producer 48.8c per lb. or \$44.95, average per bird \$3.20. It will be noted that these birds were not large only averaging a little over 6-1-2 lbs. per bird. Should any one care to do any of this work your county agent will be glad to help you with this work.

There is some complaint in the county of tobacco going dead in the barn when the fire begins to dry it, in my opinion some of this is caused by pulling the tobacco too green. The tobacco was very irregular in the early season and while the late plants may be as large as the others now they are not as ripe, and more careful picking when pulling would have paid well for the trouble. Of course when the tobacco is diseased it is necessary to pull it, but I believe that it would have paid to have left a large amount of the tobacco that has been pulled in the field a few days longer. Tobacco if pulled slightly green will cure some brighter than it will if allowed to get ripe but will not have what tobacco men call body, or grain, as well as if allowed to ripen. From what I have seen there will be an unusually large amount of light poor, primings this year.

A hog feeding demonstration was begun at the County Home Farm on August 15 with sixteen hogs. All farmers interested in feeding hogs should watch this demonstration and get the results.

Personal News of The Hollow, Va.

The Hollow, Va., Aug. 20.—Ralph Bowman was given a surprise birthday party Saturday afternoon Aug. 10, it being his ninth birthday. There were about thirty guests present. Games on the lawn were directed by Miss Icy Bowman. After play time the guests were invited into the dining room where a large white cake with nine lighted candles centered the table. A color scheme of pink and white was carried out in effective manner. The refreshments consisted of cake, ice cream and candy.

Fine reports have been given of the closing exercises of the Moravian summer school at Crooked Oak Church, and of the good work during the session. Misses Grace and Virginia Hiatt of Willow Hill were two of the teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. White and little son, George, of Clemmons, N. C. and Mrs. Emily Levering and daughters, Margaret and Emily Virginia of Guilford College, N. C. were recent visitors at the home of R. G. Levering.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowman, Ralph Bowman and Misses Lelia Martin and Lola Gwyn spent Sunday, Aug. 11 at Guilford College.

Cecil Gates who is serving in the U. S. Navy is spending several days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Gates.

Prof. L. C. Fultz and family have returned from a vacation spent with relatives and friends in the Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Scales and children of Oklahoma were recent visitors here.

Miss Icy Bowman has returned home after attending the Young Friends Conference at Guilford College and visiting friends after the conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. W. Gates, Cecil and Louise Gates spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Smith in Mount Airy.

Glenn Jessup has returned from West Virginia where he spent some time this summer.

Mexican Newspapers Have No Pity Upon Debtors

Mexico City.—Mexican newspapers handle deadbeats without gloves. After newspaper bill collectors have exhausted their strategies and letters to the delinquent fail to produce payment of overdue subscription or advertising accounts, the newspaper publishes a boxed announcement.

"Senor Blank will please have the kindness to call at this office and pay the money he owes this newspaper."

If that does not get results the newspaper presents a photograph of the debtor and proclaims to its readers that the senor whose likeness is shown would confer a great favor if he would pay his honest bills.

New School Building Progressing At Westfield

Westfield, Aug. 18.—Another good citizen has passed to his reward; Mr. Reuben George, 67 died last Thursday, the funeral was held at Big Creek Church and conducted by Elders Presley Stone and Beasley and he was buried at Francisco. Mr. George was a popular old gentleman and lived a life worthy of emulation. He leaves a wife, six sons and one daughter.

Farmers are in the midst of saving their tobacco and it is curing very satisfactory and the quality is better than usual but in quantity not up to the average.

The new school building is progressing rapidly and it looks like we will have an auditorium that will be equal to the demand.

Our bread situation is improving, there is no change in price but some of the bakeries give us 16 ounces instead of 13 and 14.

Mrs. Annie Elmore, of Greensboro, spent several days with Mrs. R. T. Joyce last week.

Rev. Mr. White conducted service at the Friends Church here yesterday.

Dr. Tom Smith is building a nice modern feed barn just west of his residence.

We are having fine rains so we will have no excuse for not sowing a turnip patch, a very important duty.

Sambo was up before the court. He was called upon to tell his own story. "Sambo" said the judge "do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

"Ah do, Jedge."

"Now Sambo, what have you to say for yourself?"

"Jedge, wid all dem limitations joes' placed roun' me. Ah don't believe Ah got much ov anything to say."

BEEES FOR SALE

I have listed with me some bees in modern hives and can sell you any number that you want. See me for particulars.

F. L. JOHNSON
Mount Airy News Office
Mount Airy, N. C.

Notice of Sale to Land.

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by deed of trust by Gladys Forkner and husband, Robert Forkner, Jr., to the First National Bank of Durham, N. C., Trustee, dated May 15, 1928, and recorded in Book 107, page 129, Surry County Registry, the First National Bank, Trustee, will on

August 23, 1929,
at 12 o'clock M.

at the Court House door in Surry County, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder the following described property:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being in the city of Mount Airy, Surry County, N. C., on the Southwest side of Spring St. beginning at a point 319.3 feet N. W. of the intersection of Worth and Springs Streets, runs thence with a vacant lot of Mrs. Gladys Forkner's S. 40 deg. 36 min. W. 100 feet to a wire fence; thence with said wire fence N. 50 deg. W. 60 feet to W. G. Shelton's line; thence with W. G. Shelton's line N. 31 deg. 45 min. E. 100 feet to the edge of Spring St.; thence with Spring St. S. 50 deg. E. 76 feet to the beginning, being a part of the lands conveyed to Gladys Forkner by deed registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County in Deed Book 66, page 313.

This sale is made on account of default in the payment of the indebted-

ness secured by the said deed of trust. This is the 17th day of July, 1929.
First National Bank of Durham,
North Carolina, Trustee.
D. H. Covington, Atty.
Durham, N. C.

Dr. Roy C. Mitchell

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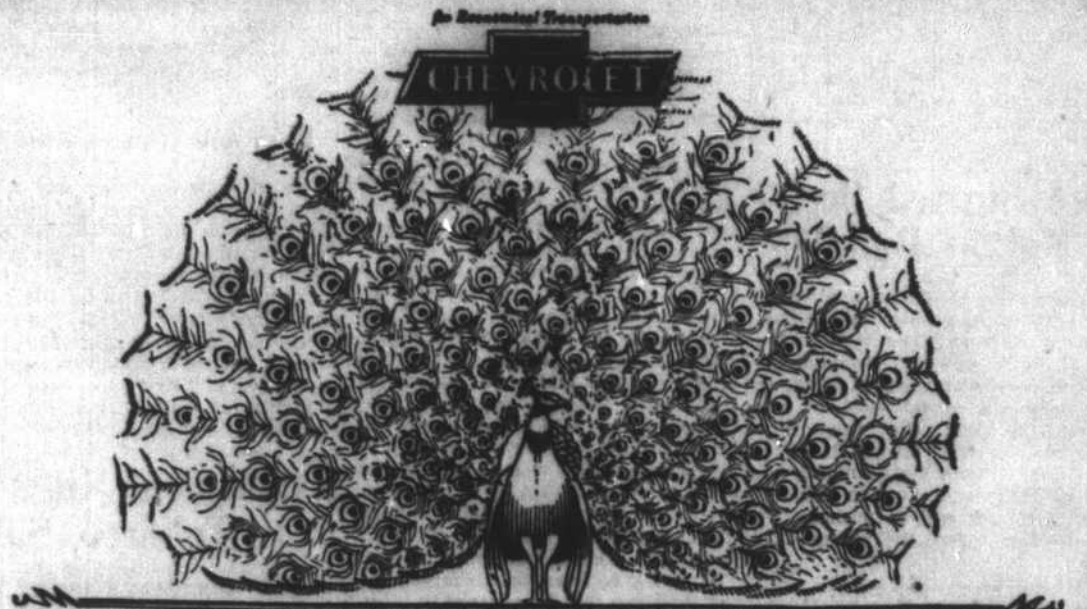
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