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Green To Face Murder Charge In Superior Court

Negro Being Held Without Bond; Wife Is Bound Over As Accessory.

Murder in the first degree is the charge which Richard Green, Sr., Negro, will face in Person Superior court during the week of April 22 in connection with the fatal shooting of his son, Richard Green, Jr., 20, on the night of March 2.

Hearing in the case was held in Person Recorder's court last week, and probable cause was found against Green. He is being held without bond.

The mother of the dead youth, Rachel Green, was bound over to Superior court on a charge of accessory before the fact, and was placed under \$200 bond. It is alleged that she had the weapon, a pistol, and willingly turned it over to her husband when the argument started between father and son, a dispute said to have arisen concerning the ability of the father to drive his car after he had allegedly become intoxicated. The Negro youth died the same night, March 2.

Also in Recorder's court last week, Glenn Bradsher, Negro man, allegedly involved with six other Negroes in an assault on two white taxicab operators of Roxboro, waived hearing and was bound over to Superior court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Previously the six other Negro men had faced Recorder's court hearing and had been bound over on the assault charge. Bradsher was placed under \$400 bond.

Driver Bound Over On Hit-Run Count

Herman Tate, 32, of Hillsboro, who allegedly was driving an automobile which ran into R. D. Bumpass' car Saturday night and then kept going, faced a hearing in Mayor's court to- day and was bound over to Recorder's court on a hit-and-run charge.

Central PTA To Meet Tuesday

A fathers' night program will be presented at the March meeting of Roxboro Central School Parent-Teacher Association which will be held at the school at 8:00 Tuesday night, it was announced today.

R. B. Griffin, county school superintendent, will make a ten-minute talk on facts all parents should know about the schools. Miss Woods' third grade will entertain with a program, to be followed by a community sing led by Miss Sarah Hodgins, public school music teacher.

Reports from the nominating committee will be presented at this meeting, and for that reason it is especially important that all members be present, according to Mrs. R. P. Burns, president. Refreshments will be served.

Victory Gardens For 1946 Urged

Chester C. Davis, organizing chairman of the Famine Emergency committee, released today, in behalf of the committee, a statement urging the planting of Victory Gardens in 1946 to increase the food supply.

"In releasing more wheat, fats, oils and other critically needed foods for shipment to starving people abroad, we recognize the essential part that the Victory Garden production will play in helping to provide food for the people of America," Mr. Davis said. "An abundance of nutritious home-grown food will permit much greater shipment of the food items so critically needed abroad."

"The President and the Secretary of Agriculture have called for full efforts again this year by the Victory Gardeners of the nation. This Famine Emergency committee considers the Victory Garden production one of the important parts of this entire emergency food program. This is a definite and positive way in which a large percentage of our citizens can help in relieving the suffering of the starving people of the world."

Brandon Receives Naval Discharge

William Thomas Brandon, seaman first class, U. S. Naval Reserve, son of Mrs. Arthur E. Brandon of Bethel Hill, has been released by the Navy after more than 28 months of active service, 16 of which were spent overseas. He wears the American, European and Pacific theatre ribbons and the Victory ribbon.

If sufficient castings are available, manufacturers report, production of sewing machines may reach the pre-war rate of 48,000 a month by summer.

LITTLE SYMPHONY MAKES A BIG HIT

From the first notes of a Schubert symphony through the final strains of a Strauss waltz, and then through two encores, a large and enthusiastic audience listened to the North Carolina Little Symphony here Friday night in a program which was universally enjoyed and praised.

The auditorium at Roxboro high school was almost filled for the performance as music-lovers from the town and from all sections of the county took advantage of this unusual opportunity to hear the State's own Symphony Orchestra. All the numbers on the program brought forth hearty applause, and at the end of the concert Dr. Benjamin F. Swalin, conductor, was repeatedly called back to the stage until he had led the Orchestra in two encores.

Wallace Woods and Fred Masten, co-chairmen of the music committee of Roxboro Rotary club, the sponsoring organization, announced today that more than \$560 was raised locally for the Orchestra through sale of tickets and through gifts. Mr. Woods and Mr. Masten expressed their thanks to all who aided in

Services Are Held For Mrs. Gravitte

Mrs. Carrie Estelle Gravitte, 52, died at her home, Roxboro, Route 3, at 7 o'clock Saturday night. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock this morning at Olive Branch Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Currin. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Gravitte was born and reared in Person County, the daughter of William M. Sanford and Martha P. Smith Sanford. She was educated in the Person county schools and was a member of Olive Branch church.

Surviving are her husband, W. A. Gravitte, four daughters, Mrs. L. M. Gillis, Mrs. Aubrey Watts, Mrs. Clyde Strickland, and Miss Imogene Gravitte, all of the home; three sons, Dwight, Alonza, Jr., and Stanley, of the home and seven grand-children.

Services Held For Foushee Infant

Claudia Dianne Foushee, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie C. Foushee of Gordon Street, Roxboro, died at 6 o'clock Saturday morning in a Durham hospital where she had been taken for treatment and an operation earlier in the week. Death was due to complications. She was six days old, having been born in Community Hospital, Roxboro, last Sunday.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave side in Buchwood Cemetery, Roxboro, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Daniel Lane of Roxboro.

Rev. E. C. Maness Addresses Rotary

The Rotary club met Thursday night at Hotel Roxboro with Dr. John Fitzgerald presiding. The program was in charge of George Fox, who presented the Rev. E. C. Maness. His subject was "Our Opportunities and Our Obligations." It was indeed very interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be at Hotel Roxboro, with Wheeler Newell in charge of the program.

Revival Services At Warrens Grove

The Rev. E. C. Maness, pastor of Brookside charge, will assist the Rev. Daniel Lane in a series of evangelistic services at Warrens Grove beginning the fourth Sunday night at 7:30, running through the fifth Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Improved

The condition of L. M. Carlton, postmaster, who has been a patient at Duke Hospital for the past several weeks, is much improved.

Stenographers, Typists May Apply For Civil Service

Commission Announces First Post-War Examination For Probational Appointments.

Stenographers and typists now have the opportunity to qualify for probational civil service appointments and a classified status. M. J. McAuliffe, Fourth Civil Service Regional Director announced today.

The first post-war examination leading to probational appointments for stenographers and typists has been announced concurrently by the Central Office and all the Regional Offices of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. McAuliffe stated persons living in the Fourth Civil Service Region comprising the states of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina may apply for appointment to the positions within this Region or in Washington, D. C. In either case, they should file their applications with the Office of the Director of the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region.

Federal employees serving in any grade of stenographic or typist positions who desire but who do not have permanent civil service appointments were urged by McAuliffe to apply for this examination. Those who attain eligibility and who meet the conditions for classification in their present positions may have their non-status appointments converted to appointments with civil service status, without change of grade or salary.

Information on the examination and the necessary card for applying may be obtained from the Commission's local secretary, V. E. Clayton, located at the Post Office, Roxboro, N. C. or from the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office, Nissen Building, Winston-Salem. Applications must be received in the Fourth U. S. Civil Service Regional Office in Winston-Salem, not later than March 26, 1946.

Prior Approval On Practices Needed For AAA Payment

Farmers must have farm practices approved before carrying them out to be eligible for AAA assistance under the 1946 Agricultural Conservation program, C. T. Hall chairman, Person County AAA committee, reminded farmers today.

In previous years, farmers could earn a payment simply by completing a practice approved generally for the area, but this year counties have received an allocation of funds to carry out the AAA program.

In order to keep expenditures within the county budget, practices must receive prior approval by the County Committee. The AAA doesn't want any disappointed farmers at the end of the year. The committee thinks it would be too bad for farmers to go ahead and complete practices, thinking that they were going to get some AAA assistance and then find out that the practices are not eligible.

Farmers should check first with the AAA Community and County Committee, so that practices they need to carry out on their farms can be included in the County's program budget.

Home Wiring To Be Discussed Here

A talk and demonstration on safe and adequate wiring of homes will be given in the Person County court house at 7:45 on the night of Thursday, March 28. It has been announced by Miss Evelyn Caldwell, county home agent. Speaker will be W. J. Rideout, Jr., engineering specialist and professor at North Carolina State College, Raleigh. The meeting will be open to all who are interested, and those who plan to have homes wired within the next few months are especially invited.

Along The Way

R. D. Bumpass is a hustling business man. He is after all the money that he can get honestly and even lays awake at night thinking about what he can do the next day to improve his financial situation.

BUT—here's what I saw at his place a week or so ago. A prominent farmer and a real good customer of R. D. walked in and asked him what he would charge to deliver some fertilizer to a certain place in the county. Bumpass was well tied up with other deliveries, the roads were bad and help was short and the trip was a long one. He told his customer this—"I should get six dollars but since you are a good customer I will do it for five but I will give you a dollar not to take me up on it and get someone else to do the job."

Series Of Robberies Reported In Business Offices Of Roxboro

Thief Gets More Than \$2,600 But His Luck Almost Ran Out Saturday.

Roxboro police today reported a series of robberies or attempted robberies in various business offices of the City which so far have netted the thief or thieves more than \$2,600.

The luck of the thief, and his companions if any, almost ran out Saturday afternoon in the offices of Roxboro Cotton Mills, where Chief G. C. Robinson missed the intruder by a matter of minutes after \$2,500 in cash had been taken from the Company's safe.

Knowing that there had been prowlers afoot in the business offices of the town, Chief Robinson decided to do a little looking around Saturday afternoon. Going to the Roxboro Cotton Mills offices, he discovered that the thief had beaten him there by a matter of minutes and had been successful in entering the safe, from which he removed \$2,500.

Robinson said he found the janitor of the building, Reade Bolton, in the office attempting to contact officials of the Company by telephone to tell them that the safe had been left open. However, investigation proved that the day lock on the outer door of the safe had been left open. After opening this, the thief discovered a key to the middle door of the safe in a desk drawer, and opened this middle door to get to the money.

The police chief said that Bolton has been with the Company for a long time, that he has a good reputation, and that he is not under suspicion in any way.

Other robberies which had previously been reported include the removal of about \$60 from the office of Dr. E. M. Hedgepeth at about 5 p. m. on Saturday, March 9; robbery of Tip Slaughter's Service station on the night of Sunday, March 10, in the amount of \$120; and an attempted robbery Saturday afternoon of the offices of W. D. Merritt over the Peoples Bank from which the thief got nothing. In Mr. Merritt's case, see ROBERIES Page 8.

Heavy Feeding Of Stock Reported

Evidence of the urgent need for farmers to reduce the current heavy rate of livestock feeding is summarized by the Production and Marketing Administration in a report on the feed situation made available today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Immediate action must be taken, the report emphasizes, if critical needs for grain for human consumption in other parts of the world are to be met and the danger of excessive livestock liquidation avoided in this country.

Clear evidence of heavy feeding is found in official statistics, the report states. Hogs marketed recently have averaged about 20 pounds heavier than a year ago and heavier than any other year of record. A larger proportion of highly finished cattle are being marketed. Milk cows are being fed grain and concentrates at record or near-record rates. The rate of eggs produced per layer has been at an all-time high. The average weight of turkeys and broiler chickens has been heavier than usual.

During the war, favorable livestock-feeding ratios brought a high rate of feeding and a resultant large production of livestock and livestock products for special war needs. Most livestock-feed ratios have continued to be conducive to heavy feeding. The urgent need today, however, is for grain—for use as a primary human food in liberated countries, as well as to maintain vital agricultural enterprises in the deficit feed areas in this country.

Changes announced on March 1 in subsidies and price ceilings for livestock and grains are expected to help adjust livestock feeding to the reduced supplies of feed grains and to encourage more prompt marketing of grain supplies.

Richmond Woman Dies Here Friday

Funeral services were held in Richmond, Va., Sunday for Mrs. H. O. Wilkins, 32, who died in Community Hospital at 5:30 p. m., Friday after a short illness.

Mrs. Wilkins came to Roxboro to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Lily Belle Chambers of Timberlake, who died Wednesday. The Richmond woman became suddenly ill Thursday and was taken to the hospital that night. Diabetic coma was listed as the immediate cause of death.

Surviving are her husband; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Enochs, formerly of Person County; two children, Shirley and Sonnie Wilkins; and a brother, Russell Enochs, all of Richmond.

No Action Taken

Members of Person County Library board met Friday afternoon, but took no action on election of a successor to Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., as secretary of the board. Members present for the meeting were F. D. Long, Mrs. R. H. Shelton, Mrs. J. Y. Humphries, and R. B. Griffin and the tri-county librarian, Miss Dorothy Wightman.

Convict Still Loose

State Prison Camp officials said today that no trace has yet been found of Lonnie Mathews, Negro convict who escaped between 7:30 and 8 A. M. Saturday. Mathews was serving an 18-month term. This escape is the first reported at the local convict camp since early last summer.

Special Guest

James A. Jordan, adjutant of the Lowell T. Huff post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, was a special guest of the Henderson VFW post at a Brunswick stew held in the Henderson armory last week. About 300 were present.

Senior Scout Troop Will Be Organized

A senior scout troop for Roxboro is expected to be formed here Tuesday night when several Boy Scouts of advanced rank will hold an organizational meeting at the USO building at 7:30. Doug Kelly of Reidsville, assistant director of the Cherokee Scout council, is expected to be present to assist in organizing and registering the troop.

Ten young men have indicated a desire to form such a troop here. At present there is no senior scout troop in the Person district. The boys are Bob Currier, George Wesley Gentry, Jr., Johnnie Horton, Howard Fox, Gene Cozart, Billie Johnson, Luther Whitte, Jr., Bob Houston, Joe Featherstone and Jimmy Street, the last named an Eagle Scout.

Senior scouting is expected to have a special appeal to Scouts of advanced rank who are older.

J. W. Bolick of Roxboro, who has taken an active interest in formation of the new troop, will serve as scoutmaster. Other leaders in the movement have been members of Roxboro Airport, including Mack Warren, Jimmie Long, G. N. Young, John D. Morris, and J. W. Green. Mr. Warren is chairman of the Cherokee council, and Mr. Green is chairman of the Person district.

Regular meeting of the Person district will be held at 7:30 Tuesday night in the Chamber of Commerce offices. John B. Oakley, Cherokee executive, is expected to attend.

A scout father-son banquet is planned for April.

State Fire Chief Coming To City

Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, State fire marshal, Fire Chief Frank W. Bennett of Durham, and several members of the Camp Butler fire department will be guests of the Roxboro Exchange club at their meeting in the Recreation Center Wednesday night at 6:45.

Arbor Day To Be Observed Friday, March 22

The Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Conservation and Development are working together to have Arbor Day appropriately observed in each school in North Carolina.

According to the Arbor Day Law, contained in the General Statutes dealing with Public Education, the Friday following the fifteenth of March of each year shall be known as Arbor Day; thus, Friday, March 22, is the proper day this year.

The law goes on to state that "a program for the observance by the school children of the State shall issue each year in order that they might be taught to appreciate the true value of trees and forests to their State."

Suggestions for an Arbor Day program have been mailed to each vocational agriculture school and to each county superintendent by the Division of Forestry and Parks.

Up to 5000 pine seedlings, a sufficient quantity to plant five acres, has been offered free of charge by the N. C. Forest Service to any vocational agriculture school desiring to begin or enlarge their school forest.

Unwise cutting practices and forest fires are the greatest enemies to our forests. The children of today are the grown people of tomorrow and it is only fair that each child have the opportunity of knowing something of his or her natural surroundings.

CWO Hayes Gets Commendation

Chief Warrant Officer Cleidith N. Hayes, formerly of Route 2, Wooddale, and now assigned to the headquarters of the Army Airways communications system, was awarded the Army Airways communications system certificate by Brigadier General Ivan L. Farman, commanding general of the AACS. The following is quoted from the letter presented to CWO Hayes by General Farman:

"It is with great pleasure that I hereby award you the Army Airways communications system certificate of Commendation and, by direction of the Secretary of War, authorize you to wear the Army Commendation ribbon in recognition of meritorious service in the outstanding performance of your duties as Chief of the Publications Division, Adjutant General's Office, this Headquarters."

4-H Girls Make Own Outfits

Budget-wise girls enrolled in the National 4-H Clothing Achievement program are making their own Spring outfits. Through this activity, girls are learning the fashion rules and secrets of being attractively dressed, with due regard for the family income.

Participants develop initiative and imagination. They learn to combine a practical knowledge of clothing construction with the principles of color, line and design as applied to each individual. In addition, they learn how to make useful articles of wearing apparel and accessories by crocheting, knitting, or other needlecraft arts. The result is that they dress approximately, healthfully, economically and becomingly.

Outstanding achievements in this activity are given recognition in the form of medals of honor to county winners and educational trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, December 1-5, to state champions. Twelve of the latter are selected to receive a national award of a \$200 College scholarship. All of these incentives are provided by the Educational Bureau of the Spool Cotton Company. This is the sixth consecutive year of the activity, which is conducted under the direction of the Federal and State Extension Services.

Complete information will be furnished by county extension agents.

Grange To Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Person County Grange will be held Thursday night, March 21, at 7:30. All officers of the organization and others are urged to be on hand. The meeting, stated C. C. Wilkerson, Master, will be held in the USO building.

RHS Speakers To Participate In District Contests

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Another Roxboro High student, W. D. Fisher, will represent Person County in the district oratorical contest which is being sponsored by the American Legion and which will be held in Greensboro, Thursday. Fisher's subject will be "The Privileges and Responsibilities of an American Citizen."

Miss Owen competed with students from five other high schools in the County, all of whom spoke on "Soil Building Practices." As county winner, she will receive a \$100 war bond and a free trip to Pinehurst to attend sessions of the North Carolina Bankers Association on May 8. Winners from the individual schools each received a \$25 bond.

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