

THOMAS WILL SEEK
FREEDOM ON FRIDAY

Man Charged With the Killing of Arthur Allen Has Instituted Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

HEARING TO BE HELD TOMORROW

In Gastonia Before Judge Bis Ray.—Nothing New Has Developed Since Arrest of Thomas.

Maness and Armfield, attorneys for O. G. (Fred) Thomas, held for the killing of A. J. Allen, spent the greater part of Wednesday in Charlotte and Salisbury, conferring with Thomas and with Solicitor Hayden Clement.

The prisoner was interviewed by newspaper men yesterday, and made the following statement, in the presence of Deputy Sheriff Fesperman:

"I had stopped my car with the engine running," said Thomas. "It was dark along the street and I was looking for the home of Mr. Overcash. I had never been there except in the daytime, and was looking to see if I was in the right place."

"I noticed a closed Ford car stop several yards ahead of me, but paid no particular attention to it. While I was looking for the home of Mr. Overcash, a man walked up to the side of the car and told me to throw up my hands."

"The pistol was lying on the seat beside me. I grabbed it up, shot him three times and throwing the Buick automobile I was driving in gear, drove rapidly up the street."

"I did not wait to see how badly I had hurt him."

"I did not know at the time who he was. I am acquainted with Allen, in fact, I sold him an auto this summer."

"Asked if it was his pistol with which he did the shooting, Thomas stated that it was not."

"You know I always carry my pistol in the pocket of my car. Well, some time during the day some one took it. My pistol is a .320 while this gun is a straight .32. It belonged to the fellow who went with me to Kannapolis. I borrowed it from him."

"After getting up street I surrendered to the police and was told that Allen was dead. Later I was surrendered to Sheriff Spears, who brought me to Charlotte just after midnight this morning."

"The statement as made by Thomas is interesting because it differs in one point from the testimony of Mrs. Robert Lowe as given at the coroner's inquest. Mrs. Lowe, who was riding with Thomas at the time of the shooting, testified that the pistol with which Thomas killed Allen, was lying in her lap, while Thomas stated that when the man told him to throw up his hands, "I grabbed him with the pistol which was lying on the seat, and shot him three times." In all other points the two versions of the killing agree."

Attorney Maness notified Coroner Spencer last night that the habeas corpus hearing would be held tomorrow in Gastonia before Judge Ray instead of in Monroe before Judge McElroy as had been first planned.

Attorneys for Thomas also conferred with Solicitor Clement in Salisbury several times yesterday, but the Solicitor, after conferring with local officers, was unwilling to agree to bond, not being satisfied, local officers stated, that Thomas could not be held for murder. The Solicitor did not state, however, whether or not he would attend the hearing before Judge Ray tomorrow.

There are no new developments in the case other than Thomas' efforts to get out on bail. Local county officers have made no further investigation of the killing, though Coroner Spencer has been notified by Chief Boger, of the Kannapolis police, that two important witness were found there yesterday. The nature of the testimony these witness will give was not stated, however, but Chief Boger was notified to have them ready for the hearing before the grand jury at the next term of Cabarrus Superior court.

Coroner Spencer told Chief Boger that the testimony of the witnesses was not wanted now because the coroner's jury had already rendered its verdict, having determined that Thomas killed Allen.

Funeral services over the remains of Allen will be held tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the McKinnon Presbyterian Church conducted by Rev. C. C. Myers. Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery. The services were postponed until tomorrow so that Mrs. Allen's brother, Mr. Clarence Henderson could arrive from his home in Pawtucket, R. I.

So many rumors in connection with the killing have been heard that little or no attention is being paid to any of them. There have been a few exceptions to this however, and officers have tried to get at the foundation of a rumor that Allen talked with a woman of Kannapolis, in her home shortly before he was killed. Just who the woman was the officers have not learned, and of course, they have not

PROPOSAL OF UNION MINERS CAST ASIDE

By Coal Operators at Hearing Before the Senate Committee.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The proposals of the union miners in West Virginia were cast aside today by counsel for the coal operators at a hearing before the Senate investigating committee. The proposals for the settlement put forward by Frank P. Walsh, miners' counsel, and Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers, were met with a declaration from the operators "We'll have no dealing with the mine workers."

Mr. Walsh at the opening of today's session called the committee's attention to the settlement plan submitted Monday by Mr. Murray involving the use of the committee's military officers. Mr. Walsh suggested that all attorneys in the case remain in Washington after the present hearings here and attempt to put an end to the troubles in West Virginia in a conference on the Murray plan under the committee's direction.

ROUSE ADJUDGED GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Verdict in Case Rendered at Snow Hill This Morning.

(By the Associated Press.)

Snow Hill, N. C., Oct. 27.—Guilty of murder in first degree was the verdict of the jury in the case of Wright Rouse, negro, charged jointly with Mrs. Sarah Whitley, of Meltonburg, this Greene County, and Thos. Hayes, white murderer, in connection with the killing of the woman's son in several months ago. Judge Daniels has not yet sentenced the negro.

Immediately after Rouse's case went to the jury the trial of Mrs. Whitley began and five jurors of a special venire of 103 Wayne County citizens had been selected when the court recessed at 1:30.

Whitley was shot to death while a jeep near his home near his home. The state charged that the negro did the shooting while Mrs. Whitley and Hayes, a former tenant, instigated it.

(Football—Today.)

(By the Associated Press.)

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 27.—First period, South Carolina University 6; Clemson 0; second period, University 7 to 0.

been able to learn what conversation took place between them.

Another timer has been accepted, and the other two are to be used. Thomas is alleged to have owed Allen \$100, and numerous persons are alleged to have stated that they heard Allen and Thomas discussing the debt in Kannapolis Tuesday afternoon.

The pistol was very popular both in Concord and Kannapolis. Neighbors here speak in the highest terms of him. One of his neighbors said:

"I have known Mr. and Mrs. Allen for six years, and they were lovely folks. Mr. Allen was always gentle and kind to his family. He was a good husband and always at home with his wife and children when his day's work was over. He always met everyone with a smile. He always met everyone with a smile. He was a faithful member of the McKinnon Presbyterian Church and always ready to do his duty."

Thomas stated in an statement made yesterday that he sold Allen a car, but he made no mention of owing Allen money, or of Allen owing him money. He did not recognize the man he shot, he stated, and Mrs. Lowe also said that she did not see the man's face. Mrs. Lowe stated that so far as she knew she did not know Allen.

The Charlotte Observer today carried the following paragraphs concerning Thomas:

Thomas, a salesman for Osmond L. Barringer, automobile distributor, is one of the best known and most successful automobile salesman in Charlotte. He has been connected with several of the largest automobile firms and in fact stated last night that he sold an automobile sometime ago to Allen, the victim of the shooting.

Mrs. Robert Lowe, who was with Thomas at the time of the killing of Allen, was in the city yesterday for a good part of the day; but could not be seen. She is a frequent visitor to this city, having relatives here and being also a friend of both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, with whom she has frequently been seen riding here.

Her testimony before the coroner's jury in Kannapolis largely corroborated the account of the shooting as given by Thomas.

Deputy Sheriff Vick Fesperman, who consented to allow the prisoner to be interviewed, was later asked why Thomas was brought to Charlotte. He stated that Sheriff Spears said there was some feeling in Kannapolis and Concord over the affair, and that Thomas desired to be brought away from there.

There were a number of citizens from Concord and Kannapolis in the city yesterday, and in conversation with officers and others, some of them indicated that there might be interesting disclosures at the time of the trial that have not been learned by the public at large up to this time.

Thomas has been a frequent visitor to Concord and Kannapolis, it was said; in fact, many of his sales, especially in used cars, have been made in that territory. He lived for a time in Concord and is well acquainted with Kannapolis and Concord.

Thomas, who lives here with his wife and small children, is well known and popular with the automobile salesmen. He is known to be a good trader and makes excellent commissions. He is exceedingly affable and has a large number of friends. Sheriff Cochran said that at least 100 people asked permission to visit him in the jail yesterday.

In the remote parts of Scotland people still wear garters made of fresh eel-skin as a preventative of rheumatism.

A mile in length, and including 78-105 signatures, was a petition recently presented to the British House of Lords.

Local Flurries



EDWARDS-PATTERSON.

Miss Nancy Lee Patterson Becomes Bride of Mr. George R. Edwards—Beautiful Ceremony in Central Church Central Methodist Church was the scene of a marriage of peculiar interest to the entire State last evening at 7:30 o'clock, when Miss Nancy Lee Patterson became the bride of Mr. George R. Edwards, of Rocky Mount. Friends and relatives of the contracting parties from all parts of North Carolina witnessed the ceremony, which was one of the most beautiful in the history of Central Church. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Z. Paris, pastor of the bride for the past four years.

The pulpit, altar and choir rostrum were lavishly and tastefully covered with ivy and white satin, a huge bank of ferns providing the background for the wedding party. Four large cathedral candles and eight smaller candles added a soft touch to the perfect wedding setting.

Beginning at 7 o'clock a musical program was rendered by Mrs. C. B. Waggoner, Mrs. Victor A. Means, and Mr. S. Kay Patterson, the first number being "Chanson de Florian," by Godard, an organ solo played by Mrs. Means. This was followed by a flute solo, "At the Brook," by Biffledeford, played by Mr. Patterson. Another organ solo, "Antiphon," by Salome, played by Mrs. Means, was followed by "O Perfect Love," sung by Mrs. Waggoner. Mrs. Means played the organ accompaniment for Mrs. Waggoner and Mr. Patterson. The bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" was used as the march, and the Mendelssohn Wedding March was used as the recessional.

The ushers entered first, using both aisles and standing on either side of the altar. The ushers were Robert Gorham, of Rocky Mount, Louis Hume, Jr., of Goldsboro, R. T. Jeffress, of Rocky Mount, Woodall Rose, of Rocky Mount, A. G. Odell, of Concord, and James L. Brown, of Concord.

They were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Helen Patterson, sister of the bride, who entered from the right aisle. Her gown was of sunset taffeta and she carried a sheath of pink roses. Next entered the flower girls, Little Misses Elizabeth Odell and Esther Brown, nieces of the bride, who carried baskets of roses. They were charmingly attired in white organdy ruffled frocks with trimmings of ribbons and rose buds.

The bride entered from the right aisle with her brother, Mr. Fred M. Patterson, a student at Chapel Hill. Her wedding gown was of soft white tulip with sprays of orange blossoms, over ivory satin and lace. A court train hung clear of the dress from the shoulders. She wore a circlet of orange blossoms, and in her arms she carried a shower bouquet of orchids and valley lilies. Her only ornament was a diamond and platinum bar pin, the gift of the groom. The groom entered from the right vestry with his best man, Mr. Hunt Parker, of Edgefield, and joined his bride at the altar.

The ring ceremony of the Methodist Church was used.

Immediately after the ceremony the members of the bridal party were honored guests at a reception given at the home of the bride's parents on North Union street.

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Mr. Edwards is associated with his father, Mr. George S. Edwards, in the wholesale grocery business in Rocky Mount and is known as a man of many fine qualities.

Mrs. Edwards has been the recipient of much attention since her engagement was announced several weeks ago, many elaborate showers, parties and luncheons having been given in her honor.

The couple received many costly gifts, signifying the esteem in which they were held by their many friends.

Among the out-of-town people here for the wedding were:

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Edwards, Miss Julia Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Woodall Rose, Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Norfleet, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stone, Miss Jennie Patterson, Miss Ruth Crowell, Miss Lelia Graham Marsh, Charlotte; Miss Dorothy Gregory, Elizabeth City; Miss Sarah Watts, Reidsville; Miss Elizabeth Conrad, Winston-Salem; Miss Gaietie Pearson, Salisbury; Miss Mary Roper, Lexington; and Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, Greensboro.

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BOARD MEMBER MEETS WITH UNION LEADERS

Ben W. Hooper Attended the Morning Session of the Conference Being Held by Railway Employees.

NOTHING DEFINITE WAS MADE PUBLIC

By Mr. Hooper After the Meeting.—Believe W. G. Lee Is Behind Movement to Avert the Strike.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Oct. 27.—At 9 o'clock Ben W. Hooper, member of the United States Railroad Labor Board, left his office for Masonic Temple, where president, general chairmen and executive committees of the Big Five unions are in session.

Mr. Hooper was expected to make the final appeal on behalf of the government for calling off the threatened strike.

The board's proposal, it was reported, is a guarantee that neither wages nor rules changes will be considered until all pending cases are disposed of.

Mr. Hooper was accompanied by A. P. Whitney vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Whitney's presence led to reports that W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, was backing the peace move.

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WELAN-DUKE INTERESTS MAY BUY SCHULTE STORES

Negotiations for the Sale are Underway It Became Known Today.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Oct. 27.—Negotiations for absorption of the Schulte retail stores Corporation, one of the largest chain of cigar stores in the country by the United Cigar Stores Corporation, owned by the Welan-Duke tobacco interests are underway. It was noted today by D. A. Schulte, president of the former organization,

"We are considering a proposition from the United Retail Stores." Mr. Schulte did not give any details.

The Schulte chain operates