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SHERIFF BROOKS AND HIS DEPUTIES ENGAGE 'SHINERS IN GUN BATTLE

Deputy Bradsher Receives Gun Shot Wound In Left Shoulder

Third Attempt To Raid Still Proves Successful For County Officers

Obe Cothran Receives Bullet Through Lung; Pneumonia Has Developed; Not Expected to Live.

The southeast section of Person County, near the corner of Person, Durham and Orange Counties was the scene of a desperate gun battle last Saturday night, when Sheriff N. S. Brooks, Chief Police S. A. Oliver and Deputies W. R. Gentry, R. W. Dixon and Frank Bradsher responded to a report that a blockade still was being operated in full blast; so they went down to investigate matters and instead of finding a still operated down among the alder bushes and bull rushes on the old spring branch as the usual custom is, they found a real liquor factory housed up snugly in a wooden building with modern conveniences well guarded by a gang of young men with guns who, instead of trying to make a lawful living had taken the law in their own hands.

However, Sheriff Brooks, with his able and brave force of deputies, decided that this thing could be reached and broken up. After having made two unsuccessful trips the third one was undertaken with the result of a most cowardly attack on the officers. When they undertook to enter this den the blockaders opened fire with the result of a very painful and dangerous gun shot wound in the left shoulder of Deputy Frank Bradsher. The battle kept raging until one of the blockaders, Obe Cothran, received a bullet wound through his right lung throwing him to the ground, at which juncture his comrades broke and ran, with deputy Gentry close behind in a death and life race. At this stage of the fight one of the blockaders fired two shots at Gentry missing him with each. Roy Cothran, together with the wounded Cothran were the only two of the gang to be captured. Roy was brought to town and placed in jail and the two wounded men were carried to Watts Hospital where they were given medical attention.

A later report from the hospital states the condition of both men are not very satisfactory, however, if no serious complications set in the chances for the recovery of both are good.

A report from Watts Hospital just as we go to press regarding the condition of Frank Bradsher, is very encouraging. His wounds are of a very painful nature but it is hoped that he has passed the most dangerous stage. Cothran has developed pneumonia and is necessarily in a very critical condition.

"Professor Pepp"

"Professor Pepp" will be presented at the Grammar School auditorium Tuesday evening, March 23, at 8 p. m.

This is a delightful three-act comedy with a college background. It abounds in amusing situations and has a plot that is sure to captivate the audience. In brief it is this: Professor Pepp, on a vacation trip to Russia is initiated into a Bolshevik society and is so unlucky as to draw a red ball obligating him to murder the Princess, Katchoffsky. In terror he flees from Russia, but Boris, the fellow who played the trick on the poor professor, writes to a friend of the faculty, telling the story and revealing the password, "Bumski." Everybody has his own way with the terrified professor who sees a Bolshevik in every bush.

The cast which has been selected for the play give promise of an excellent interpretation of their parts. They are as follows:

Professor Pepp, Clyde Hall.
Mr. C. B. Buttonbister, a giddy butterfly of forty-eight, Fritz Davis.
Howard Green, his son, who had his name changed—Dale Featherston.
Sim Batty, the police force of the college town, L. T. Heffner.
Peddie, Benson, a self-help student, Dan Richmond.
Noisy Fleming, a freshman, Sam Byrd Winstead.
Pink Hatcher, a sophomore, George Thomas.
Buster Brown, a junior, Cecil Cary.

Sargent Has Heard Much About State

Boone, March 22.—North Carolina is attracting national attention—even the attention of the easy-going attorney general. When Prof. I. G. Geer, of Boone, called at the attorney general's office to urge the cause of Frank A. Linney for federal judge, he found the attorney general smoking.

"Is that North Carolina tobacco?" Professor Geer asked. "Well," replied Mr. Sargent, "it seems that nearly everything nowadays is coming from North Carolina. Every time I hear of a North Carolina town, I learn it makes more of something than any other place in the world."

Miss Montague In Auto Accident

Miss Musette Montague was painfully hurt in an automobile accident last Friday night near South Hill. Miss Montague, who was in an auto with her brother-in-law, Mr. Joe Ryland, was behind a car which was being driven by her sister, Miss Maude, when they came upon a crowd standing around a wrecked car. Miss Maude started ahead with her car when some one motioned to her, as she thought for her to stop, and stopping rather suddenly the rear car ran into it, throwing Miss Musette forward against the wind shield. While the accident was very painful no serious hurt was done Miss Montague, and she has returned home, and is getting on all right.

Negro Caught With Gun

Dallas Ramsey, colored, decided that it was dangerous to live in this good county unless he could carry a pistol along with him to fight off vicious wild animals and likewise concealed one on his person, but Chief Oliver was a little too much for him so he had to surrender himself and gun over to the chief and will be given a chance to tell the judge all about it in court.

Too Much Booze

For some reason suspicion pointed at a convicting finger towards the premises of C. B. Adcock to the extent that an investigation was considered necessary and was likewise made revealing the fact that too much of the coveted fluid was being allowed around, in fact something over a gallon was found near his home so Mr. Adcock was given a preliminary hearing Monday and bound over to court. Why don't you cut it out boys? It will eventually get you and all your folks in serious trouble.

Announcement

We wish to announce to the people of Roxboro that we have opened a first class grocery store on Depot street and ask to share in your patronage.

ADAMS & HARRIS.

Betty Gardner, the professor's ward, Virginia Mathis.
Aunt Minerva Boulder, his housekeeper, Sallie Lou Walters.

Petunia Muggins, the hired girl, Winnie Wilburn.
Olga Stopaki, a teacher of folk dancing, Elizabeth Whitten.
Kitty Clover, a collector of souvenirs, Edna Cole.
Vivian Drew, a college belle, Louise Pulliam.

Caroline Kay, a freshman, Blossom Hall.

The proceeds from this play will help to pay for the new curtain for the high school stage. So you will have a chance to see your own boys and girls in a good show and at the same time do your bit in helping out in a matter of community interest.

The play is being directed by Miss Ethel Erwin. The musical features, which will be an attractive part of the program, are being arranged by Miss Vera Cox and Emily Southall.

U. S. Marines Join British In Defense

Shanghai, March 22.—A detachment of 40 United States Marines this morning was hurried out to reinforce the British troops holding the Markham road bridge on the border between the international settlement and the native district of Chapel.

Shanghai Is Now In Hands Of Cantonese

Merciful Lull Succeeds One of Bloodiest Periods in City's History

Shanghai, March 22.—A merciful lull tonight succeeded one of the bloodiest periods in Shanghai's history. With the arrival of Cantonese regulars in the Chinese districts tonight, comparative quiet descended upon portions of the native city in which terror, death and destruction had reigned for 36 hours during conflicts between the retreating Shantungese of the northern army and the Kuomintang guerillas.

The Cantonese arrivals impelled the remaining northern troops to attempt to break through the British cordon to take refuge in the international settlement resulting in the first real clash between Chinese and foreign troops since the occupation of Shanghai.

A majority of the Shantungese eventually were disarmed and interned within the settlement, but in several places they turned rifles and machine guns against detachments of the Durham battalion of the British defense force. The Durhams replied in kind, killing approximately 24 Shantungese and wounding more. Two Durhams were wounded in the exchange.

Altogether 3,000 northerners surrendered to the British, Italian, Japanese guards. This is believed to account for all the northern troops that remained in Shanghai today.

Have You Tried Chesterfields?

"A natural tobacco richness entirely free from over-sweetening," in no other cigarette do men find such naturalness of taste and character, says the advertisement of Chesterfield Cigarette, which is so attractively displayed in another column. They are making a special drive in this section just now, and want you to try Chesterfield. They satisfy.

A Chorus of beautiful young Girls with Herman Lewis and his LAUGHTERLAND REVUE playing at Palace Theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week.

MORE READABLE TYPE FOR OUR NEWS COLUMNS

Old Type

Sheriff Brooks seems to be decorating his office with a new kind of furniture. During the past two or three days he has collected and added to his regular line of office fixtures, ten or more slot machines taken from stores in various sections of the County. We have never been very favorably inclined towards this method of doing business and we think the sheriff is to be commended in his campaign against these things which will help rid our good County of one menace at least.

Today's issue of the Courier is set in a new style of type recently brought out by the Mergenthaler Linotype Company. As is clearly shown by the above comparison, the new type appears much larger and clearer yet gives many more words to the column than the type heretofore used by our paper.

This type meets the demand for larger print without any reduction in the amount of news matter.

Bandits Fail In Attempted Mail Robbery

Express Messenger Held Up As Train Leaves Biltmore; Toys With Safe

NO VALUABLES IN SAFE

Asheville, March 22.—Train bandits entering the express car of the Carolina special as it left the Biltmore yards tonight, held up the express messenger at the point of a pistol and forced him to open the safe, which is used to carry valuable packages and currency, but failed to make a haul.

The bandits had apparently figured that the boldness of the attack, occurring as it did almost in the city of Asheville, would catch the messenger off his guard but it was that same situation which prevented them from getting the money that they had expected.

Messenger Kill Time

Time was consumed while the messenger purposely toyed with the safe under the bandits' gun and by the time it was opened and found to be empty the train was roaring into Asheville station and the bandits had to flee. The messenger, J. A. McPeters, whose wit had saved the express valuables, fired several shots at them as they fled in the darkness but it was not learned whether they were wounded.

The valuables had been removed from the safe as the train approached Asheville and placed in a small black bag, preparatory to placing them in the big safe in the company office here. The bandits, chagrined at not finding money they believed to be in the car, did not discover the little black bag before they were forced to flee by the approach of the station.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:45, H. L. Crowell, Supt. Morning service by the pastor.

We wish that each member who can entertain a delegate will turn the number they will entertain to Mrs. Ed Hill or Mrs. Crowell. Sunday school at Mitchell Chapel at 2 p. m.

Preaching at Bushy Fork at 3:30. Services at Rougemont at 7:30. Please notice the change in the time of meeting. Every one welcome at all services.

P. CARY ADAMS, Pastor.

Honors For Roxboro High School

Miss Ethel Erwin, Latin instructor for the local high school, has been notified by the department of Latin, University of North Carolina, that her students were accorded first and fourth honorable mention in the recent State-wide Latin contest. This is the third year that Roxboro has carried off the same honors. It appears to be the best record in the State, since no school has won the cup twice nor received special mention a second time. Wm. Merritt and Edwin Long had the best papers with 29-100 points difference. Samuel Byrd Winstead followed with an excellent paper.

Hasn't Missed a Day School Contest



Bertha Kurtz, 10, Cedar County, Neb., with three years, six months and twenty-two days to her credit, at this writing, is entry No. 1 in a national contest to learn which boy or girl has the most perfect 5-day-a-week school attendance without being tardy or absent. Is there a boy or girl in this county who has a better record? Tell this newspaper. Send us your picture and let us enter you in this contest.

Prof. Stalvey Declines Re-election

At a meeting of the trustees of the Roxboro Graded School last Thursday evening Prof. A. B. Stalvey declined to allow his name to be considered for re-election. He has been superintendent of the graded school here for more than sixteen years, and he has seen the school grow from a very small institution to a school of about twenty teachers. More honors have come to the school through students which have entered the various colleges than ever before, and Mr. Stalvey has just cause to feel proud of his record.

While it was not known that Mr. Stalvey would take this step until the meeting Thursday evening, some one evidently got busy for one of the members of the board told us Monday morning that there had already been several applicants, one applying personally.

Something New In Auto Advertising

The General Motors, probably manufacturing more automobiles than any other concern in the world, have made a new departure in advertising automobiles. As will be seen from a very attractive ad in another column, they are now advertising all of their cars in one display. They begin with the popular Chevrolet and go on through the list comprising Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac; also Frigidaire Electric refrigerators and Delco-Light Electric plants.

If you are interested in an automobile or Frigidaire or Delco-Light plant it will be to your interest to look up the advertisement and fill in the coupon at the bottom and mail it to General Motors, Dept. A, Detroit, Mich.

Union Service

It has been decided to hold a Union service here this spring, preliminary services to begin May 30th. Dr. O. R. Mangum, of Oxford, will arrive on June 5th and will do the preaching. All of the churches of the town will join in these services and the people are to be congratulated upon the privilege of hearing Dr. Mangum, as he is a speaker of note.

More detailed report will be given as the committees complete arrangements.

The Miami Four quartette Southlands Sweetest Singers with Herman Lewis and his LAUGHTERLAND REVUE playing at Palace Theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week.

The return of the Season's best show Herman Lewis and his LAUGHTERLAND REVUE playing at Palace Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week.

Given Five Years For Stealing Mail

Atlanta, March 22.—Cecil Pierce, 11 years old, was sentenced to five years in the National Training School for Boys at Washington today by Judge S. H. Sibley for the theft of a letter from a mail box at Rome, Ga.

Meeting To Be For Boys And Girls Saturday

Boys and Girls, This Meeting Is For You and Mr. Sanders is expecting you

BIG CROWD EXPECTED

All members of the corn, poultry and the canning or gardening club, and all who will join at this meeting are asked to meet the county agent at the court house on Saturday March 26th at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of enrollment and organizing a County Club.

The County Agent will not have time to visit all of the prospective members and urge them to join or give them a personal invitation to join, hence all who will join any of the above clubs are asked to come to the court house where enrollment will be taken.

There are many who would join these clubs, or one of them, if they were asked, but it is a physical impossibility for the county agent to visit each one of you, hence it is hoped that you will meet the agent half way and come to the meeting and sign up for the corn or the poultry or the canning and the gardening club. Full particulars regarding each club, requirements, and other matters of "Getting the Right Start" will be discussed. Remember that both banks and The Courier are co-operating with you boys and girls to the extent that they are each offering fifty dollars to be awarded as prizes this fall at the club show.

Do not put it off any longer but come to the first meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, write the county agent a card stating which club or clubs you will join. Parents are urged to attend the meeting as they will get a better idea of what we are trying to do through the 4-H clubs for the farm boys and girls. We want not less than 50 corn club members and not less than 25 members each in the poultry and canning and gardening club. You will recall a long article in The Courier written recently on club work, its aims and its purposes. Find this old copy and read it again.

A Word to Parents

It would be a source of pleasure to know that your son has joined in with other North Carolinians to make a success of club work. We are earnestly asking your hearty, sincere and unreserved support and cooperation. We all know the love of a father for his son. This love gives purity to the boy's life and adds strength to his determination. Without it we would never know the pleasures which come to us in the sweet school of boyhood. The same is true of the girls.

Insist that your children join the club work and help them to learn the first lessons. Give the boy a good acre of land and pure seed, or get him or her fifty good baby chicks or ten hens and let them have the right start. Assist the girls in the canning and gardening club. It should not cost much above the average to run the farm, and if it does cost a little you will be more than repaid through the satisfaction of knowing that you started them off on the right track in life.

We want to join this club to compete with each other and with other members in the State. It is time that we get started in this work, so all come to the meeting one hundred of you.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m., R. L. Winstead, Supt. Preaching 11 a. m., subject: "Christian Ideals." 7:30 p. m., subject: "The Name Above Every Name." B. Y. P. U.'s 6:30 p. m. General B. Y. P. U.'s 7:15 p. m., Dr. H. M. Beam, Director.

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 55:6. A cordial welcome is extended to all. W. F. WEST, Pastor.

Parent-Teacher Asso.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Roxboro schools will meet Tuesday, March 29th, at 3:15 p. m. in the auditorium of the graded school. The program for the afternoon will be in charge of Miss Emily Southall's music class. Pub. Com.

Herman Lewis with his LAUGHTERLAND REVUE and Beauty Chorus, a Company of 16 People playing at Palace Theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week.