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NEGRO LYNCHED AT KINSTON WEDNESDAY

Joe Black, Father of Negro Rape Fiend, Taken From County Jail and Shot to Death By Mob Wednesday Morning. MOB OF BETWEEN TWO AND THREE HUNDRED PARTICIPATE

KINSTON, N. C., April 5.—Joseph Black, a negro, about fifty years of age, the father of the alleged rapist held in the penitentiary at Raleigh, was taken from Lenoir county jail here this morning a few minutes before three o'clock by a mob of several hundred persons. The body of the man was found in the road between Maury and Lizzie, Green county, later. A fusillade of shots was heard in that neighborhood and it is believed the mob despatched Black there. Last week Will Black, a boy not quite grown, attacked and viciously abused a six-year-old white child, Mattie Tyson, in Green county. He beat her mother in order to accomplish the crime, and afterwards shot two possemen in a gun battle. He was taken and hurried to Goldsboro, and from there was later taken to Raleigh.

Black's Threats Led to His Death.

Joseph Black furnished his son with shot guns and a revolver, it is alleged. But not that so much as alleged threats and assertions by him caused the Green county people to take his life. It is reliably reported that Black stated that the little girl was no better than his son, that he would burn the Tyson home and kill the child's father if he had anything to do with the prosecution. His actions in the neighborhood following the assault provoked the men of the community to fury. The Green county sheriff got Joseph Black soon after Will Black was captured, holding him for furnishing the boy with weapons. It took the people days to reach the determination to lynch the old man, but their minds made up, Sheriff Williams knew better than to leave him within easy reach of a mob.

Williams learned Tuesday evening that Snow Hill jail would not hold Black that night. He rushed him to Kinston. Black was incarcerated here at 9:20.

Young Man Was Spokesman for Mob.

H. V. Allen, the jailer here, was awakened shortly before the lynchers appeared at the jail. A man was informing him over the telephone of the mob's approach when the leaders appeared at the door. Hundreds of quiet men lined the streets near the jail and filled the court house square. A beardless man, not more than twenty-five years of age, was spokesman. Allen parleyed for a time. A man with a watch announced that he had half a minute left. The youthful leader told him to deliver up the keys or take the consequences. Allen's wife and startled children were at the windows of their quarters. Two men seized the jailer, took his keys and were directed by him to an old death cell on the second floor.

The leaders told Black to get up and dress himself. "We're going to move you to another jail," he was told. Black could not stand. He was too frightened to speak. He was carried by the men, almost tenderly, it seemed to Allen, down stairs, out on the street and in an automobile. Black cried "Murder," Allen heard the noise. Black did not cry out again. Then the long procession of automobiles, buggies, wagons and mounted men, no one speaking, passed on up the street and out to Green county.

Electric lamps all about illuminated the peaceable "storming" of the jail, but Kinston did not know what had happened until day had arrived, so quietly did the Green farmers do their work. The mob had taken the precaution to picket principal intersections of streets against police or a riot call, but they were not molested in any way.

Morbid Throngs View Black's Body.

FARMVILLE, April 5.—"Joe Black came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted at the hands of person or persons unknown." This was the verdict of Coroner Harper and six men summoned from the spectators of the body of Joe Black as it lay in the woods about seven or eight miles from this place and about a mile from Maury and Lizzie, being about half way between the two places.

Throngs of people from this and all neighboring towns and cities have been traveling ever since the first news of the lynching was whispered about this morning, to view the last vestige of what was mortal of the father of Will Black, who criminally assaulted the little Tyson girl on last Thursday afternoon.

Black lay with his face down on the ground, lying partly on his side and stomach, with his face and head riddled with shots. He had on the same suit of clothes he was wearing when arrested and lay with his mouth partly open. Above his right eye there was a big scar and all over his forehead and face blood was oozing out of gun shot wounds. His eyes were swollen and blue, as though he had been clubbed before he was shot to death.

When the coroner stripped his body for examination shots all through his side and back were revealed. One whole load of shot went into one side and out the other leaving a large hole in his body. After the inquest, at the order of the sheriff, the body was loaded in a cart and hauled away to Snow Hill to be placed in front of the court house. This was all that could be done, as the family of Black refused to bury him.

Sheriff Williams will order the body to be disposed of either by burial or sending it to the State University.

Mattie Tyson Still Suffers From Attack.

FARMVILLE, April 5.—Little Mattie Tyson is still suffering from the attack of the negro brute, Will Black, who assaulted her last Thursday afternoon. Dr. C. C. Joyner, of this place, is in constant attendance upon her and he says that her condition is still very unsatisfactory. While he thinks that her case is not extremely serious, she is not improving as rapidly as he had hoped. Mrs. Tyson is improving very slowly. She has suffered severely from the wounds inflicted upon her, and this, together with the condition of her little daughter, has caused her to become very weakened and her improvement is very slow.

HALIFAX ITEMS.

Halifax, April 5.—A large crowd was here Monday transacting various kinds of business, the occasion being "First Monday." The county commissioners were in session.

It became known here Monday that two Wilson gentlemen, Postmaster S. W. Smith and Mr. J. G. Roper, had purchased the Dunn farm, between Enfield and Scotland Neck for \$18,000. This is one of the best farms in the State and contains about 1200 acres. The County Board of Education met Monday in the superintendent's office. Plans and specifications for the new Halifax graded school were accepted and the contract will be let on an early date. The building will cost about \$4800.

The commissioners and the board of education Monday appropriated \$250 each for the employment of a home demonstration agent. The government agrees to furnish a like amount for this work. Miss Sue Pope of Tillery was selected for the position.

The Democratic county convention will meet here on Saturday, May 22, at 8 o'clock. Delegates to the State and district conventions will be elected on that date.

The board of commissioners Monday turned over to the Commonwealth the county statement for publication.

Scarcity of Raw Paper.

The paper situation is getting serious so far as the printers are concerned. Not only has the price advanced amazingly within the past two months but the production is waning, judging by information sent out from distributing houses. From Norfolk this week The Commonwealth received notice that orders should be in at least five weeks before needed. Reference is especially made to raw print paper, such as is used in printing this paper on.

Not Fashionable.

"Now, my dear, you must be consistent in politics. Always vote the same way."

"How absurd," retorted the wife. "I voted in a blue suit last year. You don't expect me to do that again?"—Kansas City Journal.

Civic League.

There will be a meeting of the Civic League at the Graded School Friday, April 7, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. All members are urged to be present. MRS. G. W. BRYAN, Pres.

SCOTLAND NECK MARKET

Peanuts, per bu.	.....\$1
Cotton (steady)	.....11 1/4
Cotton seed	.....65c to 70c
Fat Cattle, hoof 4c to 5c; dressed	10c
Eggs	.....20c
Granulated Sugar	.....8c
Corn, bu.	.....\$1
Clear rib sides	.....14c to 15c
Feed Oats	.....65c to 70c
Fresh pork	.....9c to 10c
Hams (country)	.....24c
Lard	.....12 1/2c to 15c
Timothy hay	.....\$1.25
Cheese, per lb.	.....25c
Butter	.....35c to 45c
Meal (per sack)	.....\$2
Flour (12lb sacks)	.....50c
Coffee	.....13c to 35c
Cotton seed meal, ton	.....\$35
Cotton seed hulls, ton	.....\$13
Hides, green	.....12 1/2c to 13c
Hides, dry	.....10c to 12 1/2c
Boeswax	.....24c to 25c
Potatoes, sweet, per bu.	.....\$1.20
Potatoes, Irish, per bu.	.....\$1.80
Gasoline	.....\$2.20
Potatoes, Irish seed, per bu.	.....\$2.20

FREIGHT RECEIPTS SHOW AN INCREASE OVER YEAR AGO

The freight receipts for freight shipped to Scotland Neck during the month of March, 1916, shows an increase of \$2558.35 over the same month in 1915; while the receipts for freight forwarded from Scotland Neck during March, 1916, show a decrease of \$675.29 as compared with the same month of 1915.

The great increase of nearly 40 per cent of freight received here last month as compared with March last year, is largely attributed to the fact that this season a much larger quantity of commercial fertilizer is being used than last. Also, more hog and hominy was raised at home last year than this year. The falling off of receipts for freight forwarded from this point last month as compared with March, 1915, is due to peanuts and cotton not moving as it did last year during the same month.

The following receipts for the two months of 1915 and 1916 were given the Commonwealth by the local freight agent of the A. C. L.:

March 1915	March 1916
Frt. for'd \$2935.80	Frt. for'd \$2260.51

ROUTE NO. 2 ITEMS.

The hour for preaching at Rosencath has been changed from 3:30 P. M. to 11 A. M. Mr. J. C. Edwards will fill his regular appointment there next Sunday.

Miss Gladys Keel of Bethel, spent the week end with Miss Vera House. Mrs. G. C. Marks spent same time last week with her mother, Mrs. Lucy A. Ivey.

Mr. John Quincy and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Jim Downing. Messrs. Jake and Riger Crawley of Aurelian Springs, were visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. Marion House.

Mr. Joe Robertson of Aurelian Springs spent Sunday here the guest of Mr. J. C. Marks.

Clean-Up Week.

Owing to the inclement weather "Clean-Up Week" will be continued over next week, if necessary, to enable every one to get their trash collected for the city cart to remove.

Let us clean up, and keep clean, by burning all paper and trash before it has time to blow about the streets. Having one set fire to a pile of paper, watch it until entirely consumed, as much of it will escape again at the mercy of the wind. Eternal vigilance is the price of clean premises.

MRS. G. W. BRYAN, Pres. Civic League.

Wreck Near Tillery.

Wednesday morning local freight No. 305, when about 3 miles north of Tillery, had two heavily loaded box cars to jump the track, causing a delay in traffic of over four hours. The wreck train was at once summoned and the wreckage cleared away in short order. Passenger trains numbers 73 and 58 were routed by Rocky Mount. No one was injured in the accident, but the track was torn up for about two hundred yards.

Clearing Away Rubbish.

The wreck train of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad was here Wednesday clearing away the rubbish of the four cars that were destroyed in the fire of the N. B. Josey Guano Co., last Tuesday night. The guano company also had a crew on hand cleaning up as much of the debris as was possible. The fire was still burning.

Mr. McDowell Injured.

Mr. Norfleet O. McDowell, who is connected with the firm of E. T. Whitehead Co., here, while lifting the top off of a kettle that was filled with boiling water, had his hand seriously scalded with steam.

While very painful, the wound is not serious, and Mr. McDowell is able to be about his regular duties with the firm.

The County Statement.

The Commonwealth mechanical department has the copy for the annual county statement in hand and same will appear in the issue of next Tuesday. Each citizen will no doubt be interested in the publication of this list of expenditures of the county's money. All subscribers should see that they get the complete paper on this date, which will bear filing away for future perusal.

Hog Cholera Prevalent.

Mr. A. B. White of Scotland Neck, R. F. D. 1, was a caller at the Commonwealth office Wednesday to renew his subscription to this paper, which he has been taking regularly for about 20 years. Of particular interest to the management is the fact that Mr. White, who, by the way, is one of the county's most progressive farmers and best citizens, called to renew on the exact day on which his subscription expired. He did not have a receipt with him, but just remembered that on April 5, his time was up at the office.

Mr. White tells the Commonwealth that he has lost six hogs within the past ten days from hog cholera. The farm demonstration agent, Mr. McMurray, was called on to go out and administer the cholera inoculation and Mr. White is hopeful that a recurrence of the disease will not appear.

Good Cover.

"Why, Johnny," said a mother to her four year old son, "aren't you ashamed to go about with such a dirty face?"

"Don't you worry about it mamma," he replied. "As soon as I get a little bigger I'll raise whiskers, then you won't notice the dirt."—Kansas City Star.

Fair Exchange.

Dora—And so you quarreled? Lallie—Yes, and I returned all his presents, and what do you think he did? Dora—Something horrid, I'm sure. Lallie—He sent half a dozen boxes of face powder with a note explaining that he thought he had taken as much as that home on his coat since he first met me.—Phila. Public Ledger.

Well Known Colored Man Dead.

Haywood Hunter, a well known colored man of this section, died at his home here Tuesday evening after an illness of several weeks.

ALLEGED FORGER CAUGHT IN THE ACT BY BANK TELLER

Employee of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company Presents Spurious Check at Bank, Is Apprehended By Teller and Turned Over to Local Police Officers

OVERCOME WITH GRIEF HE PRESENTS PITIFUL SPECTACLE AT TRIAL

Half-crazed with fear and sick with the realization of the forgery he attempted to commit Thursday afternoon, A. R. Ford, employed by the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, left for his home at Four Oaks, Johnston county, this morning in the company of his father, who, upon learning that his son was in the hands of the authorities in default of a bond of one hundred dollars yesterday placed upon him by Justice A. C. Liverman, hurried here to effect his release.

On Thursday afternoon Ford is alleged to have presented at the paying teller's window in the Scotland Neck Bank a check for \$63.00 on Mr. N. B. Josey. Assistant Cashier James Tillery, in the absence of Cashier J. Harper Alexander, Jr., refused to pay the check, stating to Ford that the signature was spurious. Ford then left the bank and went to the North End Drug Co., where he was found a few minutes later by Mr. Tillery, who went in search of the suspected forger upon the return to the bank of Mr. Alexander. Ford willingly accompanied the assistant cashier to the office of Mr. N. B. Josey, who denied the signature.

He was then turned over to Chief of Police R. H. Gray, who removed him to the office of the mayor.

The defendant presented a pitiful spectacle at the hearing before Justice Liverman. He refused to make statement about the affair. Upon entering the court, he broke down, and with his head drooped in his hands, cried throughout the course of the trial, which was hurried through with despatch in sympathy with the condition of the accused. Being unable to give the bond required by the court he was placed in charge of deputy-policemen Lance Everett and N. E. Winslow, who in turn left him in the charge of special officer R. N. McDaniel, who spent the night with him in the office of the local telephone exchange.

MR. H. F. SMITH, OF RICHMOND, AT SCOTLAND NECK BOARD OF TRADE, DELIGHTS ENTHUSIASTIC HEARERS

Mr. H. F. Smith, secretary of the Rotary Club of Richmond, Va., spoke here last night in Madry's Opera House to a crowd of about one hundred of the representative business men of Scotland Neck Board of Trade and his coming was very much appreciated.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Ashby W. Dunn, who stated in the course of his remarks that Mr. Smith was an officer in practically every movement for the public good in Richmond.

Mr. Smith spoke for more than an hour, his hearers listening intently while he recounted experiences of different boards of trade and chambers of commerce that he had been interested in. His talk was of the humorous variety, but each anecdote carried a moral with it and the local Board of Trade feels that it secured the one man who could instill more life into the young organization than any other. The speaker took as the subject of his speech: "Our Town" and pointed out that there were but two things that made a town, namely: people and things. He also stated that the people made the things.

At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's talk, Mr. H. T. Clark, president of the Scotland Neck Board of Trade, thanked the speaker for the board and also for those who heard him who were not members.

Late News—Home and Abroad

HENRY FORD WINS NOMINATION.

Detroit, April 6.—Detroit newspapers which compiled returns of the presidential preference primary were agreed today that Henry Ford of Detroit defeated Senator Wm. Alden Smith for the Republican nomination by a majority of from 3,500 to 4,500.

"BILLY" SUNDAY MAY PREACH AT NORFOLK.

Baltimore, April 6.—That there is a strong probability of Rev. Billy Sunday conducting an evangelistic campaign in Norfolk in 1918, was indicated this morning by Mr. Sunday. In discussing the conference with several laymen from the Virginia city, Mr. Sunday is quoted as saying, "that the call to Norfolk appeals to me very strongly, and I hope I can see my way clearly to go there."

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

Paris, April 5.—A German submarine was sunk today by a squadron of French and British warships, the ministry of marine announced tonight. The crew was landed.

NO WARNING FOR THIS STEAMER.

Queenstown, April 6.—The British steamer Zent has been torpedoed without warning west of Fastnet. Forty-eight members of the crew are missing, and are supposed to have drowned. The Norwegian steamer Baus was also torpedoed today, according to the American consul at Havre.

VILLA SEEMS TO BE SAFE AS YET.

San Antonio, April 6.—The most advanced cavalry detachments engaged in running down Villa were beyond communication today and at Gen. Funston's headquarters it was believed they already were as far South as Satevo.

TO RUSH WORK ON FORT AT CAPE HENRY.

Washington, April 6.—Representative Shirley of the House appropriations committee, today submitted to the House fortification appropriations, carrying actual appropriations of \$21,977,050, of which \$1,735,000 is to be used in starting work on the giant fortress at Cape Henry for the protection of Norfolk, Washington, Baltimore and other Chesapeake Bay cities from a hostile fleet.

Buck Kitchin Camp 20 Strong

Buck Kitchin Camp United Confederate Veterans Endorse the Tillman Bill—Resolution of Respect to the Late Comrade T. E. Ausbon.

At their monthly meeting in the camp quarters in the Planters & Commercial Bank building yesterday afternoon, the Buck Kitchin Camp, United Confederate Veterans, met and after the usual routine of business, passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, it hath pleased our Heavenly Father and Supreme Commander to again visit our camp and summon from our comradeship our honored and esteemed chaplain, Thomas E. Ausbon. Resolved, therefore,

That in the death of Comrade Ausbon, the Buck Kitchin Camp of U. C. V., has lost one of its most worthy and esteemed members; the county and community a good citizen; his church a most consistent, devout and devoted member. Comrade Ausbon was a member of Co. A, 17th N. C., Regiment, and no better soldier served in the Confederate army. Resolved, therefore,

That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Camp, with the request that our town paper publish the same. Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. Savage, I. H. Smith, W. R. Bond, Committee.

April 6, 1916.

A resolution endorsing the Tillman Bill was unanimously passed with the request that all the U. C. V., camps of this State write to the Senators and Representatives of their respective districts asking them to use their influence to support the said bill. It is right and just. There are many indigent and decrepit old veterans and widows to whom it would be a great help in their old age. There are not many of us left to tell the tale and soon the last will have crossed the river. Our camp now has only twenty members out of sixty on the roll. Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. Savage, Lieutenant Commander.

Guano Factory Not Set Afire

Mr. N. B. Josey Declares That He Never Made Statement That the Guano Factory Was Fired by Incendiary—States His Loss is Only \$15,000.

What will tend to explode the unconfirmed rumor that the guano factory was set afire early Tuesday morning, was the statement yesterday afternoon made to a representative of the Commonwealth by Mr. N. B. Josey to the effect that he had never intimated to anyone that the plant was fired by an incendiary. He also stated that up to date no intelligent conclusion had been reached as to the origin of the fire.

When asked about his plans for rebuilding, the manager of the chain of fertilizer factories replied that he had not yet decided on any definite plans for the reconstruction of the local plant, but that in the near future he would make known the plans to the public. He also stated that the loss that he sustained in the fire here Monday night would not exceed \$15,000, and this amount was partially covered by insurance.