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FIVE CENTS

ESCAPED CONVICT SHOT TO DEATH AFTER KIDNAPING

Trio From State Sanatorium
Hold Up Aberdeen Negro,
Steal His Truck

1 KILLED IN McCOLL, S. C.

One convict of a trio which escaped from the State Sanatorium prison camp is dead as a result of the kidnaping in Aberdeen on Tuesday of Nathan Watson, colored, with his motor truck. He was shot down by Policeman Norman Bullock in McColl, S. C., Tuesday afternoon when Watson eluded his captors and tipped off the authorities as to their whereabouts. The two other convicts escaped.

Watson drives a truck around Aberdeen, picking up odd jobs here and there. On Tuesday morning he was stopped near his home on Highway No. 1 between Aberdeen and Pinebluff by three men on a State Sanatorium truck. They asked him to take them into Aberdeen for some oil for their truck, which he did. After getting the oil one of the men said he had an uncle living a short distance out on the Laurinburg road and asked Watson if he'd drive him out there for a minute. When Watson had reached the outskirts of town he felt a gun thrust against his back and was ordered to stop. One of the convicts took the wheel and proceeded south. Watson was threatened with his life several times on the journey.

Watson Gives Alarm

They drove to McColl where the men left the truck for a few minutes, warning Watson against giving any alarm. The colored man saw some State Highway employes nearby and rushed to them with his story. They drove him to police headquarters in McColl and Officer Bullock joined them. Two of the convicts were found waiting near the railroad tracks for a passing freight, and when ordered to stick up their hands, they reached for guns. Bullock fired, one of the men dropping dead. The other made a getaway.

A check-up at the Sanatorium reveals that Eugene Ross, Luther Norris and Gorman Williams were the absentees at roll call Tuesday night. Which one was killed in McColl and which two escaped had not been ascertained when this was written. All were patients in the prison ward of the institution.

Watson was brought back to Aberdeen Tuesday night by a McColl policeman and went back to McColl Wednesday for his truck.

Mrs. Clara V. Lewis Passes Away at 77

Highly Esteemed Resident of Southern Pines III But Short Time

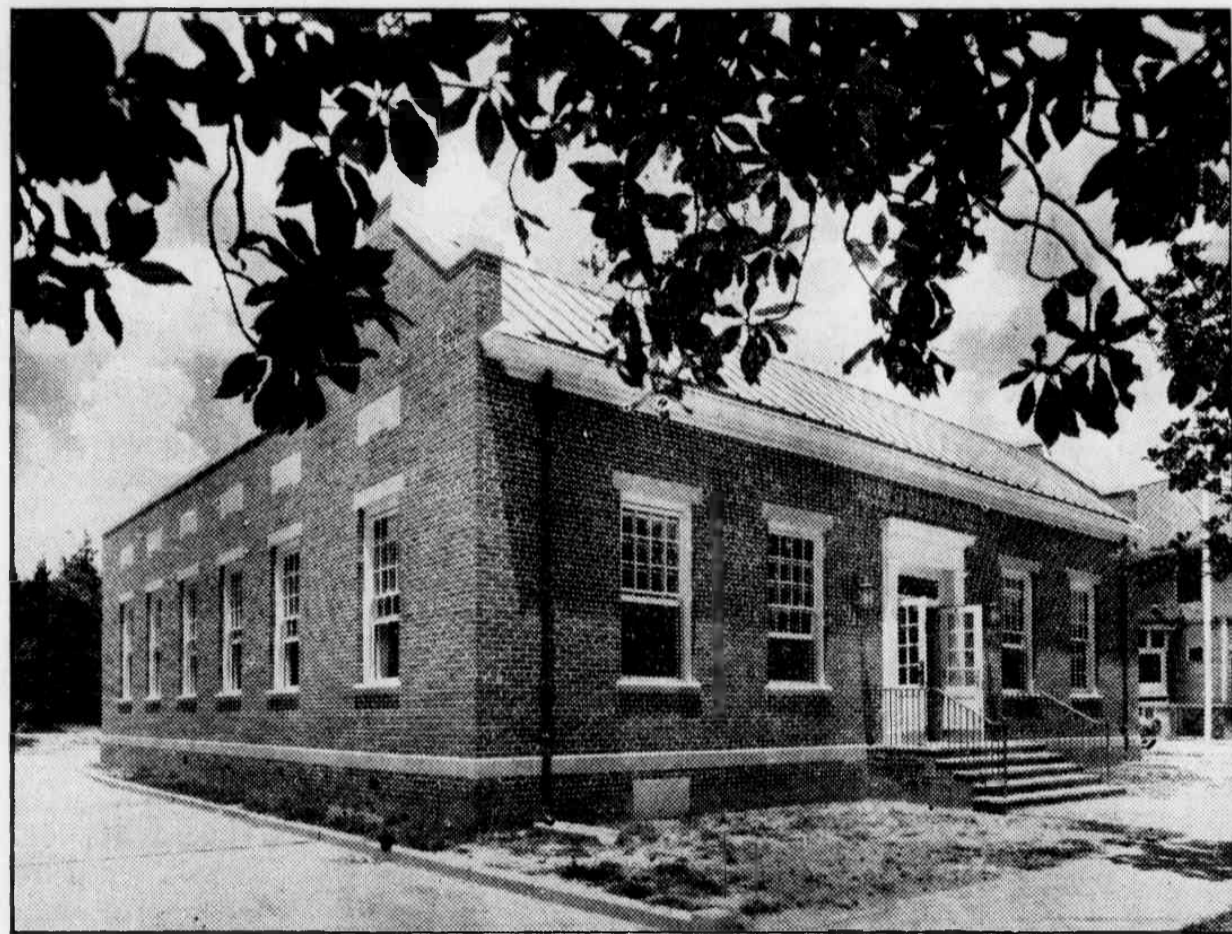
Following an illness of short duration Mrs. Clara V. Lewis, aged 77 years, much beloved and highly esteemed resident of Southern Pines died in her home on Bennett street early Wednesday morning. Mrs. Lewis, daughter of the Rev. Donald McKay, was born in Nova Scotia, April 28th, 1858, and came to Southern Pines with her husband, the late Rev. John Lewis, in 1906 following his acceptance of the pastorate of the Baptist church which he served until 1910.

Since his death on January 2nd, 1926 Mrs. Lewis has lived a retired life though keeping the old home open happy in welcoming her friends among the church organizations. Funeral services will be held in her late home at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. Friday, her pastor the Rev. Mr. Harris of the Baptist Church of Aberdeen, officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

CITIZENS BANK TO CLOSE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAYS

The Citizens' Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines will close at twelve noon, beginning next Wednesday, July 17th until September 1st. The bank will remain open until 2 o'clock Saturdays.

New United States Postoffice in Pinehurst



Modern in Every Detail, the New Pinehurst Postoffice is now open for business. (Photo by Hemmer)

LACHINE HOUSE IN WEYMOUTH HGTS. GUTTED BY FIRE

Attractive Residence Believed To Have Been Struck by Lightning

Southern Pines suffered its most serious residential fire in some time on Tuesday night when the Lachine house on Arbutus Road, Weymouth Heights, was gutted by flames. The origin of the fire is not known, and there is the possibility that it was struck by lightning during the storm late that day. The house was unoccupied, but contained the personal belongings of the Louis Lachine family. The Lachines are living in the Highland Pines Inn during the summer months.

The alarm was given around 11:30 o'clock after the discovery of the fire by Miss Catherine Pierson, who lives nearby. The firemen were compelled to lay out 2,000 feet of hose to reach the flames from the nearest hydrant. It was a stubborn and dangerous fire to fight, the building largely of wood construction, brick veneered, with a heavy tile roof. During the fire 16 tons of tile crashed from roof to basement. The same house has been the scene of two previous fires.

The house was one of the most attractive of those built over a period of years by Mr. Lachine. It nestled in a grove of trees, barely visible from the road. It has been rented during winter seasons at various times, one year by Mrs. David Sloane of Millbrook, N. Y., two winters by the Schumacher family, another by Mrs. J. D. Harden. It was built about seven years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachine and their son lost practically all of their clothing in the fire. The building was insured through the Barnum agency.

GARRETT & CO. ABANDON ABERDEEN WINE PLANT

After rebuilding their plant in Aberdeen for the manufacture of light wines, Garrett & Company of Brooklyn, N. Y., this week decided to abandon plans to operate here and cancelled all arrangements. The reason given is that wines of more than 13 percent alcoholic content are allegedly shipped into the state for sale contrary to the law, and that the Garrett company feels it cannot compete with its line of legal wines without protection.

The abandoning of the local plant came as a great blow to Aberdeen which has seen the old winery stand vacant and idle for many years. It is also a blow to grape growers in the section who anticipated a ready local demand for their fruit.

To Inaugurate Peach Auction Sales in Sandhills Next Monday

Drivers' Licenses

State Will Be Ready To Issue New Pasteboards Next Month

The new Division of Highway Safety to be set up for administering the new drivers' license law will be ready to issue drivers' license probably in August, Arthur D. Fulk, newly appointed director, announces. Machinery for addressing and numbering the permanent licenses has been ordered. Licenses are not required until November 1 and cost nothing before that date for those who have been driving cars as long as a year. After that \$1 will be charged. Chauffeurs, who will use badges, will pay \$2 for the licenses. The State Highway Patrol will enforce the law. Captain Charles D. Farmer and his officers are now training about 150 men and from these enough will be added to make the patrol 121 strong, men and officers.

Murdoch M. Johnson Weds in Camden, S. C.

Miss Annie Belle Thompson of Aberdeen Bride of Former N. C. State Senator

Announcements were received here this week of the marriage of former State Senator Murdoch M. Johnson, formerly of Aberdeen, now a resident of Camden, South Carolina, and a member of the South Carolina Legislature, and Miss Annie Belle Thompson of Camden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Thompson of Aberdeen, on last Saturday in Camden. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few intimate friends in the bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left by motor for Washington, D. C., and other northern points.

Mr. Johnson is now practicing law in Camden. He was for several years a member of the law firm of Johnson & Johnson in Aberdeen, prominent in Moore county Democratic party affairs, serving one term as Senator from this district, was president at various times of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen and the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce. Miss Thompson has been associated with Mr. Johnson in his law work both in Aberdeen and Camden for a number of years.

P. H. McDonald has received his commission as postmaster of Carthage, and has taken over the office. He succeeds R. G. Wallace, who held the office for the last 12 years.

Daily Sales To Be Held at Pack- houses Throughout Section; 2,500 Car Crop Estimated

The inauguration of the auction method of sales for the disposition of the large crop of peaches in the Sandhills area is scheduled to take place in Ellerbe next Monday, July 15, with daily sales being held from that date until the total crop, said to total approximately 2,500 cars, is entirely cleared.

Sales are to be held under the supervision of A. C. Wilkins, Inc., which has offices in Ellerbe, and will start at 1 p. m. daily at the John Lentz packing house. From there the auction will proceed towards Norman, then on to Candor and around to West End and Pinehurst orchards, winding up in the Hoffman district.

Selling will be held at all the packing houses in the above mentioned areas at time intervals of from five to ten minutes, following the start of selling at 1 p. m. As the season progresses additional sales at towns around Hoffman, Marston, Hamlet and Rockingham, will be held from 5 to 6 p. m., points to be designated by the auction managers.

Unusual interest is being displayed by growers and buyers in the new method of selling peaches in this territory, according to Mr. Wilkins, who states:

"It is seldom that such unusual interest is displayed in connection with the auction system of selling peaches to be used over the Sandhills of North Carolina this season. The growers have become so desirous of selling their peaches cash track that they are greeting the buyers coming into the territory cordially. In turn the buyers say they will be pleased to buy direct from the growers. Recent rains over the territory now assure size and quality, not particularly on Hileys, which, however, will run easily two inches, but on Georgia Belles, Elbertas, Hales, etc., which all are likely to be of sizes heretofore unequalled. It is expected that the average of many orchards will be above two and one-half inches."

Mr. Wilkins stressed the point in favor of auction sales that growers will be paid immediately upon delivery and buyers and growers share profits previously made by associations. He stated that he is also arranging for central auction markets for growers off the regular route.

Hereabouts, Hiley Belles are moving now, with Georgie Belles scheduled to move from the 15th to the 18th followed by Elbertas around the 22d. Local growers are encouraged by recent reports of small peaches and a decreased crop in Georgia. The crop here looks good.

Tentative Budget Shows Three-Cent Increase in Moore County Tax Rate

"The Rebel" Here South's First Streamlined Air- Conditioned Train Visits Southern Pines

The South's first streamlined air-conditioned train passed through Southern Pines yesterday afternoon, making a short stop for inspection by a number of leading citizens. The train, called "The Rebel," will soon be in operation over the Gulf, Mobile & Northern Railroad's tracks between New Orleans and Jackson, Tenn. It is the last word in passenger comfort and won high praise from those who went aboard here as guests of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, sponsors of the train on this trip.

ROOSEVELT NAMES THAD S. PAGE TO IMPORTANT POST

Secretary to Sen. Bailey Nomi- nated Administrative Secre- tary of National Archives

LIFE TIME JOB AT \$6,000.00

President Roosevelt sent to the Senate this week the nomination of Thad S. Page of Aberdeen, secretary to United States Senator Josiah W. Bailey, as Administrative Secretary of the National Archives. The position is expected to pay from \$5,600 to \$6,500 a year as against Mr. Page's present \$3,900 salary.

Thad Page, son of the late Robert N. Page, former member of Congress from this district, has been secretary to Senator Bailey since March, 1931. He is well known throughout North Carolina, both through his secretaryship to his father when he was in the House of Representatives from 1913 to 1916, through his connection with the campaign of his father for Governor in 1920, and through his one-time managership of the peach growers' cooperative association here. At the time he was appointed secretary to Senator Bailey he was operating an automobile agency in Hamlet. Thad, who is 43 years old, married Miss Patsy Hinton of Raleigh and they have two sons.

Popular in Senate

Mr. Page is easily one of the most popular secretaries at the Capitol and is probably known personally to as many or more Senators than anyone serving in a similar capacity. His nomination will undoubtedly be confirmed promptly by the Senate, says a Washington despatch.

The position is expected to be permanent, along with that of the National Archivist, Dr. R. D. W. Connor, who, like the librarian of Congress, holds on regardless of administrative considerations.

Senator Bailey indicated this week that he will not be in a hurry to select Mr. Page's successor, but will survey the available men carefully before making a choice. It is understood that Thad Eure and LeRoy Martin have both been sounded out in connection with the position and have indicated they were not interested.

16 OF 17 COUNTIES VOTE WET; ROCKINGHAM DRY

Of 17 counties which have voted thus far on liquor control, only one, Rockingham, turned down the plan for the opening of legal stores. Greene county voted wet on Tuesday, Pasquotank, Martin, Halifax, Onslow, Pitt, Lenoir, Nash and Warren last Saturday. Previously Edgecomb, Wilson, Beaufort, Vance, Franklin New Hanover and Craven had gone wet. A majority of the qualified voters of McNeill's township, in which Southern Pines is located have signed for a legal store here.

Commissioners Release Esti- mates Revealing Jump from 70 to 73 Cents

NAME COUNTY OFFICERS

A three-cent increase in Moore county's tax rate is forecast for the coming year in the tentative budget passed upon by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday. The rate is expected to be 73 cents as against last year's 70 cents. A copy of the tentative budget will be published in The Pilot next week.

The board had numerous matters before it at its Monday session. It voted to ask Governor Ehringhaus to call a special term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, to begin August 5th and continue for one week, commissioning a Superior Court judge to preside. This term would be followed by the regular term which is scheduled to begin on August 12th. At the request of Aberdeen's Board of Commissioners it approved the application of Garrett & Company to manufacture and sell wines at its Aberdeen plant.

Reappoint Officers

Various appointments to county officers were made. John C. Muse was reappointed county auditor at a salary of \$83.33 a month. Miss Maida Jenkins was given another term as county accountant at a salary of \$135 per month. Commissioner D. D. McCrimmon voted "No" on this appointment. Miss Flora McDonald was re-appointed home demonstration agent, her salary to be \$800 for the year. E. H. Garrison is again farm demonstration agent at \$1,200, and Herbert Kennedy warden of the County Home at a salary of \$80 a month with \$12 a month allowed for cook hire. Mrs. Estelle Wicker was appointed assistant to the county accountant and the tax collector at a salary of \$75 a month.

The jailor was allowed 50 cents per day for boarding prisoners, and Sheriff C. J. McDonald given a \$50 a month allowance for traveling expense. The court house janitor's salary was fixed at \$36 a month.

A. R. Laubscher was reappointed constable for McNeill township, to become effective when he has posted a satisfactory bond in the amount of \$250.

"Captain" Yates Dies at Home in Aberdeen

Former Railroad Man Moved to Sandhills From Cary 43 Years Ago

A. F. Yates died at his home in Aberdeen on the night of July 3rd at 9:20 o'clock, following a long illness. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Yates came from Cary to Aberdeen to make his home 43 years ago, and had made a host of friends to whom he was known as "Captain" Yates, gaining his title from his long years as a railroad conductor. First he was associated as conductor for the old Moore County Railroad, and later he served in like capacity for the Aberdeen & Rockfish. He was a member of the Order of Railway Conductors. After he left the service of the railroad he operated a cabinet shop in Aberdeen until his health failed some six years ago.

In early life he married Miss Agnes Holleman of Cary, who survives him, with four sisters, Mrs. W. B. Upchurch of Apex, Mrs. A. W. Sorrell, Mrs. J. K. McCain and Mrs. A. W. McCain, all of Durham.

Funeral services were held at the Aberdeen Baptist Church Fourth of July afternoon. It was most fitting that his funeral should be held in the church of which he was a faithful member so long, and where for many years he had served as treasurer and trustee. His pastor, the Rev. E. M. Harris, was assisted by two former pastors, Rev. D. H. Ives of Spray and Rev. J. B. Willis of Hamlet. Mr. Harris read several selections of scripture and Mr. Ives led in prayer, after which Mr. Willis spoke in a beautiful way of the useful life of

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