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## IS IT OPEN SEASON FOR POLICE OFFICERS?

Early last Sunday evening, on the outskirts of Southern Pines, Chief of Police J. A. Gargis was riding in his automobile on one of his regular patrol rounds when a drunken negro, John Willie Thompson of Niagara opened fire on him from beside the road with a high power repeating rifle. Thompson's aim was bad. Chief Gargis stopped his car and, after the negro's rifle jammed, arrested him and took him to jail. In Recorder's Court on Monday Judge J. Vance Rowe sentenced Thompson to 18 months.

A few weeks ago Kenneth Medlin, white of the Cameron section, faced Superior Court Judge F. A. Armstrong on the combined charges of beating his wife and then severely wounding Chief Deputy Sheriff Herman Grimm with a large knife when Grimm attempted to arrest him on the wife beating charge. Medlin's sentence, likewise, was for 18 months.

The mere fact that these two officers of the law were not killed in the performance of their duty seems to us to be beside the point. Plenty of other officers have been killed in similar attacks, as both Southern Pines and Moore county can well attest. The case of young George Penn, shot down by bandits in the performance of his duty, is fresh in every mind, and the murders of Chiefs Kelly and Beasley, of the Southern Pines police force, both within the past ten years, can hardly have been forgotten yet.

The fact that Chief Gargis and Deputy Grimm escaped the unhappy fate of Kelly, Beasley and Penn was certainly not due to the absence of murderous intentions on the part of their assailants. Except for the Grace of God both attacks might well have proven fatal and both officers might now be dead.

Had such been the case Medlin and Thompson would have been prosecuted to the full extent of the law. As it is both are serving a mere 18 months. It hardly seems that the mere failure of the two assailant's murderous intentions to materialize is sufficient reason for such leniency on the part of the courts.

Or is it open season for police officers?

## EMPLOYMENT NEARS PRE-DEPRESSION LEVEL.

Employment in regular non-agricultural industries increased approximately 8,800,000 from March, 1933, to May, 1937, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins declared in a recent address.

In addition, she quoted figures to show that the estimated total employed today is 34,722,000 as compared with 35,377,000 in March, 1929, at the peak of the pre-depression boom. This would place the current employment figure only 665,000 below the boom-time record.

Those now employed in manufacturing, mining, construction, transportation and public utilities, number 14,592,000; those in distribution and service, covering trade, finance, service and miscellaneous industries, government, education and professional service, number 12,800,000; those classified as proprietors and self-employed, number 4,245,000 and the casual workers number 3,085,000, Miss Perkins estimated.

She pointed out that the average weekly payrolls in manufacturing industries alone had increased from \$80,700,000 for the first quarter of 1933 to \$194,900,000 for the corresponding period this year.

## THE CONSTITUTION 150 YEARS OLD

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America."

With the above preamble America's government was planned and established 150 years ago.

On September 17 of this year we observe the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, that document under which has grown the most perfect civilization ever created by man. Under the Constitution there has been created better living, more of the comforts and luxuries of life, for more people than anywhere else in the world. Under the Constitution there has grown a land of opportunity, drawing millions of people from other countries to our shores.

Our streets are not paved with gold, as so many of those who came to our shores believed, but there has existed and does exist today golden opportunity and liberty for one and all.

What has been the foundation of the vast progress of America in the short space of 150 years? What lies at the bottom of our vast opportunities? How is it that we have built great industries that pay the highest wages in the world and where men work shorter hours than elsewhere? How is it that we have the world's highest living standards? Why do more people own their own homes in America? How is it that we have more schools for the education of our children and that there are more hospitals for the sick?

Because behind all of these stands one thing—the Constitution of the United States, which today, as 150 years ago, guarantees freedom, liberty, opportunity for all.

No other document in this history of the world has given:

1. Religious freedom.
2. Freedom of speech.
3. Freedom of the press.
4. Freedom of assembly, the right to get together at any time.
5. The right to petition the government to right wrongs.
6. The right to vote and choose our own governing officials.
7. The right to work, using our earnings for ourselves and our families and to hold property which we acquire.
8. The right of citizenship and of equal protection of the law. No political group can pass a law removing the right of citizenship of any class or group.

These are but a few of the protections which the Constitution guarantees to every American through a government of three independent parts—the Legislative, headed by the Congress; the Executive, headed by the President; the Judiciary, headed by the Supreme Court.

Under the Constitution and this form of government, which it lays out, America and Americans have progressed as no other nation and no other people. So long as we respect and support the Constitution, so long as we hold it sacred as the foundation of the nation in which 130,000,000 people enjoy life at its best, so long as we strive to preserve the principles of the Constitution, that long will we remain a nation and a people envied by the world.

## ED NEWTON SHOWS WELL ON LENOIR RHYNE GRID SQUAD

Ed Newton, son of Police Officer Ed Newton of Southern Pines, is making his presence felt on the Lenoir Rhyne college football squad in the first weeks of practice. Young Ed, who has never taken football seriously before, went out for the Mountain Bears squad as soon as he arrived at the Hickory institution of learning and after trying out for the backfield, soon found his proper metier in the end department where his height, weight and speed could be utilized to the best advantage.

The Hickory Daily Record, commenting on the condition of the squad, says, "Among the veterans and candidates who have showed up well in practice to date are: Sigmon, Quinn, Neal, Little, Tucker, Brown, Cook, Garrett, Perry, Newton, Ream, Caldwell and Arndt."

## Grains of Sand

We don't think much about it when we buy such little things as chewing gum and matches. But they mean a lot to Uncle Samuel.

During the month of July American consumers paid the federal government \$85,654 in hidden taxes on chewing gum alone. In the same month they paid \$1,277,036 in federal match taxes. These are but two of the hidden or nuisance taxes which collectively add so much to the cost of living.

Fred Roberts' Boston paper carried a two-page rotogravure spread of all the entries in that recent Atlantic City Beauty Carnival, at which Miss America for 1937 was chosen. He showed it to the boys in the Southern Pines Men's Club the other day and all were agreed that the Sandhills could offer half a dozen girls better looking than any of the contestants, including Miss America.

The Moore County Educational Foundation, a Kiwanis offspring, has made it possible, through student loans, for half a dozen young Sandhills residents to go off to college this fall.

The talk around town is that groceries ought to be pretty reasonable in Southern Pines this winter.

Two prominent local residents, after celebrating something or other last Saturday night, almost started for China. They decided they wanted to get into the fight, and might now be on their way but for the fact that one went home for his clothes and wifey wouldn't let him have them. Besides which, neither of them had the wherewithal to get much beyond Sanford.

It has been suggested that the northeast corner of East Broad street and New Hampshire avenue be termed the "Stop and Go" corner. One new store, Buttry's, has bright red awnings; its next door neighbor, Melvin's, bright green ones.

## NEW METHODIST HYMNALS TO BE DEDICATED AT VASS

New Methodist Hymnals for the local church have arrived, and are to be dedicated at a special service to be held at the regular preaching hour, 11:00 o'clock, this Sunday morning. More than a hundred books have been purchased as memorials to loved ones, or in honor of persons yet living, and the names of those in whose memory or honor the books were given, and the names of those making the gifts, will be read in connection with the service. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

## REVIVAL SERVICES ENDED AT VASS METHODIST CHURCH

Revival services at the Vass Methodist church came to a close with the Sunday evening service, at which time eight were admitted into membership on profession of faith. They were Ruby Pearl Morgan, Grace

Goodman, Hazel Crouse, Luther Crouse, Roland Bass, A. Mac Cameron, Cortis Thomas and Elmer Hunt. It was announced that the following are to be received by letter from other churches: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Beasley, Franklin Beasley, Mrs. A. G. Edwards, Jr., and George Mason. Duncan McRae expressed a desire to move his membership from another town to the Baptist church here.

Strong gospel messages were preached each evening last week by the pastor, the Rev. Leon M. Hall, and Dr. M. L. Matthews of Sanford rendered a fine service in directing the music. Splendid cooperation from the other churches, and from the merchants of the town in closing their places of business added to the success of the week's series of meetings.

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## MRS. EUGENIA HONEYCUTT, AGED 77, PASSES AT VASS

Funeral services for Mrs. Eugenia Honeycutt, 77, who passed away Monday at the home of her son, Charlie Honeycutt, at Vass were conducted at Johnson's Grove cemetery at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday morning with the Rev. L. M. Hall of Aberdeen in charge.

Challie Stewart, Lacy McRae and Collin and Norman Caddell served as bearers and eight little girls carried the flowers. Several selections were sung at the graveside.

Mrs. Honeycutt was the widow of Joe Honeycutt, who passed away some ten months ago, and was a resident of the Vass community for about fifty years.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Julia A. Caddell, Mrs. Dunk McRae, Mrs. Ben McRae and Miss Ada Honeycutt, and two sons, Charlie and Arch Honeycutt, all of Vass.

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<p>Richer Rio</p> <p><b>COFFEE</b></p> <p>2 lbs. 29¢</p>	<p>Circle or High Mark</p> <p><b>FLOUR</b></p> <p>24 lb. Bag 80¢ 48 lb. \$1.55 98lb. Bag \$3.00</p>
<p>Standard Quality Green</p> <p><b>PEAS</b></p> <p>3 No. 2 Cans 25¢</p>	<p>Fancy Blue Rose Bulk</p> <p><b>RICE</b></p> <p>2 lbs. 9¢</p>
<p>Colonial Sliced or Halves</p> <p><b>PEACHES</b> 3 No. 2 1-2 Cans 49¢</p> <p>Pillsbury's Best</p> <p><b>FLOUR</b> 12 lb. Bag 59¢ 24 lb. Bag \$1.15</p> <p>Dried Pinto</p> <p><b>BEANS</b> 3 pounds 25¢</p>	<p>Standard Quality Sweet</p> <p><b>CORN</b></p> <p>3 No. 2 cans 25¢</p>
<p>Dry Salt Fat Back, lb. 19¢</p> <p>Libby's Tomato Juice, 3 cans 25¢</p> <p>Lipton Tea, 3 small pkgs. 25¢</p> <p>Phillips Pork and Beans, large can 10¢</p> <p>Broken Slice Pineapple, No. 2 1-2 can 19¢</p>	<p>Pure Bulk</p> <p><b>LARD</b></p> <p>Pound - - 16¢</p>
<p>Fresh Pan Rolls, 2 doz. 9¢</p> <p>Medium Ivory Soap, cake 6¢</p> <p>Lave Soap, 3 cakes 19¢</p> <p>Flash Hand Soap, 2 cans 15¢</p> <p>Phillips Black Eye Peas, 4 cans 25¢</p>	<p>THE GOODNESS IS LOCKED IN</p> <p><b>SNOWDRIFT</b></p> <p>6 lb. Tin \$1.09</p>